
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 9th, 2026 | 6 pm

Preamble: 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 public committee meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda items VI and XV.

- I. **Call To Order**//The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.
- II. **Roll Call**//Present was Jane Shank, Grant Woods, Mary Wodzien, Austin Waite, Dana Matson, Norika Kida Betti and Bethany Peek, as well as Adam Holcomb from MAST and Nicole Burnside, attorney.
- III. **Action: Approval of Agenda**//Agenda was discussed by the board, VIII was added. A motion was made by Grant Woods to approve, Norika Kida Betti seconded, the motion unanimously carried.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **Action: Regular Board Meeting August 12th, 2026**//Discussion was had by the board, Mary Wodzien made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Grant Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - b) **Action: Special Board Meeting August 26th, 2026**//Discussion was had by the board, Norika Kida Betti made a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Dana Matson, and passed unanimously.
- V. **Financial Report**
 - a) **Action: Approval of Monthly Financial Report August (Expenditures, Revenue & Expense, Cash Forecast Statement)** // The board discussed with Adam Holcomb the monthly financial report. Dana Matson made a motion to accept the monthly Financial Report, Austin Waite seconded.
 - b) **State Aid Update**//The state aid update was provided by Mast representative Adam Holcomb and was reviewed and discussed.
 - c) **Audit Update**//Adam Holcomb provided an update to the board regarding the audit.
- VI. **Public Comment**

Teacher Jessie Milne spoken on behalf of Dan Brewer, giving an update about the night cleaning position.
- VII. **Custodial Board Report**//Julie Terhune gave an update regarding the back to school picnic and the first few days of school and classes. Staff is looking forward to a good year.
- VIII. **Family Counsel Update**//President of Family Counsel, Krista Demura, gave an update to recent meetings, underlining communication, strategic planning, mission and priorities as things that they are working on.
 - Hike A Thon is coming up, Krista gave three options of things to raise money for on the playground, a motion to approve the three options so they can move into planning was made by Austin Waite, Dana Matson seconded, the motion passed.
 - Discussion was had by the board, and the school will take on funding the portapotty on the playground moving forward.
 - Updates were given regarding legal status and future.
- IX. **Introduction of Attorney Nicole Burnside**//Nicole introduced herself and her professional history and is looking forward to working with the board.
- X. **Interim Candidates - Chris Post and Louise Moore**//both candidates introduced themselves and discussed their past endeavors and interest and intent in the school.
- XI. **Correspondence**//none.

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XII. Updates from Administration

- a) President's Report//Board President is now added to the bank account, correcting a previous error where she was never added. Updates were given on director transition and gaining access to various accounts and platforms to ensure a smooth beginning to the school year.

XIII. Old Business:

- a) Policy 1439//The board agreed to forward to Nicole Burnside the policy(ies) with our questions.

XIV. New Business

- a) **Action: Acceptance of Director Resignation**//Austin Waite moved to accept the director resignation. Norika Kida Betti seconded, the motion carried.
- b) **Action: Dan Brewer AHERA Contract Renewal**//A motion was made to accept the contract renewal from Dan Brewer as the AHERA Contact was made by Bethany Peek, Norika Kida Betti seconded, and the motion carried.
- c) **Action: Course Description 26-27 Approval**//The board reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Dana Matson, seconded by Grant Woods, and passed unanimously.
 - Mary will be attending the custodial board for next month.
- d) **Board Committee Updates**//Committees will prepare timelines for next meeting.

XV. Public Comment

- Teacher Kathy Kreykes requested information regarding how to buy a new set of books for SEL and two new wheels for pottery. Krista Demura of Family Counsel will take on the pottery wheel request.
- Parent Cherie Spaulding indicated that there were a lot of limbs down from summer storms on playground and encouraged the school to hire an arborist to look at the health of the trees. She also encouraged the board to look at the repeated parent input in various questionnaires and surveys regarding environmental education.
- Parent Julia Morse echoed the comments about tree limbs.
- Teacher Ned Milne would like to be added to the infrastructure committee, as well as teacher Julie Terhune.

- XVI. Adjournment**//Dana Matson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Grant Woods and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, October 14th, 2026 @ 6:00 PM



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Date