

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 15, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Nick D'Amico opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Oath of Office

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Roll Call

Mrs. Joyce Albrecht	Arrived at 7:10
Mrs. Rebecca Ammen	Present
Mrs. Vazquez-Colon	Present
Mr. Nick D'Amico	Present
Mr. Mark Godfrey	Present
Mrs. Rebecca Lang Staffieri	Present
Mrs. Karen Sorbello	Present

Other Attendees

Mrs. Karen Macpherson, Superintendent
Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Bill Morlok, Solicitor

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Nick D'Amico.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on December 14, 2021.
- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on January 4, 2022.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

Vote: To approve Minutes

Voice Vote. All in favor

**Open Audience
Participation I**

Motion Approved

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation I

Voice Vote. All in favor

None

Close Audience Participation I

Close Audience Participation I

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

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

Motion Approved

Board of Education Business

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Rebecca Ammen – Concerns about student drop off line and parents getting out of the car

State and Local School Board Association

None

Joyce Albrecht

Joyce Albrecht – Arrived at 7:10

Superintendent's Report

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Information Items:

A. Curriculum/Programs

1. Summer Program to run same as last year.

B. Interdistrict

1. Spanish for middle school students - shared service with Sterling.

C. Public Relations/Liaison - None

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns - None

E. Buildings and Grounds

1. A lockdown was conducted on December 7, 2021
2. A fire drill was conducted on December 14, 2021
3. A fire drill was conducted on January 6, 2022
4. A lockdown was conducted on January 25, 2022

F. Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)

G. Misc.

1. Discussion on mask mandate lifted March 7, 2022.

H. HIB

1. One HIB to report (unfounded)

I. Principal's Report

1. Mr. Sorrentino's principal's report for December and January is **attached**

Board Actions

Personnel

Motion to Approve, on the Recommendation of the Superintendent, Personnel Items 1 through 9

Collen Roehr – Write Curriculum for Art History Program

1. Ratification of Colleen Roehr to write curriculum for our new Art History program at \$40.00 an hour at 2 hours a week (to be taken out of ESSR Grant).

Tahina Rahman – Substitute Custodian 21-22

2. Ratification of Tahina Rahman as substitute custodian for the 21-22 school year at a rate of \$15.00 an hour effective January 12, 2022.

Employees Paid for Twilight Mentoring Program

3. The following employees to be paid \$40.00 an hour for 2 hours a week for our new Twilight mentoring program that promotes students academic and social emotional needs beginning the week of February 14, 2022 through May 27, 2022 (to be taken out of ESSR).

Allison Gilley

Jamie DeVecchis

Shaun Williams

Ashton Whitaker

Aphrodite Dellaporta

Kelly Livingston

Steve Taylor

Patty Constantine

Heather McGuirl- \$22.22 hr

G. Palladino, K. Sheehan and A. Kowalewski – Do their Practicum 2/16/22-6/15/22

4. Gabriella Palladino, Kailey Sheehan, and Alison Kowalewski, senior highschool students from Sterling Highschool to do their practicum at Magnolia beginning February 16, 2022 through June 15, 2022.

Accept with regret the Resignation of George Brandon Gordon- Effective 3/18/22

Marisa Greenberg – School Psychologist 3/1/22

Aphrodite Dellaporta – Medical Leave 4/4/22 through the Remainder of 21-22

Richard Clement – Attend NJ Schools Building And Grounds Association Convention 3/20/22-3/23/22

Bridgette Atkinson - To Complete her Clinical Internship 2/28/22-5-6-22

5. The resignation of school psychologist, George “Brandon” Gordon effective March 18, 2022 (**attachment**).
6. Marisa Greenberg as school psychologist effective March 1, 2022 as a MA+30 step 3 with a starting salary of \$61,263.
7. Aphrodite Dellaporta to take medical leave beginning April 4, 2022 through the remainder of the 21-22 school year.
8. Richard Clement to attend the NJ Schools Buildings and Grounds Association Convention in Atlantic City NJ on March 20th through March 23rd at a cost of \$196.06 (to be paid out of professional development).
9. Bridgette Atkinson, a student from Rutgers University to complete her clinical internship in physical therapy under the supervision our physical therapist Monica Bonitatis from February 28, 2022 to May 6, 2022.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Mark Godfrey

