



Sussex Montessori School Board Agenda
February 18, 2025 (6:30 – 8:30)
In-Person Meeting

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.

1. Call to Order (6:30)
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Agenda Approval
2. Public Comment *(3 minutes each - as needed)
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes – January 21, 2025 (vote)
4. New Business
 - a. Personnel: HOS Search Firm Update (executive Session - 6:35-6:55)
 - b. Student Progress Report (6:55 - 7:10) - Director of Teaching and Learning
5. Committee Reports (7:10 – 8:05)
 - a. Community Engagement/Enrollment (7:10-7:15)
 - b. Finance Committee (7:15 – 7:35)
 - i. Financials January 31, 2025, Actuals (Vote)
 - c. Development (7:35 – 7:45)
 - i. FY2025-2026 Development Plan
 - d. Facility Committee (7:45 – 7:50)
 - e. Executive Committee (7:50 – 8:00)
 - i. Policy discussion - Interactions with Government Officials (vote)
 - f. HOS report (8:00 – 8:20)
 - i. Crisis Response Policy - Nolan's Law
 - ii. Monthly HOS Report
6. Close of Meeting

Public Notice

*Public Comment – People desiring to make public comments should inform the school 24 hours in advance of the board meeting by contacting the school at info@sussexms.k12.de.us. All members of the public attending a Zoom meeting must sign in listing their name in the identification for their screen or in the chat. Attendees who do not sign in will leave the meeting. Attendees attending an in-person meeting will be asked to sign into the meeting.

- Regular Board Meetings FY 2025 Third Tuesday of each month (6:30 -8:00) –
- Zoom Meetings - August 21, 2024; September 17, 2024; November 19, 2024; December 17, 2024; February 18, 2025; March 18, 2025; May 20, 2025; June 17, 2025.
- In Person Meetings – Retreat/Work Session – 4:00 – 6:00/ Business Session 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
- July 16, 2024; October 15, 2024, Annual Meeting 6:30 -7:00; January 21, 2025; April 15, 2025
- Retreats: TBD

Zoom Meeting Participant Details

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