



Bella Mente Montessori Academy

Board of Directors

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Bella Mente Charter School Board Meeting Agenda October 12, 2021

Type of Meeting: Regular Board Meeting

Location: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2247154794959486736>

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I. CLOSED SESSION (Two)

6:30 PM

Call to order, roll call and establishment of quorum

1. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957, the Board will meet in closed session to consider: PERSONNEL MATTERS-(None)
2. In accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8, the Board will meet in closed session to consider: REAL ESTATE MATTERS- (None)
3. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957.6, the Board will meet in closed session to consider: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION - Executive Director Evaluation.
4. In accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board will meet in closed session to consider: CHARGE OR COMPLAINT INVOLVING INFORMATION PROTECTED BY FEDERAL LAW - (None)
5. In accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board will meet in closed session to consider: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(2) and/or §54956.9(d)(4) - (one matter)

II. OPEN SESSION/REGULAR MEETING

Call to order, roll call and establishment of quorum

III. ACTION ITEMS CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

IV. PRESENTATIONS BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS/PUBLIC COMMENTS (20 MINUTES TOTAL)

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Any member of the audience who wishes to hold and speak to an item on the agenda should send an email to jmeeker@bellamentecharter.org. BEFORE ITEM 1.A. OR BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS. In an effort to gain as much public input as possible, individual speakers will be limited to THREE MINUTES OR LESS.

In an attempt to control the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to reduce and minimize the risk of infection, Governor Newsom issued an executive order on March 12, 2020, issuing guidance "limiting attendance at public assemblies, conferences, or other mass events." In this executive order, the Governor waived the Open Meeting Brown Act requirements that require a majority of board members to physically participate in a public board meeting at the same location. This means that board members will be allowed to participate in board meetings during this time of pandemic remotely (via teleconference).

On March 17, 2020 Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which among other things, specifically withdraws and supersedes Executive Order N-25-20. Under the new order, the requirement to make a physical location available for the public has been eliminated. A Charter School can comply with public attendance and comment requirements holding a meeting via "teleconferencing" and allowing members of the public to observe and comment either telephonically, or otherwise electronically.

The Charter School is doing its part to help in the efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by encouraging members of the public to watch/listen to the Board of Director meeting live online.

If members of the public would like to contact the Board of Directors about this upcoming agenda, please send an email to jmeeker@bellamentecharter.org. These comments will be shared with the board members prior to the board meeting. If you wish for your written comment to be read aloud, please indicate this specifically in your communication. Requests for written comments to be read aloud will be honored, subject to the Board's usual time limits on public comment.

In an effort to gain as much public input as possible, individual speakers will be limited to THREE MINUTES OR LESS. 20 minutes total will be allotted for Item 3. After 20 minutes the remainder of public comments will be heard before the conclusion of Board Business.

Items not on the agenda/Items for future discussion

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended motion: Approve the agenda for the October 12, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Executive Director Announcements** - Erin Feeley will provide COVID-19, legislative, safety & risk management, special education updates and fiscal projection updates.
2. **Charter Vision Board Report** - Rick from CSMC will report on cash flow and review CharterVision dashboard monthly report.
3. **Principal Report**- Dr. McQuestion will present the plan for student academic achievement and closing the achievement gap.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board in one action. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion, unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

1. Minutes from the September 14, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
2. Minutes from the September 14, 2021 Special Board of Directors Meeting
3. Recommended action on the personnel activity list
4. Check Register for September 2021
5. Amended Agreement with Ontario Refrigeration for the MERV13 filters \$9,948.00
6. Agreement with Vista Fence for the new fence along the garden \$9,306.00
7. Top Notch Invoice for September \$18,063.05

Executive Director's Recommendation: Approve Consent Calendar

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Resolution Continuing Board of Directors Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361**

Executive Director's Recommendation: Approve

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

2. **The final read and approval of the Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) Plan**

Executive Director's Recommendation: Approve

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

3. **Approve the updated Independent Study Policy to comply with AB 167 amendments**

Executive Director's Recommendation: Approve

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

4. **Change the November or December Board meeting date to file the First Interim report by December 10, 2021**

Executive Director's Recommendation: Approve

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

5. Review and approve a temporary pay rate increase (for the remainder of the 21-22 school year) for substitute teachers

Executive Director's Recommendation: Approve

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

Instructions for Presentations to the Board by Members of the Community

BMMA 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 hope that you will visit these meetings often and your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. The agenda is available to all community members
2. Community members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Public Comment" will be given an opportunity to do so.
3. "Public Comment" is set aside for members of the community to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws (Brown Act), 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 twenty (20) minutes. Exceptions to these time limits may be made at the discretion of the Board Chair. The board may give direction to staff to respond to your concerns or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen requested agenda item.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may speak for up to (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item. Exceptions to this time may be made at the discretion of the Board Chair.
5. Community members may request in writing that a topic related to school business be considered for placement on a future agenda. Requests should be addressed to the Board Chair and emailed to board@bellamentecharter.org. If such an item is placed on the agenda and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.
6. Any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in a public meeting of the Bella Mente Charter School Board of Directors may request such modification or accommodation from Jennifer Meeker, at 760-621-8931. Please make any requests at least 12 hours prior to the meeting.