



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
Desert Sky Montessori  
63645 Scenic Drive, Bend, OR 97701  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Sam Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:16pm.

**Present:** Sam Pierce, Jolene Dodge, Kim Bangerter

**Also present:** Jodie Borgia, Julia Sutter, Jessica Loukonen, Heather Amaral, John Eskew, Tara Breitenbucher, Bernie Panchot

**OPEN FORUM**

**BUSINESS**

Jolene Dodge moved to approve Consent Agenda, Sam Pierce seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

- A. Approve 2019 Minutes
- B. Head OF School Report
- C. Business Director Report

The Board questioned John Eskew regarding his board application. John outlined his motivation to see the school succeed, and his 30 years experience in finance management, and previous board service on 2 other boards. Sam moved to vote John Eskew on as a new board member into the position of Treasurer. Jolene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sam discussed the upcoming board retreat agenda and goals, including a 2-5 year plan, succession planning, public meeting law, and introduction of board essentials to new members.

Jolene discussed concerns about water quality in runoff into a retention pond on the property. Sam indicated water quality testing on a well in the immediate vicinity satisfied his own concerns. Jolene said she would prefer soil testing of some kind. School staff outlined reports from well tests, input from architects and the approval from the health department for the school to be operating on the site.

Julia reported on progress around planning for a larger campus on the One World property, discussed options on the table and potential costs. Kim raised concerns that decisions to invest in the current property are board decisions, and no action should be taken without full participation and assent by the board. Kim requested Jodie work on clarifying a vision for the school in the future, to inform planning in these early stages of development. The Board discussed the current arrangement with the property owners and possibilities for future expansion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by Sam Pierce at 7:26pm.

**Recorded by:** Sam Pierce

