



LHU Board of Directors Special Meeting

March 6, 2024 1:00 PM
Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School
202 Treybrooke Drive, Morrisville, NC 27560
Virtual via Google Meet

1. COMMENCEMENT

Call to Order and Board Attendance w/Determination of Quorum
 At 1:08pm

Quorum Present with following Board Members in Attendance:

Name	Present		Name	Present		Name	Present
Katie Brown	x		Kevin Hughes	x		Elizabeth Uzzell	x
Kim Elliott	x		Dwayne Jones			Robert Wolfe	
Jessi Fasola	x		Keisha Pressley	x		Lan Zhu	
Ryan Hill	x		Rachel Richardson				

Reading of Mission Statement:

“The mission of Sterling Montessori is to create a diverse educational community, grounded in the Montessori philosophy and teaching practices, that fosters curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking in its students. We strive to empower each student to become life-long learners who respect themselves, others, and their environment.”

Conflict of Interest Statement

“At this time, we ask all board members to make a statement to be recorded in the minutes should they know of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before them during this meeting. It is the duty of each board member to abstain from discussion and voting on such matters.”



Native Land Acknowledgement

“The LHU Board recognizes that Sterling Montessori sits on the ancestral land of the Tuscarora, Lumbee and Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Tribes. As we strive to become better stewards of the environment, we also strive to provide a more equitable and culturally responsive environment for all students, but especially Black and indigenous students of color.”

Agenda Items:

Including any related consent agenda items or discussion items added to agenda prior to consent vote.

- Approval of Hire

Approval of Agenda

At 1:09p, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to approve the agenda. Approved

Name	Ave	Nay	Abs		Name	Ave	Nay	Abs		Name	Ave	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown	x				Kevin Hughes	x				Elizabeth Uzzell	M		
Kim Elliott	x				Dwayne Jones					Robert Wolfe			
Jessi Fasola	x				Keisha Pressley	x				Lan Zhu			
Ryan Hill	x				Rachel Richardson								

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Approval of Hire, UE Lead Teacher

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM

Consent Item – Approval of Hires



At 1:25pm, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to approve the hire of personnel as noted below. Approved

Full Name	Classroom/Section	Position (Year)	Action / Change	Note
Jill Furguson		UE Lead Teacher	Hire	Start date August 2, 2024 + Sign on Bonus

Name	Aye	Nay	Abs	Name	Aye	Nay	Abs	Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown	x			Kevin Hughes	x			Elizabeth Uzzell	M		
Kim Elliott	x			Dwayne Jones				Robert Wolfe			
Jessi Fasola	x			Keisha Pressley	x			Lan Zhu			
Ryan Hill	x			Rachel Richardson							

4. CLOSED SESSION

Enter Closed Session

To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of a present or prospective public officer or employee [N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6)].

At 1:10p, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to go into closed session. Approved

Name	Aye	Nay	Abs	Name	Aye	Nay	Abs	Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown	x			Kevin Hughes	x			Elizabeth Uzzell	M		
Kim Elliott	x			Dwayne Jones				Robert Wolfe			



Jessi Fasola				Keisha Pressley	x			Lan Zhu			
Ryan Hill	x			Rachel Richardson							

Return to Open Session

At 1:22p, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to return to open session. No action taken. Approved

Name	Aye	Nay	Abs	Name	Aye	Nay	Abs	Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown	x			Kevin Hughes	x			Elizabeth Uzzell	M		
Kim Elliott	x			Dwayne Jones				Robert Wolfe			
Jessi Fasola	x			Keisha Pressley	x			Lan Zhu			
Ryan Hill	x			Rachel Richardson							

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:26p, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to adjourn. Approved

Name	Aye	Nay	Abs	Name	Aye	Nay	Abs	Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown	x			Kevin Hughes	x			Elizabeth Uzzell	M		
Kim Elliott	x			Dwayne Jones				Robert Wolfe			
Jessi Fasola	x			Keisha Pressley	x			Lan Zhu			
Ryan Hill	x			Rachel Richardson							



Attendance:

NAME ▼

Elizabeth Uzzell	1:01 PM	00:24:58
Jessi Fasola	1:00 PM	00:26:22
Katie Brown	1:00 PM	00:26:34
Keisha Pressley	1:01 PM	00:25:19
Kevin Hughes	1:00 PM	00:29:46
Kim Elliott	12:59 PM	00:26:51
Maureen Capillo	1:08 PM	00:21:50
Ryan Hill	12:59 PM	00:31:11