

**MINUTES OF  
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**Saturday, April 29, 2023  
1730 Montano Road, NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

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

**Absent:**

**Administration:**

**Other:** Patty Matthews

**Note taker:** Jordan Reed

**Call to Order**

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 3:47 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Pablo's motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Ed. We need to amend the agenda to include a discussion item to set the date for hearing an appeal to the governing council regarding the student bullying grievance. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

**Review and approve meeting minutes for Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

Mary's motion to approve the minutes from the regular governing council meeting held on April 25, 2023 was seconded by Pablo. The motion to approve passed unanimously, with Edward abstaining because he was not present at the meeting.

**Discussion/Action – Closed Session: Limited Personnel Matters**

Jordan's motion to move to a closed session inviting Patty Matthews 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 3:50 pm. Closed session ended at 5:49 pm, only personnel issues were discussed, and no votes were taken.

Meeting reconvened at 5:49 pm, at 5:19 pm Ed had to leave during the closed session and is not present for any action or discussion.

**Discussion/Action – Vote to approve/disapprove to take action against Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Hagerty and Mr. Albrycht as it relates to Ms. Sams' employee grievance and to direct the President to issue a written decision accordingly.**

Jordan's motion to disapprove action against Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Hagerty and Mr. Albrycht as it relates to Ms. Sams' employee grievance and to direct the President to issue a written decision accordingly was seconded by Mary. There was no discussion. The motion to approve passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**Discussion/Action – Vote to approve/disapprove action against Ms. Besante as it relates to Ms. Sanchez’s employee grievance and to direct the President to issue a written decision accordingly.**

Jordan’s motion to approve action against Ms. Besante as it relates to Ms. Sanchez’s employee grievance and to direct the President to issue a written decision accordingly was seconded by Pablo. There was no discussion. The motion to approve passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**Discussion/Action – Vote to approve/disapprove action against Ms. Besante as it relates to Ms. Hagerty’s employee grievance and to direct the President to issue a written decision accordingly.**

Jordan’s motion to approve action against Ms. Besante as it relates to Ms. Hagerty’s employee grievance and to direct the President to issue a written decision accordingly was seconded by Mary. There was no discussion. The motion to approve passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**Discussion/Action – Appeal to the governing council regarding the student bullying grievance**

The Governing Council has received an appeal request by Ms. Sams regarding Acting Executive Director, Piper Curry’s decision regarding her allegation that members of school administration were bullying her son. Ms. Curry and the independent investigators, DDSK, concluded that her allegation was unfounded. The Governing Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 to hear Ms. Sam’s appeal.

**Adjournment**

Jordan’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

**Signed:**

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

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