

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 7, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Greg Gontowski opened the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Oath of Office

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Roll Call

Mrs. Joyce Albrecht	Present
Mrs. Rebecca Ammen	Present
Mr. Nick D'Amico	Present
Mr. Mark Godfrey	Present
Mrs. Rebeca Lang Staffieri	Present
Mrs. Karen Sorbello	Present
Mr. Eric Virostek	Present

Other Attendees

Mrs. Karen Macpherson, Superintendent
Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Susan Hodges, Solicitor

**Election of
President of the
Board**

Election of President of the Board

Mr. Greg Gontowski called for Nomination of President of the Board

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri to nominate Nick D'Amico.

Vote: To approve Nomination of President of the Board

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, **Mr. D'Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Virostek, Mrs. Sorbello (6-0-1) **D'Amico Abstained

Motion Approved

Mr. Greg Gontowski turned the meeting over to the President Nick D'Amico

**Election of Vice-
President of the
Board**

Election of Vice-President of the Board

Mr. Nick D'Amico called for Nomination of Vice-President of the Board

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Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri to nominate Karen Sorbello.

Vote: To approve Nomination of Vice President of the Board
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D'Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Virostek, **Mrs. Sorbello (6-0-1)
**** Karen Sorbello Abstained**

Motion Approved

Appointment of Board Committee Members

Nomination and Election of Board Committee Members

Appoint Karen Sorbello as Delegate of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2020.

Appoint Eric Virostek as Alternate Delegate of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2020.

Appoint Joyce Albrecht as Legislative Chairperson of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2020.

Appoint Karen Sorbello as Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2020.

Appoint Eric Virostek as Alternate Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2020.

Appoint Rebecca Ammen as Representative to Camden County Educational Services Commission for 2020.

Motioned by Eric Virostek, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Nomination and Election of Board Committee Members
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D'Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Virostek, and Mrs. Sorbello (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Mr. Nick D'Amico

Student of the Month

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Approval of Minutes

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

- Minutes and Executive Session of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on December 10, 2019.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Eric Virstek

Vote: To approve Minutes
Voice Vote. All in favor **Rebecca Ammen, Rebecca Lang Staffieri and Mark Godfrey - Abstained

Motion Approved

**Audit Presentation
Audience
Participation I**

Audit Presentation

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Rebeca Ammen

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

**Close Audience
Participation I**

Close Audience Participation I

Motioned by Rebeca Ammen , Seconded by Karen Sorbello

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

**Board of Education
Business**

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

**Unfinished
Business**

None

New Business

None

**State and Local
School Board
Association**

None

Superintendent's Report

**Superintendent's
Report**

Information Items:

A. Curriculum/Programs

1. New Robotics Club

B. Interdistrict

1. Staff members to attend PD at Sterling on Oncourse.

C. Public Relations/Liaison

1. The next liaison meeting will be held in the Media Center on January 14th at 7:00pm.

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns – None

E. Buildings and Grounds

1. A shelter in place was conducted on December 16, 2019.
2. A fire drill was conducted on December 18, 2019.

F. *Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)

G. Misc

1. Committee meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm before board meeting on February 18th. President to appoint members.

H. HIB

1. There are no HIB's to report at this time.

I. Principals Report

1. Mr. Sorrentino's principal's report (**Attached**)

Motion to Approve Personnel Items 1, 2 and 4

Personnel

**G. Samuels –
Teaching Assistant**

1. Ratification of G. Samuels as teaching assistant beginning January 2, 2020 on step 5 at a starting salary of \$18,021.

**E. Griffith –
Substitute Teacher**

2. Ratification of Emily Griffith as substitute teacher beginning January 3, 2020 at a rate of \$85.00 a day.

3. Tabled

**D. Cogan – Chair
Robotics Club**

4. Dave Cogan to chair robotics club for grades 6-8 at a stipend of \$625.00.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Karen Sorbello

Vote: To approve Personnel Items 1, 2 and 4

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D'Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Virostek, and Mrs. Sorbello (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

**Job Description –
Teaching
Assistants/Teaching
Aides**

Motion to Approve Job Description Item 1 and Trips Item 1

Job description

1. The updated job description for teaching assistants/teaching aides (Attached.)

**Renaissance Trip
2/21/20 – Blue
Mountain**

Trips

1. The Renaissance trip on February 21, 2020 to Blue Mountain in Pennsylvania. (No expense to the board)

Motioned by Eric Virostek, Second by Rebecca Ammen

**Vote: To approve Job Description Item 1 and Trips Item 1
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Workshops/Professional Development Items 1 and 2

Workshops/Professional Development

**E. Green Hamilton
– Workshop
3/19/20**

1. Emily Green Hamilton to attend a workshop entitled Transitioning from Pecs to Speech Generating Devices in New Brunswick NJ on March 19, 2020 at a cost of \$199.00 (to be taken out of professional development).

**C. Jedicka, S.
Anastasi and S.
Augustine –
Workshop 1/27/20**

2. Cara Jedlicka, Sue Anastasi, and Stacey Augustine to attend a workshop entitled Anti Bullying Law update and the role of the ABS on January 27, 2020 at a cost of \$150.00 each to be taken out of Title II).

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

**Vote: To Approve Workshops/Professional Development Items 1 and 2
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr.
D’Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Virostek, and Mrs.
Sorbello (7-0-0)**

Motion Approved

**Board Secretary
Report**

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Informational Items:

- Budget Dates

Board Actions

Board Actions:

Motion to approve Items A and B

A. Warrants

Bill List

The attached bill lists:

- December 2019 warrants (**Attachment A1**)

B. Warrants

Approval of the BA to continue payment of all bills thru 2/18/20

Approval of the Business Administrator to continue payment of all bills through February 18, 2020, or until the next Board of Education meeting. The bill lists for those payments will be submitted at the next Board of Education meeting.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Eric Virostek

Vote: To approve Items A and B

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D'Amico, **Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Virostek, and Mrs. Sorbello (6-0-1) **Mark Godfrey Abstained

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Item C

Audit

C. Audit

To approve acceptance of the June 30, 2019 audit report with no recommendations. The audit was officially presented at the January 7, 2020 meeting and a summary of audit was made available to the public.

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Eric Virostek

Motion to Approve Audit Item C

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D'Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Virostek, and Mrs. Sorbello (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

Open Audience Participation II

Open Audience Participation II

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation II

Voice Vote. All in favor

- BettyAnn Cowling-Carson - Congratulations to 3 members elected and wanted to express continued support of the board as a whole.

Close Audience Participation II

Close Audience Participation II

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve closing of Audience Participation II

Voice vote. All in favor

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:26 pm by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri.

Vote: To Adjourn meeting

Voice Vote. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary**

