

**MARIA MONTESSORI CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2011 5:30 PM**

Call to Order: 5:46 PM in the Computer Lab

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Brent Boothby, Stephanie Longoria

BOARD PRESENT: Becky Schmich, Brenda Allen, Bruce Houdesheldt, Fallon Vaughan, Heather Martin, Jason Beltz, Jennifer Tarabochia, Julie Moeller, Mandeep Gill, Robyn Garcia.

BOARD ABSENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. The Board will discuss the validity of officer-related actions in relation to the By-laws during the Directors meeting which was held on January 24, 2011, and may vote to remove and/or appoint a Board President: Several Directors voiced that they were surprised at the actions that took place at the last meeting and that the agenda item did not allude to the fact that there was to be a resignation and election of a President. It was brought up that the By-laws require a resignation of a Director from a held office to be done so in writing and given to a member of the Board. This was not done therefore a vacancy didn't exist to put an election on the agenda. There were procedural disagreements to this. Heather moved to "do it right" and have Jason put his resignation in writing and then hold a vote for President. Fallon seconded. Jason then submitted a written resignation of his Presidency dated 2/28/11 to Vice President Bill Scott. Becky moved to nominate Jennifer for President and Bruce seconded. Bill nominated himself for President and Mandeep seconded. Bruce offered his perspective on a role of a President in regards to his professional life – that the role of a President is to represent the Board. Bill hopes we will follow the past practices of an open agenda, look to our Charter and By-laws for our mission, doesn't think we are appropriately governed, and stated that he would have a commitment of neutrality. Jennifer stated her priority would be to get the Board to act as a Board and to leave personal issues aside. She would like to move forward and for us all to remember that it is about the kids and staff and empowering them. The vote was cast by secret ballot and counted by Julie and Fallon. Jennifer won six to five.

Next meeting dates:

February 28, 2011

March 28, 2011

April date TBD (holiday)

May 23, 2011

MEETING ADJOURNMENT (6:39 PM)