

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Special Meeting
Minutes
December 14, 2021
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	Present
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. Bill Morlok, Solicitor

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Nick D’Aminco.

Election Results

ELECTION RESULTS

Regular Term:

Nick D’Amico – 828 votes
Rebecca Ammen – 803 votes

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on November 16, 2021.

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

Vote: To approve Minutes

Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

Presentation

Presentation of the Magnolia Symphonic Choir by Mr. Loper

Presentation

Presentation on Covid by Mrs. Sandy Marlys

Open Audience Participation I

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

**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 Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

**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

None

State and Local School Board Association

None

Superintendent's Report

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Information Items:

A. Curriculum/Programs

1. Consultation services for Special Education Classrooms
2. End of the Trimester and discussion on interventions

. B. Interdistrict

1. Discussion of Sterling United

C. Public Relations/Liaison - None

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns

1. Covid pandemic impact

E. Buildings and Grounds

1. A shelter in place was conducted on November 19, 2021
2. A fire drill was conducted on November 22, 2021

F. Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)

G. Misc. – None

H. HIB

1. 2 HIB's to report (founded)

I. Principal's Report

1. Mr. Sorrentino's report is **attached**

Board Actions

Personnel

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

Gunner Lopper -Paid to Take Inventory of Music/theater Supplies

1. Ratification of Gunner Loper to be paid \$20.00 an hour for 3 hours to organize and take inventory of music/theatre supplies in the outside shed .

Lisa Michalowski – Maternity Leave

2. Lisa Michalowski to take maternity leave effective February 22, 2022 and to invoke the family leave act with an anticipated return date of June 9, 2022 (**attachment**).

Dave Cogan and Dylan Smith – To Chair 3rd Robotic Club

3. Dave Cogan and Dylan Smith to chair a 3rd Robotics club to be split between 4 and 5th grade at a stipend of \$625.00 each.

Jessica Moore – Teachers Aide Salary Guide to Step 12

4. Jessica Moore to move up on the teachers aide salary guide from step 11 to step 12 at a salary of \$18,217 to accommodate the minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2022.

Jessica Moore – To be Paid Afterschool SEL

5. Jessica Moore to be paid \$12.76 an hour for afterschool 2 hours a month for SEL initiatives assisting the teacher with the new Magnolia School store.

**Michael Morgan –
Medical Leave
1/31/22-Remainder of
the 21-22 School Year**

6. Michael Morgan to go out on medical leave from January 31st through the remainder of the 21-22 school year.

**Emily Kozeniewski –
Long Term Substitute
Teacher 1/3/22**

7. Emily Kozeniewski as long term substitute teacher for Zachary Camerieri and Michael Morgan to begin January 3rd at a rate of \$200.00 a day.

**CJ Penberthy – To be
Paid for After School
Preparation work for
Teacher Coverages**

8. CJ Penberthy to be paid \$21.80 an hour, not to exceed 10 hours for after school preparation work for teacher coverages.

**Carly Bond –
Coursework Spring
and Summer 2022 at
Rutgers**

9. Carly Bond to take coursework during the Spring 2022 and Summer 2022 at Rutgers University in pursuit of her Students with Disabilities Certification .

**Shaun Williams – To
be Paid up to 10
Hours for Community
Liaison for the
Sterling Sports
Program.**

10. Shaun Williams to be paid \$20.00 an hour for up to 10 hours to be our community liaison for the Sterling Regional Sports Program.

11. The following staff to be paid \$20.00 an hour up to 10 hours each for the 21-22 school year for Leadership and Equity meeting after school hours (to be taken out of ESSR grant).

Ali Gilley

Aphrodite Dellaporta

Ashton Whitaker

Cameron Scilio

Elisa Rutherford

Jamie DeVecchis

Sandy Marllys

Kelly Livingston

Katie Rickenbach

Shaun Williams

Lorraine Sheilds

Stacey Augustine

Dylan Smith

Leah Hallahan

Jess Moore (\$12.76 hour)

Gunner Loper

Paul Sorrentino

Jennifer Pontarelli

Karen Macpherson

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second, by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Personnel Items 1 through 11

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

Plans

Motion to Approve, on the Recommendation of the Superintendent, Plans Item 1

1. The Early Childhood Program Aid (ECPA) for the 2022-2023 school year

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen Second, by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Plans Item 1

Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

**Board Secretary
Report**

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Board Actions

Informational Items:

Board Actions:

Motion to approve Items A through D

Bill List

A Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- November 2021 payroll (**Attachment A1**)
- December warrants (**Attachment D2**)

**Budget Calendar 2022
and -2023**

B. Budget Calendar – To approve the 2022-2023 budget manual/calendar (**Attachment B1**).

ARP

C. ARP – To approve the revised ARP (ESSER III) grant award in the following amounts:

\$797,738.00 – ESSER

\$50,000.00 - Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant

\$40,000.00 - Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities

\$40,000.00 - Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant

\$45,000.00 - NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant

**Lawnside BOE
Tuition Student
#4867705873**

D Tuition Contract - To approve tuition contract with Lawnside Board of Education for student #4867750873 in the amount of \$66,420.00 for tuition for the 2021-2022 school year (Note: receiving student).

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Personnel Items A through D

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

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Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

- **Gary Sullivan 202 Cumberland Ave, - Questioned paying teacher for sterling United.**

Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation II

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

None

Close Audience Participation II

Close Audience Participation II

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve closing of Audience Participation II

Voice vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

Executive Session

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at approximately 7:43 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 8:00 p.m. this evening.

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 Superintendents Contract);

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 Rebecca Ammen, 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 OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING – 8:02pm

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

**Vote: To approve Resumption of Public Portion of the Meeting
Voice vote. All in favor (7-0-0)**

Motion Approved

**Submission to the
County Office the
Amendment to the
Current
Superintendent's
Contact**

To approve submission to the County Office the amendment to the current Superintendent's contract.

Motioned by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

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)

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:03 pm by Rebecca Lang Staffieri Seconded by Mark Godfrey.

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

Motion Approved

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary**

