

APPROVED



Lowcountry Montessori School

Minutes

Board meeting

monthly board meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

Low country Montessori School

The mission of Lowcountry Montessori School is to provide an authentic Montessori education building a foundation for lifelong learning.

Directors Present

A. Wright, G. Alexander, J. Poole

Directors Absent

K. Scott

Guests Present

A. Horn, Cindy Hunt, M. Watkins, Mary Allison, S. Fox, Valerie Romig

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Determination of Quorum

C. Statement of Compliance with FOIA

D. Reading of the Mission Statement

E. Approval of Agenda

A. Wright made a motion to Approve agenda.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve prior minutes

A. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 04-10-25.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approve Minutes

A. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from Board meeting on 03-26-25.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Public Comment

A. Public comment period, limited to 3 minutes per person.

Valerie Romig brought concerns about
lack of transparency
no follow up on missing FOIA info
the board not holding the Director Amy Horn accountable
Lack of voting on USDA Loan
Budget concerns

Cindy Hunt Brought concerns about cellphone usage by students

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance Report

Amy Horn asked to review per pupil funding

Greg asked about change in bottom line

Scheduled to discuss again

B.

Governance

Greg stated he was going to ask for update on election but Kristine was out.

Greg shared that Debbie Slazyk resigned on 4/30

J. Poole made a motion to accept Resignation.

A. Wright seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Teacher appreciation

60-80 staff members Jennifer Poole will get count
for first full week in May(May 5)

C. Facilities

Martha had nothing specific to report.

She is meeting with Amy to discuss summer projects

Jennifer asked about work orders and the use of the QR codes

Martha stated 350 work orders received since the end of Sept.

Gave numbers for new construction(Detailed in inventory spreadsheet, numbers are pre
tax and pre shipping)

D. Fund raiser committee

Angela asked about numbers on some items that are still pending or needed

Raised 1417.00 before purchases(pizza for \$250) Other supplies \$150-\$200

May 14th next fundraiser committee meeting

V. Director's Report

A. Monthly Update

-2 open teacher positions

Upper EL

Middle School

VI. New Business

A. New Business

A. Wright made a motion to Table next year budget second reading.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Strategic planning

Sara Fox ensuring people are assigned to tasks and checking for overlap

C. Vote on Teacher Pay Scale for 2025/2026 school year

A. Wright made a motion to vote on pay scale.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Vote on continuing primary free program

A. Wright made a motion to Table the discussion on cost of 3-4 year old program.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Discuss and vote on School Bus

A. Wright made a motion to Table School Bus discussion.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Discuss and vote on using USDA funds

J. Poole made a motion to Table the vote on funds.

A. Wright seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VII. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

J. Poole made a motion to go into exec Session.

A. Wright seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VIII. Other Business

A. Vote on matters from Executive Session, if required

none to vote on

J. Poole made a motion to Come out of exec session 8:32.

A. Wright seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Wright