

Mountain West Montessori Academy
Electronic Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 25, 2023



Anchor Location: MWMA Library, 4125 W. Foxview Drive, South Jordan, UT 84009

In Attendance: Steve Barnes, Gimenia Palmer, Nelson Altamirano

Excused: Corbin White, Andrew Marx

Others in Attendance: Angie Johnson, Cathie Hurst, Dawn Kawaguchi, Brandon Fairbanks

Founded upon Montessori philosophy, the mission of Mountain West Montessori Academy is to facilitate student-centered learning and intellectual curiosity through an individualized and interdisciplinary curriculum, hands-on experience, and community involvement.

MINUTES

2022-2023 BOARD PRIORITIES

Continue with the Computer Science Trajectory
Celebrate Teacher Excellence
Positive Community Communication

5:06 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Steve Barnes

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT. The Language Arts Curriculum was available for public comment. However, there were no members of the public to make comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

- May 16, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes – Steve Barnes tabled the consent items for the next board meeting.

VOTING ITEMS

- Language Arts Curriculum Purchase – Angie Johnson stated that there is a new rule that passed stating that we need to have public comment on curriculum adoption aside from any items that are over \$20k. This item encompasses both. Angie stated that out of the handful of choices of mandated LA curriculum that the state has approved, she has chosen 95% Phonics curriculum. It is the only one that is not a basal reader curriculum. 95% Phonics aligns better with the modern science of reading because it addresses all the components of literacy. The law just went into effect a couple of weeks ago and we need to approve it quickly to get the curriculum in time for school. Plus, the price will increase by June 15th. There was a discussion on how many other curriculums are available and are the costs comparable; core language curriculum; what is the difference with the mandate of the new curriculum vs. what we have already been teaching; the new rule to have two public comment periods; and will workbooks need to be purchased annually.

Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the 95 Phonics Language Arts Curriculum not to exceed \$25,000. Nelson Altamirano seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows:

Steve Barnes – Aye

Gimena Palmer – Aye

Nelson Altamirano – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➤ Calendaring – ALL

- Next Board Meeting – June 26th @ 5 p.m.

5:19 PM – Steve Barnes made a motion to ADJOURN. Gimena Palmer seconded the motion.