

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
October 17, 2023
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

Roll Call

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

Other Attendees

Mrs. Karen Macpherson, Superintendent
Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ms. Emily Strawbridge, Solicitor

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Nick D’Amico.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on September 19, 2023
- Minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting held on September 28, 2023

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

**Vote: To approve Minutes
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Motion Approved

Audience

Participation I

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

**State and Local School
Board Association**

None

Presentation

Presentation:

Dan Carson gave a brief overview of standardized test results for Start Strong, Dynamic Learning Maps and Access for English Language Learners.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Information Items:

1. Virtual Pediatric Mobile will do free vision and hearing screenings for our students

A. Curriculum/Programs

1. As per N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1 the week of October 16th through October 20th will be designated as School Violence Awareness Week

B. Interdistrict

1. Feasibility Study Meeting on Thursday, October 19 at 7:15 pm

C. Public Relations/Liaison

1. TBD

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns

E. Buildings and Grounds.

1. A shelter in place was conducted on September 18 2023
2. A fire drill was conducted on September 20, 2023

F. Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)

G. Misc

H. HIB

1. No HIB to report

Principal's Report

1. Mr. Sorrentino's principals report and nursing report (**Attachment**)

Personnel

**Afterschool
Professional
Development 23-24**

Motion to Approve Personnel Item 1

1. All Teaching staff, administration, and teaching assistants/aides not to exceed 10 hours for the 2023-2024 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)

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

Vote: To approve Personnel Item 1

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

Motion Approved

Workshops

Motion to Approve Workshops Items 1 and 2

**Dylan Smith –
Workshop 10/11/23**

1. Ratification of Dylan Smith to attend a workshop entitled Good to Great: Principles of Great Teaching at Camden County College on October 11, 2023 at a cost of \$149.00 (to be taken out of Title II).

**Marisa Greenberg,
Susan Ortiz and
Emily Green-
Hamilton -Workshop
10/19 and 10/20**

2. Marisa Greenberg, Susan Ortiz and Emily Green-Hamilton to attend the NJ Association of Learning Consultants Fall Symposium on October 19th and October 20, 2023 at a cost of \$205.00 per person (to be taken out of Title II).

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Workshops Items 1 and 2

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

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Curriculum Item 1

Curriculum

**Addendum of Social
Studies Curriculum**

1. To add an addendum to our social studies curriculum including the Holocaust and Amistad to include grades K-8.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Curriculum Item 1
Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Plans Items 1 and 2

Plans

**QSAC District
Performance Review
23-24**

1. Magnolia Public Schools QSAC District Performance Review for the 23-24 school year.

**NJ Dept. of Ed. Waiver
Application for room
62 – PEA Program 23-
24**

2. NJ Department of Education Waiver application for room 62 for our PEA program for the 23-24 school year.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Plans Items 1 and 2
Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

Policies

Motion to Approve Policies Items 1 and 2

**Updated Policies and
Regulations**

1. The following updated policies and regulations: 2270, 3161, 3212, 3324, 4161, 4324, 5111, 5116, and 8500,

Abolishment of Policies

2. The abolishment of the following policies and regulations:
3432 Sick Leave - Policy and Regulation
4432 Sick Leave - Policy and Regulation
5460.02 Bridge Year Pilot Program - Policy and Regulation
8540 School Nutrition Program
8550 Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Karen Sorbello

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: Convention

Board Actions:

Motion to Approve Item A

Bill List

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- June through September 2023 warrants (**Attachment A1**)

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Mark Godfry

Vote: To approve Item A

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

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Items B through I

**Gloucester Township
Tuition #491888708**

- B. Tuition** - To approve a tuition contract with Gloucester Township Board of Education for student #4918188708 in the amount of \$6,780.90 for tuition for the 2023-2024 school year (Note: Receiving student prorated 4 months).

**Lindenwold -Tuition
#5675874341**

- C. Tuition** - To approve a tuition contract with Lindenwold Board of Education for student #5675874341 in the amount of \$15,257.03 for tuition for the 2023-2024 school year (Note: Receiving student prorated 9 months).

**GCSSD-Tuition/1:1
#5157456913**

- D. Tuition** - To approve a 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 \$3,330.00 for out of county surcharge for the 2023-2024 school year.

**GCSSD-CRESS 2023-
2024 Tuition/PT/OT
and Speech**

- E. Tuition** - To approve the attached agreement and fee schedule for professional services with Gloucester County Special Services School District -CRESS for the 2023-2024 school year (Note: main uses will be for homebound tuition, PT, OT, and Speech services). (**Attachment E1**)

**Stepping Stones – Non
Fair and Open**

- F. Non Fair and Open – Stepping Stones** - To award a non fair and open contract to The Stepping Stones Group in an amount to exceed \$17,500.00 for learning consultation services for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Starlight Homecare –
Non Fair and Open**

- G. Non Fair and Open – Starlight Homecare** – To award non fair and open contract to Starlight Homecare Agency for the 2023-2024 school year for 1:1 nursing services for student #3963950202 in an amount to exceed \$17,500.00.

**Newborn Nurses –
Non Fair and Open**

- H. Non Fair and Open – Newborn Nurses** – To award non fair and open contract to Newborn Nurses for the 2023-2024 school year for 1:1 nursing

services for student #3963950202 in an amount to exceed \$17,500.00.

BCIP JIF Renewal

- I. BCIP JIF Renewal** – To approve the attached Resolution and Indemnity & Trust Agreement to renew membership in the BCIP JIF for the three year membership term commencing on July 1, 2024.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Dale Martin

Vote: To approve Items B Through I

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

Motion Approved

**Audience
Participation II**

Audience Participation II None

Executive Session – None

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:36 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**

