

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Reorganization/Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 7, 2021
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	Absent – Arrived at 7:16
Mr. Eric Virostek	Present

Other Attendees

Mrs. Karen Macpherson, Superintendent
Mr. 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 Joyce Albrecht, 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 and Mr. Virostek, (5-0-1) **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

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Eric Virostek to nominate Joyce Albrecht.

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 and Mr. Virostek, (5-0-1) Joyce Albrecht- Abstained**

**Appointment of
Board Committee
Members**

Motion Approved

Nomination and Election of Board Committee Members

Appoint **Karen Sorbello** as Delegate of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2021.

Motioned by Joyce Albrecht, Second by Rebeca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Nomination

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D’Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri and Mr. Virostek, (6-0-0)

Motion Approved

Appoint **Eric Virostek** as Alternate Delegate of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2021.

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Rebeca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Nomination

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D’Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri and **Mr. Virostek, (5-0-1) **Eric Virostek – Abstained

Motion Approved

Appoint **Joyce Albrecht** as Legislative Chairperson of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2021.

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Rebeca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Nomination

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: ** Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D’Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri and Mr. Virostek, (5-0-1)

****Joyce Albrecht – Abstained**

Motion Approved

Appoint **Karen Sorbello** as Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2021.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Eric Virostek

Vote: To approve Nomination

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D’Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri and Mr. Virostek, (6-0-0)

Motion Approved

Appoint **Eric Virostek** as Alternate Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2021.

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Rebecca Lang Stafferi

Vote: To approve Nomination

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D'Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri and **Mr. Virostek, (5-0-1) **Eric Virostek -Abstained

Motion Approved

Appoint **Rebecca Ammen** as Representative to Camden County Educational Services Commission for 2021.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Rebecca Eric Virostek

Vote: To approve Nomination

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, **Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D'Amico, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri and Mr. Virostek, (5-0-1)
Rebecca Ammen – Abstained

Motion Approved

Mission Statement Mission Statement was read by Mr. Nick D'Amico

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes and Executive Session of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on December 8, 2020.

Motioned by Joyce Albrecht, Second by Eric Virstek

Vote: To approve Minutes

Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

**Karen Sorbello
Arrived**

Karen Sorbello Arrived at 7:16

Oath of Office

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**Audience
Participation I**

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, 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 Lang Staffieri , Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

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
State and Local**

Nick D’Amico – Proposed keeping committees the same as 2020

Nick D’Amico – County meeting update

**School Board
Association**

Superintendent’s Report

**Superintendent’s
Report**

Motion to Approve Personnel Item 1

Personnel

**Amendment to
Superintendent’s
Contract**

1. Motion to approve the county approved amendment to the Superintendent’s contract **(Attachment 1)**.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Personnel Item 1

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

**Recess into Closed
Session**

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at approximately 7:24 p.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 7:55 p.m. this evening.

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.

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To Enter Executive Session

Voice Vote. All in favor (7-0-0)

Action will be taken after Executive Session

**Resumption to
Public Portion of
the Meeting**

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING – 8:00 pm

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Resumption of Public Portion of the Meeting

Voice vote. All in favor (7-0-0)

Superintendent's Addendum

**Student
#5613474895 – Not
a Resident of
Magnolia**

1. Motion to approve adoption of the recommendation of administration to establish that Student #5613474895 is not a resident of Magnolia. to discontinue enrollment at Magnolia Public School District due to lack of residency

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Addendum Item 1

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

**Submission
Student Learning
Loss Application**

2. The submission of the student learning loss application.

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Addendum Item 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/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

**Board Secretary
Report**

Informational Item

JIF Award

Loss Ratio <50% - \$1,000.00

Reporting Claims within 24 Hours - \$1,000.00

Safety Award Elite II - \$2,500.0

Safety District of the Year - \$2,500.00

Board Actions:

Board Actions

Motion to approve Items A thru E

A. Monthly Reports

The Budget Summary and Revenue Summary for the month of November 2020
(Attachment A1 & A2).

B. Transfer of Funds

The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of November 2020 (Attachment B1)

C. Financial Reports

1. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of November 2020. 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 November 2020. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of November 2020. (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.

Bill List

D. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

December 2020 payroll (**Attachment D1**)
December 2020 warrants (**Attachment D2**)

**Approval of the BA
to continue
payment of all bills
thru Nest Board
Meeting**

E. Approval of Payment of Bills

Approval of the Business Administrator to continue payment of all bills 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 Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Items A thru E

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

Motion to Approve Item F

**CARES
Amendment**

F. CARES Amendment – To approve acceptance of an additional \$4,338.00 in CARES Grant and to approve the amendment allocating these additional funds.

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

Motion to Approve Item F

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 Eric Virostek, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation II

Voice Vote. All in favor

- Brinda Blackowski 109 Otter Branch Dr
- . – Asked a question regarding afternoon session.
- Nathan Squires 307 Brook Ave, Apt. 27 Magnolia

– Asked how to prove they are residents of Magnolia

BettyAnn Cowling Carson

- Congratulations to the reorganization of the board and the officers elected and expressed continued support of the BOE.

**Close Audience
Participation II**

Close Audience Participation II

Motioned by Mark Godfey, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

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

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10 pm by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen.

Vote: To Adjourn meeting
Voice Vote. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary

