



**Special Session Minutes**  
Desert Sky Montessori  
Virtual Meeting  
April 13, 2022

John Eskew called the meeting to order at 6:17pm.

**Present:** Jessica Loukonen, Cara Nowak, John Eskew, Dave Trexler, Kevin McKennon, Daisy Sexton

**Also Present:** Jodie Borgia, Julia Sutter, Pascaline Myers

**BUSINESS**

- A. Hiring of the New Head of School [HOS]
  - a. John Eskew: review of the process
    - i. HOS opening was posted to various websites; applications were gathered and reviewed; 6 applicants were interviewed by the hiring committee—these interviews were done virtually and recorded for the entire board to review
    - ii. Applicants were narrowed down to 2 candidates who both traveled to Bend, Oregon, for in-person meetings with the board, staff, and children; meals were had with board members and administrative staff members
    - iii. Bill Alsdurf Jr. has been spoken to and given a preliminary contract to look over
    - iv. Would like to discuss the timing of the announcement

2022.04.19.01 Jessica Loukonen moves to hire Bill Alsdurf Jr. as the new HOS of DSM and for the board to approve HOS employment contract for 2022-2023. Daisy Sexton seconds. Hiring Bill Alsdurf Jr. as the new HOS of DSM and approving the HOS employment contract for 2022-2023 are approved by unanimous vote.

- B. Bill Alsdurf Jr. has offered to have a town hall meeting for anyone who would like to attend when he comes into town next week
  - a. Julia Sutter: the OWC Sanctuary is open for use on Thursday, April 21, 2022, from 5:30pm – 7:00pm
  - b. Jodie Borgia: hopes that Bill Alsdurf Jr. can be onsite with her on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, and again on Thursday, April 21, 2022; would like to be part of the town hall meeting with him
    - i. John Eskew: would like to be respectful of this being his vacation time
    - ii. Jodie Borgia: will ask him how many hours he would be willing to spend at DSM during that week

- C. Jessica Loukonen: will send a letter to the community this week to let them know that we have hired Bill Alsdurf Jr. for the HOS position; Bill Alsdurf Jr. has written a bio that will be included

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.

**Recorded by: Cara Nowak**

*Minutes approved at 4/20/2022 Board Meeting*