Vote: To approve Personnel Items 1 through 9

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

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve, Trips Items 1 through 5

Trips

8th Grade Trip – Hershey Park 3/20/22

3 Staff Member to Attend 8th Grade Trip

Band, Choir and Dance Trip – Great Adventure 6/2/22

Renaissance Trip 6/1/22 – Amazing Escape Room

1. The eighth grade class trip to Hershey Park on Friday May 20, 2022 from 9:00am to 10:00pm (This is not a board expensed trip).
2. Three staff members (to be determined) to attend the eighth grade trip at a cost of \$52.44 per person for a total of \$157.4.
3. The Band, Choir, and Dance trip on June 2, 2022 to Great Adventure Six Flags Theme Park from 9:30am to 10:00pm. (This is not a board expensed trip).
4. The Renaissance trip on June 1, 2022 to The Amazing Escape Room in

Cherry Hill NJ (This is not a board expensed trip).

**Renaissance Trip –
Great Adventure
6/8/22**

5. The Renaissance trip on June 8, 2022 to Great Adventure Six Flags Theme Park from 9:30am to 7:00pm (This is not a board expensed trip)

Motioned by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon, Second by Mark Godfrey

Vote: To approve Trips Items 1 through 5

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

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve, Calendar Item 1

Calendar

Calendar 2022-2023

1. The Magnolia School Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year (**attachment**).

Motioned by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Calendar Item 1

Roll Call Vote. All in favor:

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve, Evaluations Item 1

Evaluations

**Child Study Team
IEE 21-22**

1. The Child Study Team IEE (Independent Educational Evaluations) list for the remainder of the 21-22 school year (**attachment**).

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Second by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Evaluations Item 1

Roll Call Vote. All in favor:

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve, Policies Item 1

**Policies
2145,05243.4 and
9560, Regulations
2431.4 and 8465**

1. The following updated policies and regulations 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.)

Policies 2415,05, 2431.4 2622, and 9560

Regulations 2431.4 and 8465

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Mark Godfrey

Vote: To approve Policies Item 1

Roll Call Vote. All in favor:

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve, Policies Item 2

**Revision to Student
Uniform Policy and
First Reading of
Regulation 2460.30
and 2622**

2. Revision to the Magnolia student uniform policy to include gray sweater tops

First reading of regulation #2460.30 Additional/Compensatory Special
Education and Related Services (**attachment**)

First reading of regulation 2622 Student Assessment (**attachment**)

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Mark Godfrey

Vote: To approve Policies Item 2

Roll Call Vote. All in favor:

Motion Approved

**Board Secretary
Report**

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Informational Items:

Board Actions

Board Actions:

Motion to approve Items A through E

Bill List

A Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- February 2022 warrants (**Attachment A1**)

SEMI Participation

B. SEMI Participation – To participate in SEMI for the 2022-2023 school year despite being eligible for a SEMI waiver and to confirm that all SEMI requirements will be implemented including the submission of the staff pool list, completion of the random moment time study, and all cost reporting in accordance with all program deadlines for the entire 2022-2023 school year.

**Marie H. Katzenbach
– Tuition Student
#5368036857 21-22**

C Tuition Contract - To approve tuition contract with Marie H. Katzenbach School for student #5368036857 in the amount of \$38,025.00 for tuition for

the 2021-2022 school year.

**YALE – Tuition
Student #6032576706
21-22**

D Tuition Contract - To approve tuition contract with YALE School for student #6032576706 in the amount of \$78,080.10 for tuition for the 2021-2022 school year (Note: to be prorated).

**Gloucester Township
BOE – Tuition
Student #2895610738
21-22**

E Tuition Contract - To approve tuition contract with Gloucester Township Board of Education for student #2895610738 in the amount of \$13,415.00 for tuition for the 2021-2022 school year.

Board Actions:

Motion to approve Addendum Item A

A Corrective Action Plan

Motion to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Food Service Procurement Review. (Attachment A1)

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

Vote: To approve Item A

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mrs. Sorbello and **Mr. D’Amico (6-0-1)
Nick D’Amico – Abstained to Bayada and ESS

Vote: To approve Trips Items B through E and Addendum Item A

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

Motion Approved

**Open Audience
Participation II**

Open Audience Participation II

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation II

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

- Linda Alexander 703 Morrison Ave. – Expressed not comfortable with the lifting of the mask mandate.

**Close Audience
Participation II**

Close Audience Participation II

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Alyssa Vazquez Colon

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

Motion Approved

Executive Session None

Adjournment **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:36 pm by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

Vote: To Adjourn meeting
Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary

