

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 17, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Mrs. Shelley Wilson opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Shelley Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at which time the following statement was read: *“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Magnolia Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Courier Post, and at the entrance of Magnolia School, and the Magnolia Borough Hall.”*

Roll Call

Mrs. Joyce Albrecht	Present
Ms. Rebecca DePrince	Present
Mrs. Jennifer Gray	Present
Mr. Edward Hoban	Present
Mr. Rudolph Kube	Present
Mrs. Karen Sorbello	Present
Mrs. Shelley Wilson	Present

Other Attendees

Dr. Warren Pross, Superintendent
Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Frank C. Cavallo, Jr., Esquire, Solicitor

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Shelley Wilson

Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following:

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on January 6, 2015.
- Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting held on January 20, 2015.
- Amended Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on September 16, 2014.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht

Vote: To approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on January 6, 2015 and minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting held on January 20, 2015 and the Amended Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on September 16, 2014.

Voice Vote. All in favor.

Audience Participation I

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht.

Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation I

Voice Vote. All in favor

NONE

Close Audience Participation I

Close Audience Participation I

Motion by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rudy Kube

Vote: To approve closing of Audience Participation I

Voice vote. All in favor

Board of Education Business Unfinished Business

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

NONE

New Business

New Business

NONE

State and Local School Board Association

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- Karen Sorbello commented on 8TH Grade Dialogue

Superintendent's Report

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- *Renaissance – P. Sorrentino*
- *Pictures will be taken at this board meeting for the yearbook*
- *Recognition of Magnolia School Board Members – W.*

Pross and R. Johnson

• *Strategic Plan: W. Pross*

**Karen MacPherson
Contract**

Items for Board Approval: Motion to approve:

1. The revised 2014-2015 contract for Mrs. Karen Macpherson

Motion to Approve Item 1

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht

Vote: To approve Item 1

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Albrecht, DePrince, Gray, Hoban, Kube, Sorbello, Wilson (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

**Daisy Brown-sick
leave**

2. Mrs. Daisy Brown to take sick leave for the remainder of the school year

Motion to Approve Item 2

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban

Vote: To approve Item 2

Voice Vote. All in favor

**Wayne James-PT
Custodian**

3. Mr. Wayne James as a part time custodian to start February 23, 2014 on step 1 at a salary of \$16,344.00

**Dannette Stevens
Keith Symons
Substitute Teachers**

4. Ratification of Mrs. Dannette Stevens and Mr. Keith Symons as a substitute teachers at a rate of \$80.00 a day.

Motion to Approve Items 3 and 4

Motion by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Jennifer Gray

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Albrecht, DePrince, Gray, Hoban, Kube, Sorbello, Wilson (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

Workshops

Workshops

1. Ratification of Mr. Rudy Kube and Mrs. Karen Sorbello to attend a negotiation workshop on Saturday, January 10, 2015 in Mercerville, NJ at a cost of \$149.00 per person (to be taken

- out of administration account)
- 2. Ratification of Mr. Shaun Williams to attend a PARCC seminar on January 27, 2015 at Rowan University at a cost of \$135.00 (to be taken out of professional development)

Motion to Approve Workshops 1 and 2

Motioned by Edward Hoban, Seconded by Rebecca DePrince

Vote: To approve Workshops 1 and 2

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Albrecht, DePrince, Gray, Hoban, Kube* , Sorbello,* Wilson (7-0-2)***

***Mrs. Karen Sorbello and Mr. Rudy Kube Abstained to Workshop 1**

****Mrs. Karen Sorbello Abstained to Workshop 2**

Motion Approved

**Sandy Brosious-
Workshop Best
Practical Strategies**

- 3. Mrs. Sandy Brosious to attend a workshop entitled Best Practical Strategies to Ensure that Your School Library Program helps Students Meet the Common Core State Standards in Cherry Hill, NJ on March 25, 2015 at a cost of \$239.00 (to be taken out of professional development)

**Stacey Dobleman -
2015 Primary
Educators Institute**

- 4. Mrs. Stacey Dobleman to attend the 2015 Primary Educators Institute workshop in Cherry Hill, NJ on April 17, 2015 at a cost of \$149.00 (to be taken out of professional development)

**Aphrodite Dellaporta
-NJ Teachers of
English to Speakers**

- 5. Ms. Aphrodite Dellaporta to attend the NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of other/Bilingual Educators conference in New Brunswick, NJ on May 27 and 28, 2015 at a cost of \$259.00 (to be taken out of professional development)

**Aphrodite Dellaporta
-2015 Best Practices
Institute**

- 6. Ms. Aphrodite Dellaporta to attend 2 day workshop on differentiated instruction entitled 2015 Best Practices Institute at a cost of \$379.00 (to be taken out of professional development)

Motion to Approve Workshops 3 through 6

Motioned by Edward Hoban, Seconded by Rebecca DePrince

Vote: To approve Workshops 1 through 4

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Albrecht, DePrince, Gray, Hoban, Kube , Sorbello, Wilson (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

Trips

Trips

1. Ratification of our eighth grade enrichment students to attend the robotics program at Camden County Vocational and Technical School on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at a cost of \$175.00

Motion to Approve Trip 1

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht

Vote: To approve Trip Item 1

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Albrecht, DePrince, Gray, Hoban, Kube, Sorbello, Wilson
(7-0-0)**

Motion Approved

2. The Renaissance trip on February 27, 2015 to the Playdrome Bowling Center in Cherry Hill, NJ (This is not a board expensed trip, taken out of Renaissance account)
3. The Renaissance trip to Hershey Park on May 29, 2015 (This is not a board expensed trip, taken out of Renaissance account)

Motion to Approve Trips Items 2 and 3

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban

Vote: To approve Trip Items 2 and 3

Motion Approved

Voice Vote: All In Favor

Calendar

Calendar

The 2015-2016 Magnolia school calendar (attachment)
Motioned by Edward Hoban, Seconded by Rebecca DePrince.

