

## Regular Meeting

**MISSION STATEMENT:** 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.

**Date:** February 9, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Battle Creek Montessori Academy, 399 N. 20th Street, Springfield, MI 49037

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Elizabeth Turner called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members	Present	Absent
Elizabeth Turner - President	X	
Keona Ackley - Vice President	X @ 6:19 p.m.	
Derrick Freeman – Secretary	X	
Lisa Hahn – Treasurer	X	
Janice Vogel – Director		X

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

3. 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

4. Correspondence

A. FSU – Board Communication

Susan Wakefield presented.

5. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2026 (attached – action item)

Moved by Member Lisa Hahn, supported by Member Derrick Freeman, to approve the Regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2026.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

6. Building Committee Update (Standing Item)

Moved by Member Derrick Freeman, supported by Member Lisa Hahn, to approve Elizabeth Turner to sign a contract with Lakewood Construction to complete the architectural drawings up to \$150,000.00 paid out in monthly installments with the option to cancel.

Motion Approved – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

7. Enrollment Update (Standing Item)

Ryan Culey presented. He said that 51 students have responded.

8. Treasurer's Report

Lisa Hahn presented.

9. Business Action Items:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Materials</i>
A. Monthly Financial Report	Discussion/Vote	Lisa Hahn/Brian Beaudrie	January 2026 Report
B. Amended Budget	Discussion/Vote	Brian Beaudrie	

9.A. **Motion** to approve the January 2026 Monthly Financial Report, pending audit.

Motion	Lisa Hahn
Support	Keona Ackley

Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions
	4	0	0

9.B. **Motion** to approve the Amended Budget, Capital Projects Fund Resolution, and the General Fund Resolution, as submitted.

Motion	Lisa Hahn
Support	Keona Ackley

Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions
	4	0	0

9.C. **Motion** to approve the Fall 2025 Board Policy Update.

Motion	Lisa Hahn
Support	Derrick Freeman

Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions
	4	0	0

9.D. **Motion** to approve the Summer School Plan.

Tabled until March.

10. Business Discussion Items:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Materials</i>
A. NWEA MAP Progress Report	Discussion	Ryan Culey	
B. Annual Education Report	Discussion	Ryan Culey	

10.A. – 10.B. were discussed.

11. Business Manager Reports

- A. School Leader's Report
- Strategic Plan Update

Ryan Culey presented.

## B. Operational Health Report

Kristen Crawford presented.

## 12. Ferris State University Comments

Sue Wakefield presented.

## 13. Public Comments

Public comments were made. Discussed Board openings coming up this summer.

## 14. Open Forum

None

## 15. Closed Session (If requested)

None

## 16. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Board Meeting Date – 6 p.m., March 16, 2026

Confirmed

## 17. Adjournment

It was moved by Member Keona Ackley to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Member Lisa Hahn supported.

Motion Approved – 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Proposed Minutes

Submitted by:

*Kristen Crawford*

Kristen Crawford

Recorder

February 9, 2026

Approved by:

*Liz Turner*

Elizabeth Turner

Board President

March 16, 2026

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