

**Magnolia School District  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
August 26, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

**Mrs. Shelley Wilson  
opened the meeting**

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 7:06 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 P. Cavallo, Jr. Solicitor

**Mission Statement**

Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Shelley Wilson

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on June 17, 2014.
2. Minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting held on July 29, 2014

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht

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

**\*Rebecca DePrince –Abstained from Minutes of June 17, 2014 due to non-attendance.**

**Audience Participation I**

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban

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

Kimberly Britton, 427 Lincoln Avenue, Magnolia, New Jersey  
Ms. Britton, President of Magnolia School PTO handed out PTO  
Calendar of Events

Close Audience Participation I

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban

**Close Audience Participation I**

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**

**Unfinished Business**

Unfinished Business -None

**New Business**

- Joyce Albrecht provided an update on Task Force Meeting
- Edward Hoban discussed the road construction on Lincoln
- Shelley Wilson mentioned the condition of the playground

**State and Local School Board Association**

- Karen Sorbello expressed that no local meeting has occurred recently.

**Superintendent's Report**

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**Personnel  
Salaries for Non-  
Repsented Employees**

**Personnel**

3. The following salaries for non-represented employees ([enclosed](#))

**Motion to Approve Personnel Item 3**

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

**Vote: To approve Personnel Item 3**

**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**

**Thomas Springer, Sr  
Substitute Custodian**

4. Mr. Thomas Springer Sr. as substitute custodian for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of \$12.00 an hour

**Tyler Clark and David  
D'angelo – Substitute  
Teachers**

5. Mr. Tyler Clark and Mr. David D'Angelo as substitute teachers at the rate of \$80.00 a day

**Tricia Singleton  
Maternity Leave**

6. Mrs. Tricia Singleton to take maternity leave and invoke the family leave act from September 2<sup>nd</sup> with an anticipated date of December 16, 2014

**Elisa Zaccone Long  
Term Substitute**

7. Miss. Elisa Zaccone as long term sub for Mrs. Tricia Singleton

**Motion to Approve Personnel Items 4 through 7**

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

**Vote: To approve Personnel Items 4 through 7**

**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**

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**Lori Becoskie  
Workshop**

1. Mrs. Lori Becoskie to attend a workshop on August 26, 2014 entitled Understanding Dyslexia at a cost of \$50.00 per person (to be taken out of professional development)

**Motion to Approve Workshops Item 1**

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

**Vote: To approve Workshops Item 1**

**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**

**Addendum**

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**Temporary  
Instructional Space**

1. To approve submission to the county, application requesting approval for a temporary instructional space.

**Motion to Approve Addendum 1**

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

**Vote: To approve Addendum 1**

**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**

**Attendance  
Ratification of Melody  
Laranjeira for  
Workshop**

2. Ratification of Mrs. Melody Laranjeira to attend a Dyslexia workshop at Rowan University(Glassboro Public Schools) in Glassboro, New Jersey on August 26, 2014 at a cost of \$50.00 (to be taken out of Professional Development).

**Kerri Deremigi  
Substitute Teacher**

3. Ms. Kerri Deremigi as substitute teacher at a rate of \$80.00 a day.

**Motion to Approve Addendum 2 and 3**

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

**Vote: To approve Addendum 2 and 3**

**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**

**Trips**

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**Walking Trips**

1. All walking trips for the 2014-2015 school year

**Motion to Approve Trips Item 1**

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht**

**Vote: To approve Trips Item 1**

**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**

**Plans**

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1. The nurses service plan for the 2014-2015 school year

**Nurses Service Plan**

**Motion to Approve Plans Item 1**

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

**Vote: To approve Workshops Item 1**

**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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1. First reading of the following policies

3283 Electronic Communications between Teaching Staff Members and Students ([enclosed](#))

4283 Electronic Communications between Support Staff Members and Students ([enclosed](#))

5612 Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees ([enclosed](#))

5613 Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses ([enclosed](#))

**Motion to Approve Policies 1**

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

**Vote: To Approve Policy 1**

**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**

- 2. The following updated policy from Strauss Esmay Associates (Approval was given at the Special Meeting on May 25, 2010 to allow the Superintendent to update policy alerts from Strauss Esmay Associates.)  
2412, 2417, 2481, 5200, 5610, 5611, 8462

**Motion to Approve Policies 2**

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

**Vote: To approve Policy 2**

**Informational Items**

**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:**

**Perfect Attendance**

- 1. Strategic Plan 2012-2015; Superintendent updated
- 2. Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC): Superintendent to discuss
- 3. Updated Committee List: distributed

**Buildings and Grounds**

- 1. The following employees had perfect attendance for the 2013-2014 School Year:
 

Lorraine Becoskie	Allison Kilpatrick
Ralph Johnson	Karen MacPherson
Warren Pross	Amy Stolarick