Vote: To approve the 2015-2016 Magnolia Public School Calendar

Voice Vote. All in favor

Informational Items

Buildings and Grounds

Informational Items:

A. Buildings and Grounds

1. A fire drill was conducted on January 29, 2015
2. A lockdown was conducted on January 16, 2015

Curriculum	3. Rod Grant: Superintendent/Committee to update
	B. Curriculum
	1. Teacher Evaluations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walkthroughs plus conferences – 29; instructional conferences - 4• Long evaluations - 47• Short evaluations – 44
	2. PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) : Superintendent Discussed.
Finance	
	C. Finance
Interdistrict	
	D. Interdistrict
	1. Interdistrict Superintendent’s Meeting, February 4, 2015: Superintendent discussed
Negotiations	
	E. *Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session) – None
Policy/Procedure	
Public	F. Policy/Procedure - None
Relations/Liaison	
	G. Public Relations/Liaison
	1. National Junior Honor Society Recognition – Superintendent to discuss
	2. Magnolia Student Council Recognition – Superintendent to discuss
Student/Parental	
Issues and Concerns	H. Student/Parental Issues and Concerns
	1. HIB Report – Board Attorney to update
Principal’s Report	
	I. Principal’s Report
	1. Mr. Johnson’s Principal Report (attachment)
	BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
Informational Items	
	Informational Items:
	Financial Disclosure Forms Online
Board Actions	
	Board Actions:
	Motion to approve items A through C
Monthly Reports	

- Transfer of Funds**
- A. Monthly Reports**
The Budget Summary and Revenue Summary for the month of December 2014 (**Attachment A1 and Attachment A2**).
- B. Transfer of Funds**
The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of December 2014 (**Attachment B1**).
- Financial Reports**
- C. Financial Reports**
1. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of December 2014. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A – 16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (**Attachment C1**)
 2. Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of December 2014. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of September 2014. (**Attachment C2**)
 3. Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.
 4. Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 4 We certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban.

Vote: To approve Items A thru C

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Albrecht, DePrince, Gray, Hoban, Kube, Sorbello, Wilson (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

- Warrants**
- D. Warrants**
The attached bill lists:
▪ January 2015 Payroll (**Attachment D1**)
▪ January & February 2015 Warrants (**Attachment D2**)

- Void Check**
- E. Void Check**
To approve to void the following checks:
#2038 \$85.00 NJDEP

Motioned by Edward Hoban, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht

Vote: To approve Items A through B
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Albrecht, Gray, Hoban, Kube, Sorbello, Wilson (6-0-1)
Motion Approved
***** Mrs. DePrince abstains with regard to the State of New Jersey and or its agents*****

- Preschool Education Aid**
- F. Preschool Education Aid**
To approve submission of the 2015-2016 Preschool Education Aid (Early Childhood Grant) application.

- Pearson**
- G. Pearson**
To approve non fair and open purchase through Pearson Education for the 2014-2015 school year for various curriculum related purchases including workbooks and common core materials.

- Salaries Charged to Grants**
- H. Salaries Charged to Grants**
To approve the attached chart showing the salaries charged to Grants in the 2014-2015 school year (**Attachment H1**)

- Tuition Contract**
- I. Tuition Contract**
To approve tuition contract with Vineland Board of Education for student #UNKNOWN in the amount of \$13,959.00 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Please note this is a sent student).

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban

Vote: To approve Items F through I

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Albrecht, DePrince, Gray, Hoban, Kube, Sorbello, Wilson (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

SJTP Construction Oversight

J. SJTP – Construction Oversight

Approval of Sterling High School, dba SJTP, to provide construction oversight and project management of specific construction projects for the Magnolia Board of Education.

Roofing Project

K. SJTP – Roofing Project

Approval to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Sterling High School; and further, to approve Sterling High School, dba SJTP, to write bid specifications, review submitted bids, and award the contract to the successful bidder for the project(s) to include Roofing Renovations at the Magnolia School.

Motioned by Edward Hoban, Seconded by Rudy Kube

Vote: To approve Items J and K

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Albrecht, DePrince, Gray, Hoban, Kube, Sorbello- No, Wilson (6-1-0)

Motion Approved

Bond

L. Bond

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, CONFIRMING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND AWARD OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BONDS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN COVENANTS AS TO THE USE OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BONDS; AND TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED THERETO (**Attachment L1**)

Motioned by Edward Hoban, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht

Vote: To approve Item L

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Albrecht, DePrince, Gray, Hoban, Kube, Sorbello, Wilson (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

**Audience
Participation II**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION II – PUBLIC COMMENT

Motioned to Bypass Audience Participation II by Karen Sorbello,
Seconded by Edward Hoban.

**Vote: To approve Bypassing of Audience Participation I
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Closed Session

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at approximately 8:13p.m.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Magnolia Township School District has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately 8:35 p.m. this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Magnolia Township School District will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

 X Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Action will be taken after Executive Session

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rebecca DePrince

Vote: To enter executive session
Voice Vote. All in favor

**RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING –
8:30 pm**

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Jennifer Gray

Vote: To approve Resumption of Public Portion of the Meeting
Voice vote. All in favor.

Addendum

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**BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT ADDENDUM**

A. HIB Investigation

Motion to approve acknowledgement that the Board Attorney conducted an investigation and found that an incidence of harassment, Intimidation, and bullying did not occur regarding student #339575070

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rebecca DePrince

Vote: To approve Addendum Item A
Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:44 PM by Karen Sorbello,
Seconded by Edward Hoban.**

Vote: To Adjourn meeting
Voice Vote. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary

