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SILVER SANDS MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of Silver Sands Montessori Charter School held a public meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the office of Christopher Steele, 2831 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89052.

CALL TO ORDER:

Marlo Tsuchiyama, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm

A. ORGANIZATION

- 1. Roll Call:** A quorum was established with the following members present: Judd Balmer, Constance Ewing, Danette Green (on Skype), Joan Sando, Christopher Steele, and Marlo Tsuchiyama. Absent: Rebecca Engh. Others in attendance: Arlene Nehls, Dalia Ruiz, and other interested parents and children.
- 2. Adoption of Agenda:** Judd made a motion to accept the agenda as presented Chris seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting:** After discussion, Judd suggested we table this item until the next meeting, as the minutes were incomplete. Chairperson, Marlo, agreed and postponed the approval until the next meeting.

B. REPORTS

- 1. Enrollment:** Danette presented information on numbers of potential students and announced that Open Enrollment will start on Sunday, February 22nd at the Information Meeting that is scheduled, and also, on the web site on the same day.
- 2. Committee Reports:** to be discussed during agenda action items
- 3. Board Member Reports:** none

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items (None)

D. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS (None)

E. NEW BUSINESS (Possible Action Items)

1. Adoption of By-laws: Joan suggested several amendments to the by-laws, which were mostly clarifications of language. Judd also requested revising the language about the lottery for enrollment, as it appears that all students who enroll will be subject to the lottery rather than just those who apply after the school is full. Marlo asked Danette to rewrite this section and bring it to the next meeting. After discussion, Constance made a motion to adopt the by-laws as originally approved by the State Department of Education. Judd seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

2. Consider retention of qualified real estate broker:

Chairperson Marlo asked Arlene Nehls to give an overview of her background and why she is interested in helping SSMCS. Arlene explained her previous experiences working with members of the board, including Joan, Marlo, and Chris. Then she presented a document that would allow her to represent the school in negotiating with landlords for a lease. She explained that the school would not pay for her services, as it would be included in the agreement with the landlord. Motion: Chris moved and Judd seconded a motion to authorize the document to be signed by Marlo, chairperson. Vote: all ayes,

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none opposed, motion carried. Judd made another motion to authorize Marlo to sign for the board on letters of intent, which are non-binding, with landlords regarding facilities. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion, carried.

3. Board of Trustees/Officers Insurance

After discussion, Marlo asked Danette to research and provide information on director's insurance and, especially, a "gap" policy until school funds are available to pay for the premiums. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

F. AGENDA PLANNING

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 5:30pm, same location.

G. Adjournment: 5:16 pm.