



January Board Retreat & Monthly Board Meeting Agendas January 20, 2026; 4-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order (4:15)
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Approval of the Agenda
2. Board Retreat (4:30-6:00)
 - a. The board will hold a retreat to discuss the following topics:
 - i. Community Engagement / Enrollment
 - ii. Head of School Goals / Strategies 25/26
 - iii. Student Achievement / Formative Assessment Progress
 - iv. Board Member Recruitment
3. Dinner Break (6-6:30)
4. Monthly Board Meeting (6:30 - 7:30)
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - i. Minutes – December 16, 2025 (vote)
 - b. Public Comment *(3 minutes each)
 - c. Committee Reports (6:35 – 7:10)
 - d. Community Engagement/Enrollment (moved to retreat)
 - e. Finance Committee (6:35 – 6:50)
 - f. Financials December 31, 2025, Actuals (Vote)
 - g. Student Success Committee (moved to retreat)
 - h. Development (6:50 – 6:55)
 - i. Facility Committee (6:55 – 7:00)
 - j. Executive Committee (moved to retreat)
 - k. HOS report (7:00 – 7:10)

***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 2026 Third Tuesday of each month (6:30 -8:00) –

Zoom Meetings - August 19, 2025; September 16, 2025; November 18, 2025; December 16, 2025; February 17, 2026; March 17, 2026; May 19, 2026; June 16, 2026.

In Person Meetings – Retreat/Work Session – 4:00 – 6:00/ Business Session 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

July 15, 2025; October 21, 2025, Annual Meeting 6:30 -7:00; January 20, 2026; April 21, 2026

Zoom Meeting Participant Details

Zoom Meetings - Pursuant to legislation, SB 94 signed by the Governor on 6/30/21, Sussex Montessori

School will hold board meetings over Zoom. In addition, there will be an anchor site at the school for those who wish to attend the meeting in person. This will permit all members of the School Board and all interested members of the Public to be able to speak to and hear one another and be able to view materials presented at the meeting. Board members will receive an email with the access instructions. Access information for the Public is listed below.

To participate via audio and/or video, please use the below dial in information:

Topic: Sussex Montessori School- Board Meeting

Time: 06:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Date: Every month on the Third Tue, until Jun 16, 2026, 13 occurrence(s); Special Meetings of the Board may be scheduled in accordance with proper notice regulations

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZlIf-](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZlIf-gorDkoE9WTSD84crLb6cYjWf2R0C1c/ics?icsToken=DCKveHUBU-myPTINagAALAAAAB857Beo-LjMewCwu7OpcDiKQSkS_3WXclRmePKAGh63fS8_8zTWbVfMpKV59AgaonjD6vf_x5mxP7TEIjAwMDAwMQ&meetingMasterEventId=qqm955TOTq-CzrzhlIaEBQ)

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Be sure to add your name when you are joining the meeting, otherwise (especially if you are dialing in) meeting participants won't know you are there. Anonymous participants will not be allowed entry to the meeting.

INSTALLING ZOOM:

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1. Navigate to the Zoom website (<https://zoom.us/>) and follow the prompts to install Zoom on your device. You can also install Zoom on your phone through Google Play or Apple App Store.
2. Once Zoom is on your device, on the day and near the time of the meeting, use the meeting link and follow the directions above and you will be entered into the meeting immediately.
3. When you are setting up Zoom on your device, allow (give permission for) video and audio when prompted.

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