

APPROVED



Lowcountry Montessori School

Minutes

Board meeting

monthly board meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday May 28, 2025 at 4:35 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. Chavarria, A. Wright, G. Alexander, J. Poole, K. Lyon, K. Scott, L. Lyles

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

B. Shaffer, C. Rentz, M. Watkins, Megan Calvjio, 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

Becky asked we amend the agenda to add the approval of LBA

Angela motioned

Jen Seconded.

passed Agenda

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve prior minutes

A. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from Board meeting on 04-23-25.

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 and Megan Clavijo both presented speeches see attached in agenda.

Chad Rentz spoke on the hard work and dedication put into the community by Amy Horn.

He spoke on his stance towards the next school leader being Sara Fox

IV. Committee Reports

A. Governance

Swore in new board members

Lizzy Lyles

Alonso Chavarria

Kayla Lyon

B. Finance Report

C. Facilities

Maintenance report attached

Architects states should be completed mid July for the kitchen.

Then getting USDA approval

cleaning will continue thru the break and will place the bigger projects on hold towards the end.

Martha asked if we could use some leftover USDA money to finish furniture and sound proof the rooms for the HS.

Gym floor resurfacing got 2 quotes and states she is trying to get a third.

1. 82,400

2. 95,000

wants to know if we will think about moving forward because she doesn't want to do the work for the bidding process if we don't want to move forward.

Kayla asked besides the home games whets the drawl for the flooring. Sara said its not necessary and its a lot of money. Possibly a safety cushion but otherwise.

Cindy staff spoke up asking for walls in the HS instead of gym flooring. Its becoming more and more of an issue for students and teachers without proper rooms.

Kotina spoke on how would it affect the students to have a gym floor.

Caitlyn, staff and parent, spoke on flooring being in place helps for consistent sports training.

D. Fund raiser committee

V. New Business

A. New Business

K. Scott made a motion to table budget until next meeting.

K. Lyon seconded the motion.

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

B. Vote To accept USDA Funds

Greg stated we are stretched thin and we need the money.

A. Wright made a motion to approve keeping USDA funds but no Allocation of funds.

K. Lyon seconded the motion.

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

C. Vote on Bus

K. Scott made a motion to not to purchase a 14 passenger bus.

K. Lyon seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Chavarria Aye

K. Scott Aye

L. Lyles Abstain

G. Alexander No

A. Wright Aye

Roll Call

K. Lyon Aye

J. Poole No

Greg states he feels that every parent is not responsible and not every student is privileged to have parents to drive the kids to school.

Alonso stated we need to get our ducks in a row. Its too early to make a sound decision. We can revisit in order of importance.

D. LBA

A. Chavarria made a motion to approve LBA.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

Congrats to Caitlyn creamer CTE cert!

another cert teacher and get state funding to help buy machines and money for those classes.

Angela asked if the LBA courses already have supplies at the school. Sara stated there should not be any extra expenses for equipment but for supplies, possibly.

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

L. Lyles made a motion to Adjourn.

A. Wright seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Scott