

**Leelanau Montessori Public School Academy
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 5, 2019 6:00 p.m.
7401 E. Duck Lake Road, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653**

1. Call to Order: President Bordeaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: President Bordeaux, Vice President Macdonald, Secretary Chaney, Trustee Morse
Absent: Trustee Lutke, Trustee Miezio (arrived at 6:03 p.m.), Trustee McConnell

Others: Beth Bassett- Recording Secretary, Mariah Wanic (via phone), Dani Geraci, Kallie Craker, Elizabeth Channer, Cathy Wurm, Nicole Martin, Julie Yoffy, Deb Shutt, Nick Martinson, Natasha Martinson, Joshua Deters, Bethany Sparling, Jason Yoffy, Scott Martin, Sarah Orth, Chelsea Boehrsen, Eric Bahle

3. Additions/Approval of June 5, 2019 Agenda:

***MOVED BY CHANEY SECONDED BY MORSE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.
AYES: ALL NAYS: NONE ABSENT: 3 MOTION CARRIED***

***Emily Miezio arrived at 6:03 p.m.**

4. Public Comment: Deb Shutt thanked the committee and appreciates all their work.

New Business:

5. Interviews: Head of School Candidates- President Bordeaux spoke of the process and procedure that would be followed for the interviews. Bordeaux commented the meeting will be recorded. Vice President Macdonald conducted the interviews.

a. Candidate #1- Tina McNeely

Tina McNeely's interview was conducted and questions and comments were received from the audience. Audio recording is available upon request.

b. Candidate #2- Arden Wilson

Arden Wilson's interview was conducted and questions and comments were received from the audience. Audio recording is available upon request.

6. Public Comment: Sarah Orth, a parent at the school, commented that the school needs stability, and to be a Montessori school. Sarah believes that Arden Wilson can lead the school and has roots in the community and a devotion to the school. Sarah commented she chooses stability. Bethany Sparling, a parent and staff member at the school, commented that that she appreciates Arden Wilson's strength and growth. Bethany commented that Arden will be the rock for years and years to come. Elizabeth Channer, a parent and staff member at the school, commented that the school will never find another Arden and she is the strongest candidate. Kallie Craker, a parent at the school, commented that she supports Tina McNeely and is looking for a change. Nicole Martin, a parent and staff member at the school, commented she supports Tine McNeely and was inspired by how she supports staff and building relationships. Nicole Martin feels Tina would be a breath of fresh air. Eric Bahle, a community member, read a letter from his mom Lyn Bahle in support of hiring Arden Wilson as head of school. Jason Yoffy, a parent at the school, commented that as much as he loves Arden he feels the school needs a change and a fresh perspective. Jason commented he is supporting Tina McNeely for a change and survival of the school. Deb Shutt, a staff member at the school, appreciates Tina's work in the Montessori and traditional schools.

8. Board Comment: Vice President Macdonald commented that the sole purpose of the Board of Directors is to hire the head of school and it a responsibility she takes seriously. Macdonald commented she appreciated each candidate’s interview and the honesty of all the participants. Emily Miezio questioned how the process will work. Macdonald commented that at the June 12th regular meeting discussion will occur and a recommendation will be made. Bill Chaney thanked everyone involved in the process.

9. Adjournment:

MOVED BY MIEZIO SECONDED BY MACDONALD TO APPROVE ADJOURNMENT AT 9:08 P.M.

AYES: ALL NAYS: NONE ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED

President

Date

Secretary

Date