

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

Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m., February 17, 2025

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

Keona Ackley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members	Present	Absent
Elizabeth Turner - President	X @ 6:17 P.M.	
Keona Ackley - Vice President	X	
Derrick Freeman - Secretary	X	
Lisa Hahn - Treasurer	X	
VACANT - Director		

Others Present: Sue Wakefield/ Ferris State Representative; Kristen Crawford/ Superintendent; Brian Beaudrie; Ryan Culey/Head of School

3. Public Comments (Limited to Agenda Items Only)

None

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Derrick Freeman, supported by Member Lisa Hahn, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

5. Treasurer's Report

Lisa Hahn presented.

6. Business **Action** Items

A. Monthly Financial Reports – December 2024 and January 2025 (Action)

Brian Beaudrie presented.

It was moved by Member Lisa Hahn and supported by Member Keona Ackley to approve the monthly report for December 2024 and January 2025, pending audit.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

B. Amended Budget (Action)

Brian Beaudrie presented.

It was moved by Member Lisa Hahn supported by Member Keona Ackley to approve the 2024 - 2025 Amended Budget, as presented.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

C. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2024 (Action)

It was moved by Member Derrick Freeman and supported by Member Keona Ackley to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

- D. Board Member Reappointment - Keona Ackley and Lisa Hahn Term
Expirations: 6/30/25(Action)

It was moved by Member Derrick Freeman and supported by Member Elizabeth Turner to Nominate Keona Ackley and Lisa Hahn for Reappointment to the Battle Creek Montessori Academy Board of Directors.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

- E. 2025-2026 School Calendar (Action)

Ryan Culey presented.

Discussed. No action taken. Tabled until March meeting.

- F. 2025-2026 Re-Enrollment/New Enrollment Schedule/Approval of Enrollment Caps & Lottery Procedures (Action)

Moved by Member Derrick Freeman, supported by Member Keona Ackley, to approve the 2025 Re-enrollment: February 2, 2025 – February 27, 2025, Open Enrollment: *March 2, 2025 – March 27, 2025*, Enrollment Caps: as presented & Lottery Date: April 10, 2025 (and procedures), as presented.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

- G. Audit Firm (Action)

Brian Beaudrie presented.

It was moved by Member Keona Ackley and supported by Member Lisa Hahn to approve Maner as the Audit Firm.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

- H. Discipline Committee (Action)

It was moved by Member Derrick Freeman and supported by Member Lisa Hahn to approve the Discipline Committee.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

7. Correspondence

- FSU – February Board Communication

Sue Wakefield presented.

8. Business Discussion Items

A. NWEA Map Progress (Discussion)

Ryan Culey presented.

B. Annual Education Report (Discussion)

Ryan Culey presented.

C. Staff Appreciation Week (Discussion)

Discussed.

D. Board Member Vacancy (Discussion)

Discussed.

E. Mental Health Grant (Discussion)

Ryan Culey and Brian Beaudrie presented.

F. Attendance/Tuancy (Discussion)

Ryan Culey presented.

9. Business Manager Reports

A. School Leader's Report

Ryan Culey presented.

B. Superintendent Report

Kristen Crawford presented.

C. Ferris State University Comments

Sue Wakefield presented.

10. Extended Public Comment

None

11. Closed Session (If requested)

None

12. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting Date – 6 p.m., March 17, 2025

Confirmed

13. Adjournment

It was moved by Member Lisa Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Member Keona Ackley supported.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Proposed Minutes

Submitted by:

Kristen Crawford

Kristen Crawford

Recorder

February 17, 2025

Approved by:

Derrick Freeman

Derrick Freeman

Board Secretary

February 17, 2025

Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors will be heard from during the Public Comment portions of the agenda. Public will be allowed to address the board during the public comment section(s) of the meeting as noted on the board meeting agenda. For those online you can post your questions/comments in the chat section.

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 Headmaster at 269-339-3308.

Proposed and approved minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection on the school's website, or at the Battle Creek Montessori Academy School Office located at 399 N. 20th Street, Springfield, MI 49037 eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available within five (5) business days after the meeting at which they are approved [Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267