

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
October 18, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mrs. Rebecca Ammen	Absent
Mr. Nick D’Amico	Present
Mr. Mark Godfrey	Present
Mrs. Rebeca Lang Staffieri	Present
Mrs. Karen Sorbello	Present
Mrs. Alyssa Vazquez-Colon	Present

Other Attendee

Mrs. Karen Macpherson, Superintendent
Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Alicia D’Anella, Solicitor

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Nick D’Aminco.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on September 20, 2022

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Minutes

Voice Vote. All in favor ** Mark Godfrey– Abstained

Motion Approved

Open Audience Participation I

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, 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 Mark Godfrey

- Presentations**
- Vote: To approve closing of Audience Participation I
Voice vote. All in favor**
- Presentation:**
- 1. Carly Bond and Haley Attanasi gave a brief presentation on our Leader in Me program
 - 2. Jen Pontarelli gave a brief overview of standardized test results for Start Strong, Dynamic Learning Maps and Access for English Language Learners
- Carly Bond and Haley Attanasi – Our Leader in Me Program**
- Jen Pontarelli – Overview of Standardized Test Result**
- Board of Education Business**
- BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**
- Unfinished Business**
- Board Interviews
- Recess into Closed Session**
- RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at approximately 8:15 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 **8:35 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 Board Vacancy)

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 Alyssa Vazquez-Colon, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To Enter Executive Session

Voice Vote. All in favor (5-0-0)

Action will be taken after Executive Session

Resumption to Public Portion of the Meeting

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING –8:33 pm

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

Vote: To approve Resumption of Public Portion of the Meeting

Voice vote. All in favor

Board Vacancy

Motion for Dale Martin to fill the unexpired board vacancy until December 31, 2023.

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Unexpired Board Vacancy

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mrs. Sorbello , Mrs. **Rebecca Lang Staffieri, **Mr. Godfrey and Mr. D’Amico (3-2-0) **Rebecca Lang Staffieri and Mark Godfrey – No

Motion Approved

New Business

None

State and Local School Board Association

None

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent’s Report

Information Items:

A. Curriculum/Programs

1. As per N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1 the week of October 17th through October 21st will be designated as School Violence Awareness Week

B. Interdistrict

1. Interdistrict Meeting - 7pm 10/26

C. Public Relations/Liaison

- 1. Meeting held on 9/26 - Superintendent and Liaison Board Members discussed

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns

- 1. After school activities and crossing guards

E. Buildings and Grounds

- 1. A fire drill was conducted on September 16, 2022
- 2. A shelter in place was conducted on September 12, 2022

F *Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)

- 1. Our next negotiation meeting will be held on October 19, 2022 at 6:00pm

G. Misc-

- 1. School Boards Convention - October 24-26

H. HIB - None

I Principal's Report –

- 1. Mr. Sorrentino's monthly principal's report and nursing (**Attached**)

Personnel

Motion to Approve Personnel Items 1 through 3

After School Professional Development

Increase /Substitute Rate for 22-23 to \$105.00

Rescind Heather Knapp McGuirl's Stipend for the Month of October & allot the Stipend for October to Paul Sorrentino

- 1. All Teaching staff, administration, and teaching assistants/aides not to exceed 10 hours for the 2022-2023 school year to attend afterschool professional development to be aligned with our SEL,math and language arts initiatives. Teachers and administrators to be paid \$20.00 an hour and teaching assistants/aides to be paid their hourly rate (to be taken out of Title II).
- 2. The increase the substitute rate for the 22-23 school year to \$105.00 a day.
- 3. To rescind Heather Knapp McGuirl's stipend for the month of October and allot the stipend for October to Paul Sorrentino of \$500 for additional duties incurred due to the absence of the Child Study Team Secretary and \$300 for substitute coverages

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Items 1 and 3

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Godfrey and Mr. D'Amico (5-0-0)

Vote: To approve Item 2

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Godfrey and **Mr. D'Amico (4-0-1) **Mr. D'Amico-Abstained

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Plans Item 1

Plans

Virtual Remote Learning Plan 22-23

1. Magnolia Public School Virtual Remote Learning Plan for the 22-23 school year

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Karen Sorbello

Vote: To Approve Plans Item 1

Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Policies Items 1 and 2

Policies

Wellness Policy 22-23

1. The Magnolia Public Schools Wellness Policy statement for the 2022-2023 school year (this is placed on the Magnolia Public School website)

Revision of Policy 5512.01 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

2. Revision of policy 5512.01 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Policies Items 1 and 2

Voice 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 F

Bill List

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- September through October 2022 warrants (**Attachment A1**)

**GCSSSD – Tuition/1:1
Aid /Out of County
Student #5157456913
22-23**

B. Tuition Contract – To approve tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for student #5157456913 in the amount of \$43,830.00 for tuition, \$41,580.00 for a 1:1 aide, and \$3,240.00 out of county fee for the 2022-2023 school year.

**GCSSSD – Tuition/1:1
Aid/Out of County
Student #5091860219
22-23**

C. Tuition Contract – To approve tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for student #5091860219 in the amount of \$43,830.00 for tuition, \$41,580.00 for a 1:1 aide, and \$3,240.00 out of county fee for the 2022-2023 school year.

**GCSSSD –
Tuition/Out of County
Student #2647263793
22-23**

D. Tuition Contract – To approve tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for student #2647263793 in the amount of \$43,830.00 for tuition and \$3,240.00 out of county fee for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Elk Township –
Tuition Student
#9342879487 22-23**

E. Tuition Contract – To approve tuition contract with Elk Township Board of Education for student #9342879487 in the amount of \$18,379.00 for tuition for the 2022-2023 school year.

Security Grant

F. Security Grant – To accept the School Security Grant funds in the amount of \$20,540.00.

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Second by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve Items A through F

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Godfrey and Mr. D’Amico (5-0-0) **Mr. D’Amico-Abstained to ESS

Motion Approved

Open Audience Participation II –

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Karen Sorbello

Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation II

Voice Vote. All in favor

None

Close Audience Participation II

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

Vote: To approve closing of Audience Participation II

Voice vote. All in favor

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:47 pm by Rebecca Lang Staffieri Seconded by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

Vote: To Adjourn meeting

Voice Vote. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary**

