

**Magnolia School District  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
September 16, 2014  
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. Brett Gorman, Solicitor

**Mission Statement**

Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Shelley Wilson

**Approval of  
Minutes**

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on August 26, 2014.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht

**Vote: To approve Minutes  
Voice Vote. All in favor**

**Audience  
Participation I**

Open **Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rudy Kube

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

**NONE**

**Close Audience  
Participation I**

Close Audience Participation I

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rebecca DePrince

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

**Presentations**

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- Introduction: New teachers – Ms. Aphrodite Dellaporta, Mr. Gregg Love, and Ms. Lisa Navarra
- ROD Grant – George Sundell, Garrison Architects

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**

**Unfinished Business**

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Jennifer Gray mentioned Public Relations Committee meeting about ROD Grant and Facebook

**New Business**

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Rebecca DePrince expressed concerns regarding technology contracts that went home with the students.

**State and Local  
School Board  
Association**

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NONE**

**Superintendent's Report**

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**Presentations**

**Presentations:**

- Strategic Plan, 2012-2015 – Warren Pross
- The Importance of High Quality Pre-School and Kindergarten Programs – Warren Pross

**Personnel**

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**Michael Shapiro,  
Teaching Assistant**

1. Ratification of Mr. Michael Shapiro as a teaching assistant beginning September 10, 2014 on step 2 at a starting salary of \$14, 326

**Maria McGovern-  
Fall Courses**

2. Mrs. Maria McGovern to take two Fall 2014 courses entitled Implementing Positive Behavior Supports and Educational Assessment in Special Education in addition to her Spring 2015 practicum in pursuit of her Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certification

**Jennifer Pontarelli-  
Fall Courses**

3. Mrs. Jennifer Pontarelli to take two Fall 2014 courses entitled School Leadership, and Education, Ethics, and the Law and two Spring 2015 courses entitled Appraisal and Renewal and Fiscal Operations and Resources in pursuit of her Masters of Education in school leadership

**Aphrodite  
Dellaporta-Fall  
Courses**

4. Mrs. Aphrodite Dellaporta to take two Fall 2014 courses entitled Psychology and Education of Exception Children and Implementing Positive Behavior Strategies and two Spring 2015 courses entitled Collaborative Instruction in Inclusive Classroom and Teaching Reading to the Exceptional Child in pursuit of her Masters of Education in Teacher Leadership and Special Education Content

**Dana Stahl-Spring  
Courses**

5. Mrs. Dana Stahl's intention to take two Spring courses and two Summer 2015 courses at Rowan University in her pursuit of her master's degree in Special Education

**Cheryl Cotrotsos &  
Levi Cruz-  
substitute Teachers**

6. Ms. Cheryl Cotrotsos and Mr. Levi Cruz as substitute teachers at rate of \$80.00 a day

**Motion to Approve Personnel Items 1 and 6**

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban**

**Vote: To approve Personnel Items 1 and 6**

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

**Motion to Approve Personnel Items 2 through 5**

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban**

**Vote: To approve Personnel Items 2 through 5**

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

**Workshops**

**Lori Becoski-  
Conference**

**Cara Jedlicka-  
Conference**

**Workshops**

- Mrs. Lori Becoskie to attend the New Jersey Division for Early Childhood Annual Fall Conference on Friday, October 24, 2014 at Kean University at a cost of \$65.00 (to be taken out of professional development)
- Mrs. Cara Jedlicka to attend a two day seminar on Special Education and Section 504 Boot Camp on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10, 2014 in Mt. Laurel, NJ at a cost of \$369.00 (to be taken out of professional development)

**Motion to Approve Workshops Item 1**

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rudy Kube**

**Vote: To approve Workshops Items 1 and 2**

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

**Policies**

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- Second reading of the following policies
- 3283 Electronic Communications between Teaching Staff Members and Students
- 4283 Electronic Communications between Support Staff Members and Students
- 5612 Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees
- 5613 Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses

**Motion to Approve Policies**

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rudy Kube**

**Vote: To approve Policies**

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

**Informational Items**

**Informational Items:**

**General**

1. Ms. C. Ann Volk met with the administration on September 5, 2014 to learn more about the Magnolia School District

**Buildings and Grounds**

**A. Buildings and Grounds - NONE**

**Curriculum**

**B. Curriculum**

1. Teacher Evaluations – Walkthroughs to begin on 9/15/14
  - Walkthroughs plus Conferences
  - Long Evaluations
  - Short Evaluations

**Finance**

**C. Finance – NONE**

**Interdistrict**

**D. Interdistrict**

C. Interdistrict Meeting on August 27, 2014: Superintendent to discuss

**Negotiations Policy/Procedure**

**E. \*Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session) -None**

**F. Policy/Procedure**

1. Committee Meeting to be scheduled by Mrs. Sorbello, Chairperson

**Public  
Relations/Liaison**

**G. Public Relations/Liaison**

1. Committee Meeting on September 9, 2014: Mrs. Gray, chairperson to discuss

**Student/Parental  
Issues and Concerns**

**H. Student/Parental Issues and Concerns**

- D. HIB Report-No cases to report
- E. Opening week of school: Superintendent to discuss

**Principal's Report**

**I. Principal's Report - NONE**

**BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Informational Items**

**Informational Items: NONE**

**Board Actions**

**Board Actions:**

**Motion to approve items A through C**

**Monthly Reports**

**A. Monthly Reports**

The Budget Summary and Revenue Summary for the month of July 2014 (**Attachment A1 and Attachment A2**).

**Transfer of Funds**

**B. Transfer of Funds**

The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of July 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 July 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 July 2014. The Treasurer's

Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of July 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 Jennifer Gray

**Vote: To approve Items A thru C**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. Rebecca DePrince, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mr. Kube, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (7-0-0) Motion Approved**

**Motion to approve item D**

## **Warrants**

### **D. Warrants**

The attached bill lists:

- August 2014 payroll (**Attachment D1**)
- September 2014 warrants (**Attachment D2**)

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Jennifer Gray

**Vote: To approve Item D**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mr. Kube, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (6-0-1)\* Motion Approved**

**\*Ms. DePrince abstains with regard to the State of New Jersey and or its agents**

**Motion to approve Items E and F**

- E Convention** – To approve board members to attend the NJSBA Workshop on October 28-30, at a cost of \$1,200.00 (group rate) for the convention, \$102.00 per night per room for the hotel, plus

additional related travel expenses.

**F Tuition Contract** - To approve tuition contract with Elizabeth Board of Education for student #5305276015 in the amount of \$3,900.00 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Please note this is a received student and ESY only).

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Jennifer Gray

**Vote: To approve Item E and F**  
**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mr. Kube, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (7-0-0)\* Motion Approved**

**\* Individual Board Members abstained with regard to themselves for attendance to Convention.**

**Motion to approve Item G.**

**Referendum**

**G. Referendum** – To approve resolution of the Board of Education of the Borough of Magnolia, in the County of Camden, New Jersey approving the submission of a proposal to the voters of the school district at a special election to be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. (Attachment F1)

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban

**Vote: To approve Item G**  
**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. Rebecca DePrince, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mr. Kube, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (7-0-0) Motion Approved**

**Addendum**

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**Motion to approve Item A Addendum**  
**Motion to approve item A**

**Energy Market Exchange**

**A Energy Market Exchange**  
A RESOLUTION OF MAGNOLIA SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ENERGY GENERATION SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE



*September 16, 2014*

WHEREAS, the Magnolia School District has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure electricity for the Magnolia School District; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the “Act”) authorizes the purchase of energy generation service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the Magnolia School District will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at [www.energymarketexchange.com](http://www.energymarketexchange.com); and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and be it

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded by the Administrative Assistant to the following:

**Motioned by Rebecca DePrince, Seconded by Karen Sorbello**

**Vote: To approve Addendum Item A.**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. Rebecca DePrince, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mr. Kube, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (7-0-0) Motion Approved**

**Recess into Closed Session**

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at approximately 8:36p.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 8:50 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

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is: 14-9-1

**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  
Meeting**

**RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING –  
8:47 pm**

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht

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

Motion to approve Settlement Agreement #14-9-1

**Settlement  
Agreement**

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Motion to approve Settlement Agreement #14-9-1

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Jennifer Gray**

**Voice Vote. All in favor**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. Rebecca  
DePrince, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mr. Kube, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs.  
Wilson (7-0-0) Motion Approved**

**Adjournment**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:11 PM by Rudy Kube, seconded by  
Rebecca DePrince.**

**Vote: To Adjourn meeting  
Voice Vote. All in favor**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Greg Gontowski  
Board Secretary**

