



**GEIST MONTESSORI ACADEMY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'  
MEETING AGENDA**

**Meeting Location**

**GMA North Campus, 13942 E 96th St. McCordsville, IN 46055**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018  
6:00 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Kirby Durham, President	Verena Burrows, Secretary
Kania Warbington, Vice President	Carman Malone, At-Large Member
Bob McGauley, Treasurer	Nick Wright, At-Large Member

**STAFF**

Dr. Susan Fries, Executive Director  
Nik Giant, Associate Director  
Karinda Holland, Controller  
Molly Gregory, Director of Special Education

**GUEST**

Larry Longman, Sr. Vice President – Preconstruction, Lauth Group, Inc.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

The Geist Montessori Academy (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.

3. Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda. Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.
4. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and adhere to the time limits set forth.

**Board Roll Call: 6:00 PM**

Kirby, Verena, Nick, Carman, Kania (via phone)

1. Executive Session, All 30 mins
  - Strategic Planning session
2. Consent Agenda, K. Durham Regular meeting begins at 7:43 30 mins
  - August 21, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes
  - Policy Review
3. Committee Reports 30 mins
  - Executive Director's Report, S. Fries
  - Finance Committee Report, B. McGauley, K. Holland- this was communicated through email.
  - Facilities Committee Report, N. Wright, L. Longman  
 Larry discusses the bid reports that we received last month. Larry is recommending R.L.Turner due to their cost saving strategies. This includes shelling out the gym and 4 classrooms. This will still have us over budget by .5 mill. Complications include time and money. We cannot do material substitution on outside walls because of development covenants. Another complication was the drainage regulations. These solutions will be the most cost effective and the best value. The enrollment number that is given to the town should be adhered to to avoid potential problems with the town. The projection cost is 6.5 million, but does not include contingency items. Larry recommends 3% contingency.
4. Action Items, K. Durham 15 mins
  - Board Member Search- We are still searching for board members.
5. Informational Items 5 mins
6. Public Comment - 10 mins

Jen Peden gave the board a copy of a quote that she would like the board to consider allowing her to pay to have this painted on a wall with lighting. She also told us that Grace Church will donate the gymnasium flooring to GMA if we pay to remove it. They would need to have the floor removed in the next 5-6 weeks.

**Closing Comments – Adjournment: 7:59 PM**

**Americans with Disabilities**

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