



## Sussex Montessori School Board Agenda

February 21, 2023 (6:30 – 8:30) – The Barn at Sussex Montessori School

**The mission of the Sussex Montessori School (SMS) is to nurture the development of empathetic, collaborative, persistent and innovative global and community citizens in accordance with the time-tested philosophy of Maria Montessori.**

**The Vision of the Sussex Montessori School (SMS) is to use the Montessori Method to educate children through authentic personalized learning experiences, respectful relationships, opportunities to innovate, and a focus on global citizenship.**

### **Recognition of Children and Bus Driver (6:30 – 7:00)**

- Guests: State Secretary of Education, Mark Holodick,
- Alonna Berry (former MW/SMS board member) the Statewide Trauma-Informed Care Coordinator & Policy Advisor, Education, Health & Equity in the Governor’s office, and
- Brian Moore, Program Manager for School Climate and Discipline at Delaware Department of Education

### **Call to Order (7:00-7:05)**

Roll Call  
Approval of the Agenda

Board Chair

### **Public Comment \*(3 minutes each)**

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes – January 2023

Board Chair

### **Committee Reports (7:10-7:50)**

#### Finance Committee

Financials January 2023 Actuals (Vote)  
Final Budget FY2023 (Vote)  
Budget discussion FY 2024

Sean Steward  
Michelle Hastie  
Michelle Hastie  
Michelle Hastie, Lisa Coldiron

#### Facility Committee

Jessica Bradley

#### Development Committee

Irving Taylor, Linda Zankowsky

#### Strategic Planning

Mike Nally

#### Charter Reauthorization - Board Self Eval

Lisa Coldiron/Trish Hermance

#### Exec Committee – Retreat March 2023

Linda Zankowsky

### **Head of School Report (7:50-8:10)**

Lisa Coldiron

### **Executive Session (8:10 – 8:30)**

Personnel

## Close of Meeting

Board Chair

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**Retreats:** November 12, 2022, March 11, 2023, July 15, 2023

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