

**Creative Montessori Academy
Special Board Meeting
12701 McCann Street
Southgate, MI 48195
Island Room**

**March 20, 2025
6:00 PM**

Vision: To be the leaders in Montessori Education, stimulating all students to become engaged citizens of the world.

Mission: Creative Montessori Academy is a diverse learning environment that cultivates innovative education through partnership with families and community where all students experience opportunities to maximize their potential for leadership and service in a global society.

**APPROVED
MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Tammy Duty called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Absent
Tammy Duty	X	
Don Treadwell	X	
Jessica Shoemaker	X	
VACANT		
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Others Present: Kristen Crawford - Choice Schools, Brian Beaudrie - Choice Schools, Amanda Konopaska – Choice Schools, Sarah VanderBaan – Choice Schools, Caryn Slater – Choice Schools, Shatara Morris – Choice Schools, Joe Urban – Board Legal Counsel, Lindsay Defenthaler - Academy Administration, Corey Merante - CMU

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Member Jessica Shoemaker supported by Member Don Treadwell to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

4. MTSS Presentation – Lindsay Defenthaler

Lindsay Defenthaler presented.

5. Internal Review – Kristen Crawford

Kristen Crawford and Sarah VanderBaan presented.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Approval of February 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Member Don Treadwell supported by Member Jessica Shoemaker to approve the February 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

8. Old Business

A. Building Update (Discussion)

Brian Beaudrie provided an update.

B. Board Member Vacancy - 1 Opening; 1 Nominated (Discussion)

Tammy Duty presented.

9. New Business

A. Monthly Unaudited Financial Report – February 2025 (Discussion/Approval)

Brian Beaudrie presented.

It was moved by Member Don Treadwell supported by Member Jessica Shoemaker to accept the February 2025 Unaudited Financial Report, pending audit.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

B. Election of Officers to Elect a New Board Treasurer (Discussion/Approval)

President: Tammy Duty

Vice President: Don Treadwell

Secretary: Jessica Shoemaker

Treasurer: ~~Don Treadwell~~ *Jessica Shoemaker*

It was moved by Member Don Treadwell supported by Member Tammy Duty to approve the Election of Officers.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

C. Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Resolution (Discussion/Approval)

It was moved by Member Don Treadwell supported by Member Tammy Duty to approve the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Resolution.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

D. Fire Alarm Bid (Discussion)

Brian Beaudrie presented.

E. Revised Student Records Policy BP 8330 (Discussion/Approval)

It was moved by Member Don Treadwell supported by Member Jessica Shoemaker to approve Revised Student Records Policy BP8330.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

F. Regulatory Contact Persons and Safety Liaison

It was moved by Member Don Treadwell supported by Member Jessica Shoemaker to approve Regulatory contact persons and safety liaison.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

10. Management Reports

A. School Leaders' Report

Lindsay Defenthaler presented.

B. Superintendent's Report

- Sales Force

Kristen Crawford presented.

11. Authorizer Report – CMU

Corey Merante presented

12. Closed Session-Only if Requested

None

13. Citizens Comments

Public comment was made.

**14. Reconfirmation of next Board Meeting date: Board Regular Meeting,
Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 6:00 PM, Island Room (Conference Room)**

Due to a lack of quorum. Meeting will be moved to Thursday, April 24, 2025

15. Adjournment

Member Don Treadwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. It was supported by Member Jessica Shoemaker.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the forgoing approved minutes of the March 20, 2025 Special Meeting are accurate and correct.

Jessica Shoemaker

Jessica Shoemaker, Board Secretary
March 20, 2025

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors under Agenda Item 3 above are requested to sign in with the Recording Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each. The total time allowance for public comments is not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.

Complaints or concerns regarding Board members or school employees associated with the Academy shall first be addressed in writing and delivered to the Board President at least two (2) days prior to the Board meeting or such complaints or concerns shall not be heard by the Board.

Upon request to the School Leader, the Academy shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting. Individuals needing accommodations should contact the School Leader's office, prior to the meeting, by calling the Office of the Headmaster, 734-284-5600.

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