



High Desert Montessori Charter School

101 Fantastic Drive. Reno, Nevada 89512 - 775-624-2800

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Directors Meeting

2/28/2024 @ 5:00 pm

Board Meeting will take place on Zoom

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The Board of Directors will receive public comment virtually, in person, or via email, at publiccomment@hdmsreno.com All public comments received before and during the meeting will be provided to the Board of Directors. Such comments shall not be read aloud at the meeting but will be recorded in the public record and in the minutes. In-person public comment will be limited to 3 minutes. No action can be taken on any comments, but public input is welcome.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
2. Public Comment
3. Adopt the Agenda (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
4. Approval of Board Minutes from 2/7/2024 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
5. Report/Recommendation from Finance Committee (FOR DISCUSSION)
 - a. Stiffel and Investor Call from 2/13/2024
 - b. Recommendation for Salary Increases from Finance Committee Meeting
6. Principal/ED Report (FOR DISCUSSION)
 - a. Professional Development from 2/16/2024
 - b. New Charter Coordinator at WCSD: Rochelle Proctor
 - c. WCSD Board Consent to Approve Audits
7. PTO Liaison Report (FOR DISCUSSION)
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment and Future Agenda Items (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Items not acted on at this meeting may be acted on at future meetings.



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"High Desert Montessori School provides a safe, nurturing school environment that fosters independence, problem-solving skills, and great work in our students. We offer tools to explore the universe through Montessori's Cosmic Education, the purpose of which is to link all areas of human knowledge. We urge all of our students to be participating members of a socially conscious and green community by inspiring them to be critical thinkers capable of reflection, communication, and action. We comply with all Nevada State and Common Core State Standards."

HDMS Board meetings are posted at the following places:

- Washoe County School District
- Sparks Library
- Washoe County Administration
- HDMS 101 Fantastic Drive, Reno, NV 89512
- HDMS Website www.hdmsreno.com



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**Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2024, @ 5:00 PM via Zoom**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 5:02

Ashley Allen
Bonnie Pillaro
Brigitte Frost
Jennifer Linn (not present)
Kristen Ashbaugh
Max Haynes (not present)
Nancy Smith
Nicole Commons (not present)
Reid Riker
Kelly Ryder

2. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

3. Adopt the Agenda

Member Pillaro motions to approve the agenda (see supporting documents), Member Frost seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

4. Approval of Board Minutes from November 29, 2023

Member Smith motions to approve the minutes as presented (see supporting documents), Member Frost seconds the motion, Member Allen abstains and it passes unanimously.

5. Approval of Land Acknowledgement for Website and Parent/Student Handbook

Parent Torres introduced the intent of the JEDI Collaborative and read their mantra.

Administrator Perez read the proposed Land Acknowledgement.

Member Ashbaugh motions to approve the placement of the Land Acknowledgement on the HDMS Website as presented (see supporting documents), Member Allen seconds the motion and it passes

unanimously.

6. Approval of the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Administrators Jordan and Perez presented the proposed 2024-2025 School Year Calendar.

Member Smith motions to approve the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar as presented (see supporting documents), Member Pillaro seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

7. Acceptance of Resignation of Nicole Commons

Member Riker presented the written resignation of Nicole Commons.

Member Allen motions to accept the resignation of Nicole Commons as a member of the HDMS Board and as HDMS Board Chair (see supporting documents), Member Pillaro seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

8. Approval of Reid Riker as HDMS Board Chair and Nancy Smith as Vice Chair

Member Riker asked for the approval of the change in board positions of Member Riker becoming Board Chair and Member Smith becoming Vice Chair.

Member Pillaro motions to approve Member Riker as HDMS Board Chair and Member Smith as Vice Chair, Member Frost seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

9. Finance Committee Report

Member Pillaro and Member Riker presented an update from the Finance Committee.

10. Update on Financial Policy Manual

Member Pillaro explained the updates to the Financial Policy Manual.

11. Board Faculty Liaison Report

Teacher Ryder presented the Faculty Liaison Report.

12. PTO Liaison Report

Member Ashbaugh presented the PTO Liaison Report.

13. Public Comment

Administrator Perez commented about the school lunch program.

14. Adjournment and Future Agenda Items

Members discussed scheduling the Board Retreat.

Members discussed items for future agendas.

Member Pillaro motions to adjourn the meeting, Member Allen seconds the motion and it passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned.

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**Finance Committee Meeting
February 14, 2024**

Discussion of Bond Investors Meeting

- Reid Riker presented Bond Investor meeting highlights.
- The bond holders will vote on granting a waiver by the end of February.

Draft of Budget Recommendation for 2024/25 Income and Salary Increases

- Sherrie Jordan described the proposed \$100 per month pre-k fee increase.
- Finance committee members discussed the recommended salary increases along with PERS reduction. HDMS raises over the past couple of years are compounded.

Bond Covenants (DSC, Liquidity, balanced budget).

- Bonnie Pillaro and Cheryl Mintz discussed requirements of bond covenants.

Questions from teachers attending

- The proposed raise is on step up. Reid Riker encouraged teachers to post questions concerning salary and budget.
- Suggested that credit card bonus miles could be used for travel