**Curriculum**

**Finance**

**A. Buildings and Grounds**

- 1. ROD Grant: Updated

**Interdistrict**

**B. Curriculum – NONE**

**C. Finance – NONE**

**Negotiations**

**Policy/Procedure**

**Public  
Relations/Liaison**

**Student/Parental  
Issues and Concerns**

**Principal's Report**

**Informational Items**

**Board Action**

**Monthly Reports**

**Transfer of Funds**

**Financial Reports**

**D. Interdistrict**

1. Interdistrict Superintendents' Meetings, 2014-2015:  
Superintendent discussed

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

**F. Policy/Procedure - None**

**G. Public Relations/Liaison**

1. Booster Clubs, 2014-2015: Superintendent discussed
2. Emergency Management Plan Meeting: discussed

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

1. HIB protocol: Updated

**I. Principal's Report**

1. Mr. Johnson's June 19, 2014 Principal's Report ([enclosed](#))

**BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
REPORT**

**Informational Items: NONE**

**Board Actions:**

**Motion to approve items A through C**

**A. Monthly Reports**

The Budget Summary and Revenue Summary for the month of May 2014 (**Attachment A1 and Attachment A2**) and June 2014 (**Attachment A3 and Attachment A4**).

**B. Transfer of Funds**

The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of June 2014 (**Attachment B1**).

**C. Financial Reports**

**1.** Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of May and June 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 and Attachment C2)**

**2.** Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of May and June 2014. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of May and June 2014. **(Attachment C3 and Attachment C4)**

**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 Rudy Kube

**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**

**Warrants**



**Motion to approve item D**

**D. Warrants**

The attached bill lists:

- June & July 2014 payroll (**Attachment D1**)
- June, July, & August 2014 warrants (**Attachment D2**)

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban

**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 Item E through H**

**Alternate Kindergarten**

**E. Alternate Kindergarten** – To approve submission to the county, application requesting approval for an alternate kindergarten toilet.

**Dual Use of Instructional Space**

**F. Dual Use** – To approve submission to the county, application requesting permission for a dual use of instructional space.

**CM3**

**G. CM3** – To approve maintenance services agreement with CM3 for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$12,550.00.

**Camden County Elementary League**

**H. CC Elementary League** – To approve participation in the Camden County Elementary League to participate in the approved interschool athletic program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motioned by Rebecca DePrince, Seconded by Karen Sorbello

**Vote: To approve Items E thru H**

**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 items I through N**

- Y.A.L.E. Tuition**                      **I. YALE Tuition** – To approve tuition contract with YALE School for student #8985625696 in the amount of \$53,146.80 (including ESY) for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Y.A.L.E. Tuition**                      **J. YALE Tuition** – To approve tuition contract with YALE School for student #3682818486 in the amount of \$55,822.20 (including ESY) for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Archway Tuition**                      **K. Archway Tuition** – To approve tuition contract with Archway for student #5400312050 in the amount of \$40,149.10 (including ESY) for the 2014-2015 school year. and to approve a 1:1 aide at a cost of \$30,100.00 (including ESY) for the 2014-2015 school year.
- GCSSSD Tuition**                      **L. GCSSSD Tuition** – To approve tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for student #6443053032 in the amount of \$3,900.00 (ESY only) for the 2014-2015 school year.
- GCSSSD Tuition**                      **M. GCSSSD Tuition** – To approve tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for student #5305276015 in the amount of \$3,900.00 (ESY only) for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Tuition with Camden Board of Education**                      **N. Tuition** – To approve tuition contract with Camden Board of Education for student #4214818780 in the amount of \$1,264.32 for the 2014-2015 school year. (Please note this is a received student and for only one month).

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Jennifer Gray

**Vote: To approve Items I through N**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mr. Kube, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (7-0-0)\*\* Motion Approved**  
**\*\*Rebecca DePrince approves only N. Abstains from I through M.**

**Audience Participation II**

**Open Audience Participation II - NONE**

**Recess into Closed Session**

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at approximately 8:22p.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 8:30 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 matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is Personnel ;

**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.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rebecca DePrince

**Vote: To enter executive session**

**Voice Vote. All in favor**

**Action will be taken after Executive Session**

**Resumption of Public  
Portion of Meeting**

**RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING –  
8:35 pm**

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rudy Kube.

**Vote: To approve Resumption of Public Portion of the Meeting**

**Voice vote. All in favor.**

**Motion by Joyce Albrecht, Seconded by Rudy Kube.**

**Superintendent's  
Evaluation**

**Approve Superintendents Evaluation as read in Executive  
Session.**

**Vote: To approve Superintendent's Evaluation as read in  
Executive Session.**

**Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. Rebecca DePrince, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban,  
Mr. Kube, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (7-0-0) Motion  
Approved.**

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rudy Kube

**Personnel**

**Personnel**

1. Mr. Gregg M. Love as 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher effective September 1, 2014 on BA +30 Step 1 at a starting salary of \$51,161.00
2. Ms. Aphrodite Dellaporta as special education teacher effective September 1, 2014 on BA+15 step 1 at a starting salary of \$50,349.00

**Motion to Approve Personnel Items 1 and 2**

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Jennifer Gray

**Vote: To approve Personnel 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**

**Adjournment**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:17 PM by Rebecca DePrince  
seconded by Edward Hoban**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Greg Gontowski**  
**Board Secretary**









