

Battle Creek Montessori Academy
399 N. 20th Street, Springfield, MI 49037
Board of Directors

Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m., December 16, 2024

VISION

Battle Creek Montessori Academy will be the choice K-8 school in Calhoun County.

MISSION

Our mission is to educate students through Montessori methods and character development leading to intellectual curiosity and academic excellence, developing children who are self-reliant, peaceful, embrace diversity and contribute meaningfully to their community.

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Elizabeth Turner called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members	Present	Absent
Elizabeth Turner - President	X	
Keona Ackley - Vice President	X	
Derrick Freeman - Secretary	X	
Lisa Hahn - Treasurer	X (@6:06 p.m.)	
Vacant - Director		

Others Present: Susan Wakefield, Chris Loiselle/ Ferris State Representatives; Kristen Crawford / Superintendent; Ryan Culey/Head of School; Peg

3. Public Comments (Limited to Agenda Items Only)

None

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Keona Ackley, supported by Member Derrick Freeman, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

5. Professional Development Report – Keona Ackley

Keona Ackley presented.

6. Treasurer's Report

Discussed.

7. Business **Action** Items

A. Monthly Financial Reports – November 2024 (attached - action item)

Lisa Hahn presented.

It was moved by Member Lisa Hahn and supported by Member Derrick Freeman to approve the monthly report for November 2024, pending audit.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

B. Fall 2024 Board Policy Update (Discussion/Action)

It was moved by Member Derrick Freeman and supported by Member Keona Ackley to approve the Fall 2024 Board Policy Update.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

C. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2024 (Action item)

It was moved by Member Keona Ackley and supported by Member Lisa Hahn to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 18, 2024
Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

D. Charter Contract Amendment - GSRP (Discussion)

Discussed.

It was moved by Member Keona Ackley and supported by Member Derrick Freeman to approve the Resolution Requesting a Contract Amendment.
Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

8. School Leader's Report

Ryan Culey presented.

9. Correspondence

- FSU – November Board Communication
- FSU Award Notification

Sue Wakefield presented.

10. Business **Discussion** Items

A. Food Service (Discussion)

Discussed. Ryan Culey presented.

B. Camera Update (Discussion)

Discussed. Ryan Culey presented.

C. Board Member Vacancy (Discussion)

Board Members discussed.

D. EOP Review (Discussion)

Discussed. Ryan Culey presented.

11. Business Manager Reports

A. Choice Schools Report

Kristen Crawford presented.

B. Ferris State University Comments

FSU team presented.

12. Extended Public Comment

None

13. Closed Session (If requested)

None

14. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting Date – 6 p.m., January 20, 2025

Confirmed

15. Adjournment

It was moved by Member Lisa Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Member Keona Ackley supported.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Proposed Minutes

Submitted by:

Kristen Crawford

Kristen Crawford

Recorder

December 16, 2024

Approved by:

Derrick Freeman

Derrick Freeman

Board Secretary

December 16, 2024

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Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed 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 by email to the Board President at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting or such complaints or concerns shall not be heard by the Board.

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 meeting of the public. There is a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

Individuals with special need accommodations should contact the School Leader's office at least three days prior to the meeting by calling the Headmaster at 269-339-3308.

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