

Draft MINUTES OF  
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
1730 Montano Road, NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107

**Present:** Alan Li (president), Ed Gonzales (vice president), Jordan Reed (secretary), Pablo Torres (treasurer), Mary Salazar

**Absent:**

**Administration:** Piper Curry

**Other:** MJ Sams

**Note taker:** Jordan Reed, Alan Li after Jordan's departure.

**Call to Order**

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:49 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Jordan's motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Ed. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Review and approve meeting minutes for Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

Mary's motion to approve the minutes from the regular governing council meeting held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, was seconded by Ed. The motion to approve passed unanimously with Pablo abstaining as he was not present at the last meeting.

**Discussion/Action – Closed Session: Limited Matters Relating to a Student**

Alan discussed that the closed session is to protect student information. Jordan's motion to move to a closed session inviting MJ Sams and Piper Curry to join the closed session was seconded by Mary. The motion to move to a closed session passed 5-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council moved to a closed session at 4:52 pm. Closed session ended at 7:50 pm, only limited matters relating to a student were discussed, and no votes were taken.

Meeting reconvened at 7:51 pm.

**Discussion/Action – Matters discussed in Closed Session**

Jordan moves that the Governance Council, having reviewed the issues and evidence offered by both parties, finds that the Acting Executive Director properly carried out the investigation and made a proper decision in the matter of alleged bullying of a student. However, the Council feels that the administration did not handle the situation well and is working with the Acting Executive Director to address their

concerns through policy changes that will ensure greater transparency and accountability in the future. The Council would like to extend their sincere apology to the student in question, and their family for how the administration handled the situation as a whole.

Jordan's motion was seconded by Alan. The motion to approve the motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0.

The Council wants to clarify that the motion was in reference to the administration and actions taken by that administration prior to April 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Discussion/Action – Scheduling Employee Discharge Hearing per NMSA 1978, § 22-10A-27**

The Council discussed their availability for the Employee Discharge Hearing per NMSA 1978, § 22-10A-27. The Council is available July 6<sup>th</sup> or July 7<sup>th</sup> within business hours.

At 8:05 Jordan had to leave the meeting due to prior commitment.

#### **Discussion/ Action – Finance Committee**

##### **1. BARS**

- 529-000-2223-0029-I  
Pablo's motion to approve 529-000-2223-0029-I was seconded by Ed. The motion to approve the BAR passed unanimously.
- 529-000-2223-0026-M  
Ed's motion to approve 529-000-2223-0026-M was seconded by Mary. The motion to approve the BAR passed unanimously.
- 529-000-2223-0027-I  
Mary's motion to approve 529-000-2223-0027-I was seconded by Pablo. The motion to approve the BAR passed unanimously.

##### **2. Chair – Update**

- Pablo had no update.

#### **Discussion/Action – Legal Services Contract**

Ed's motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Matthews Fox, P.C. was seconded by Mary and passed unanimously.

Mary's motion to approve the Retainer and Fee Agreement with German Burnette & Associates, LLC, was seconded by Pablo and passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion/Action – Salary Schedules Approval for SY 23-24**

Piper explained to the Governing Council the starting salaries for staff for the SY 23-24.

Pablo's motion to approve the salary schedule was seconded by Ed. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion/Action – Title 1 & Title 2 Application Approval for SY 23-24**

Pablo's motion to approve the Title 1 application was seconded by Mary. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mary's motion to approve the Title 2 application was seconded by Pablo. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action – FAEA Application Approval for SY 23-24**

Pablo's motion to approve the FAEA application was seconded by Mary. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Ed's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

**Signed:**

**Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary & Middle School**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jordan M. Reed, Secretary