

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 15, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Nick D'Amico opened the regular meeting at 7:02 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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
Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Brett Gorman, Solicitor

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Nick D'Aminco.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes off the Regular Board of Education meeting held on August 25, 2020.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht

Vote: To approve Minutes

Voice Vote. All in favor * Rebecca Ammen – Abstained

Motion Approved

**Audience Participation
I**

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Karen Sorbello

Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation I

Voice Vote. All in favor

**Close Audience
Participation I**

Close Audience Participation I

Motioned by Eric Virostek, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve closing of Audience Participation I

Voice vote. All in favor

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Rebecca Ammen - Welcomed Chris Torres to the board meeting.

**State and Local
School Board
Association**

None

**Superintendent's
Report**

Superintendent's Report

Informational Items:

A. Curriculum/Programs:

GoGuardian

1. Purchased GoGuardian - It provides teachers with a portal to direct students' attention to specific online resources and help keep students on-task and away from inappropriate content.

NEWSLA

2. Newsela - takes authentic content from the world's most trusted providers and turns it into learning materials that are classroom-ready and leveled to meet all students' learning levels.

B. Interdistrict: None

C. Public Relations/Liaison - None

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns

F Positive feedback from parents on remote learning schedules.

G Tablet distribution successful.

E. Buildings and Grounds

H Completing work on drainage of the playground.

F. *Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session) - None

G. Misc - None

H. HIB - None

I. Principals Report - None

Personnel

Motion to Approve Personnel Items 1 thru 6

**5 Staff Members to do
Zearn Math**

1. Ratification of an additional five staff members to do Zearn math to include grades 7 and 8 for 5 hours each at a rate of \$20.00 a hour (to be taken out of title 2).

**20 Teacher to
Complete NewsELA**

2. Ratification of twenty teachers to complete NewsEla an online certified educators program for 5 hours each at a rate of \$20.00 an hour (to be taken out of title 2).

**Jamie Devecchis to
Teach Algebra 2
hours a week**

3. Ratification of Jamie Devecchis to teacher 2 hours a week algebra at a rate of \$40.00 an hour.

**Brittney Schotter – To
Complete Unpaid
Internship with
Stacey Augustine**

4. Brittney Schotter, a graduate student in social work, to complete her unpaid internship with Stacey Augustine for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Sarah Moleski –
Clinical Internship PT**

5. Sarah Moleski, a student physical therapist from the University of the Sciences to complete her clinical internship, under the supervision of Virtua Rehab services serving Magnolia Public school students from October 26, 2020 to February 2021.

**Brandon Gordon –
Spring Graduate
Coursework**

6. Brandon Gordon to take Spring graduate coursework to obtain his supervisory certification.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Eric Virostek

Vote: To approve Personnel Items 1 thru 6

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

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Activities/Programs Item 1

**PTO Events 2020-
2021**

1. The PTO following events for the 2020-2021 school year
Online Scholastic Book Fair, September 28th - October 11th Virtual Holiday Shop, November 30 - December 5th.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Activities/Personnel Item 1

Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

**Board Secretary
Report**

Informational Items: Convention- Online only – October 20,22, 2020

Motion to Approve Items A thru E

Board Actions

A. The Budget Summary and Revenue Summary for the month of July 2020
(Attachment A1, A2).

B. Transfer of Funds

The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of July 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 July 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 July 2020. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of July 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.

Please note: Attachment C4 will be distributed separately.

D. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

Bill List

- i) July and August 2020 payroll (**Attachment D1**)
- ii) August thru September warrants (**Attachment D2**)

E. Approval of Payment of Bills

**Business
Administrator to
Continue Payment
until next BOE
Meeting**

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, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Items A thru E

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

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Items F thru H

**Digital Divided Grant
20-21**

F. Digital Divide Grant – To approve submission and acceptance of the 2020-2021 Digital Divide Grant in an amount up to \$63,647.00

**Convention – Board
Members to Attend
NJSBA Workshop
10/20/20 thru 10/22/20**

G. Convention – To approve board members and Superintendent to attend the NJSBA Workshop on October 20-22, 2020 at a cost of \$199.00 per person.

Form 326

H. Form 326 – To approve the attached food service procurement procedures (Form 326). (**Attachment H1**)

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Items F thru H

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

Motion Approved

**Audience
Participation II**

Open Audience Participation II

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation II

Voice Vote. All in favor

- Kerstin Shukaitis 320 Atlantic Ave.
- Asked a question regarding scheduling of school

- Blenda Blachowski 109 Otter Branch Drive
 - Complimented school on how they are handling opening.
 - Commented on disbursing information to parents.
- Melissa Adams 325 W. Lincoln
 - Indicated she had concerns with daughter having to be on zoom during certain times.
 - Asked about start date of after school program.
- Linda Alexander – 703 Harrison Ave.
 - Expressed concerns regarding the length of the school day.
- Jennifer Bates 618 W. Lincoln Ave.
 - Asked about protocol regarding cases of Corona within school district.

**Close Audience
Participation II**

Close Audience Participation II

Motioned by Eric Virostek, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve closing of Audience Participation II

Voice vote. All in favor

Executive Session

Motion Approved

Adjournment

Executive Session – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri.

Vote: To Adjourn meeting

Voice Vote. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary**

