

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday - April 23, 2026
Held at Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

Board Members Present

Rose Thornberry, President
Traci Elligson, Vice President
Amy Brown, Treasurer
Greg Colosimo, Member at Large

Others Present

Tammy Hogan, Assistant Principal
Sally Rodgers-staff member
Anya Conner-staff member
Chelsy Rodgers-staff member
Helayna Thomas-staff member
Kristine Gelazela-staff member
Katie Sauter-staff member
Margaret Rudolph-parent of current student
Clinton Bittle-staff member
Rebeka Black-staff member
Nicole Wilt-staff member
Leigh Gugliette-staff member
Chris Barrett-school attorney

Executive session held at 6pm to discuss a legal matter.

Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order by Rose Thornberry at 6:35 pm

Introduction of Members and Guests

All attendees introduced themselves

Public Comment on Agenda Items

none

Old Business

AI policy- no update
Exit surveys not available from administration.

Administrator's Report

Enrollment - 269

K - 50
1st - 42
2nd - 48
3rd - 33
4th - 42
5th - 34
6th - 20
Total Enrollment - 269

-Current student needs Homebound Instruction

-Montessori Life Skills binder that was developed was shared and will follow students throughout their time at the school. It will be given to students at graduation/upon leaving the school.

-26/27 school year enrollment is 268, kindergarten not full

-School website has been updated

-Currently marketing with online ads

-Summer Marketing Campaign: August 7th 250th American picnic celebration

School Updates

Past Events

- Thank a Farmer Letters
- Ag week for lower elementary
- Staff luncheon 4/15
- Annual Recyclable Art Contest
- GMCS Family Skate Night 4/15/26
- Talent Show 4/1/26
- Fundraisers: Gertrude Hawk \$4,252
Total to date: \$15,484.00
- Book Fair
- PSSA

Upcoming Events

- Open enrollment through 3/31/26
- Music, Spring Drama 5/7
- Staff Appreciation week 5/4-5/8
- Field Day 5/15
- Graduations 5/28
- Reunion Night 6/1

Ongoing Initiatives

- LEAP mentoring program - 56 students
- Ruth's Harvest - 60 families

Consent Agenda ACTION

Motion to Accept - Rose Thornberry
Second - Gregory Colosimo
Traci Elligson - In favor
Amy Brown - In favor

Chair's Report-Rose Thornberry

N/A

Governance Committee-Rose Thornberry

James Gentile to fill open board position
Motion to Accept - Rose Thornberry
Second - Traci Elligson
Gregory Colosimo - In favor
Amy Brown - In favor

Finance Committee-Amy Brown

School's April financial status reviewed.

New Business; For the good of the order

N/A

Public Comment

Katie Sauter- asked about AI policy

Chelsy Rodgers - discussed staff use of AI, staff involvement in hiring process of vice principal, asked if there will be money in the budget for school supplies

Sally Rodgers - discussed staff use of AI, staff involvement in hiring process of vice principal, working at GMCS

Nicole Wilt-uses AI for job tasks

Anya Conner - discussed staff use of AI, staff involvement in hiring process of vice principal

Helayna Thomas - discussed Montessori Life Skills binder and staff use of AI

Margaret Rudolph - discussed staff use of AI, staff involvement in hiring process of vice principal

Clinton Bittle - discussed staff use of AI, staff involvement in hiring process of vice principal, working at GMCS

Gregory Colosimo-appreciates staff

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 pm by Rose Thornberry

Executive session held after meeting to discuss a personnel matter.