

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 20, 2024
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	Absent
	Mrs. Alyssa Vazquez-Colon	Present
	Mr. Dale Martin	Present

Other Attendees Mrs. Karen Macpherson, Superintendent

Mission Statement Mission Statement was read by Nick D’Amico.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Regular & Executive Session Board of Education meeting held on December 19, 2023
- Minutes of the Regular Session Board of Education meeting held on January 4, 2024

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Dale Martin

Vote: To approve Minutes
Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None

Audience Participation I **BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

State and Local None

**School Board
Association**

None

Presentation

Presentation: Mr. Sorrentino discussed the School Safety Data Submission along with Magnolia's Harassment Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) trends for the 2023-2024 school year

**Superintendent's
Report**

Information Items:

1. Board 2024 Committee List is attached
2. Strategic Plan (Superintendent to Discussed)
3. 8th grade dialogue held on March 14, 2023 (Superintendent Discussed)

A. Curriculum/Programs

1. ELA programs are under review
2. STEAM Job Description

B. Interdistrict

1. Sterling Feasibility Study Meeting - 2/29/2024

C. Public Relations/Liaison – None

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns – None

E. Buildings and Grounds.

1. A Shelter In Place was conducted on January 2, 2024
2. A Shelter in Place was conducted on January 11, 2024
3. A fire drill was conducted on January 31, 2024

F. Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session) - None

G. Misc

1. Calendar change on March 15th, 2024 (Superintendent to discuss)

H. HIB

1. No HIB to report at this time

Principal's Report

1. Mr. Sorrentino's report for December and January (**Attachment**)
2. Mrs. Marlys' nurses report for December and January (**Attachment**)

Personnel

Motion to Approve Personnel Items 1 through 13

**Michael Morgan –
Medical Leave**

1. Michael Morgan to take medical leave effective March 8, 2024 until the remainder of the 23-24 school year (**Attached**).

**Tori Shinkowitz –
Substitute School
Nurse**

2. Tori Shinkowitz as substitute school nurse at a rate of \$250.00 a day (pending fingerprint results and finalized paperwork)

**Jose Laracuente –
Teacher's Aide**

3. Jose Laracuente as a teacher's aide at Step 14 with a salary of \$21,626 and a start date of March 1, 2024

**Paul Sorrentino –
Attend NJ Principal
Supervisor
Association Fall
Conference**

4. Paul Sorrentino to attend the New Jersey Principal Supervisor Association Fall Conference on October 17-18 at a cost of \$380.00 (to be taken out of Title II)

**Rich Clement –
Attend National
Building and
Grounds Association
Conference**

5. Rich Clement to attend the National Building and Grounds Association Conference in Atlantic City on March 17-19 (Board to pay \$100 a night for a total of \$300 for three nights)

**Kelly Livingston –
Attend Preschool
Inclusion Leadership
Conference**

6. Kelly Livingston to attend the Preschool Inclusion Leadership conference on April 24, 2024 in E. Windsor NJ at a cost of \$58.00 (to be taken out of the PEA Grant)

**Marisa Greenberg –
Attend Virtual
Workshop**

7. Marisa Greenberg to attend a virtual workshop on February 23, 2024 at a cost of \$5.00 entitled Understanding and Using PSW and the Simple View of Reading Frameworks to Foster Collaboration in the Identification of Dyslexia

**Dylan Smith –
Spring, Summer and
Fall Coursework at
Rowan**

8. Dylan Smith to continue to take a Spring, Summer, and Fall 2024 coursework at Rowan University in pursuit of his Masters of Education degree for Supervisor/Principal (payment as per contract)

**Emily Green-
Hamilton –
Reimbursed \$50 for
Virtual Webinar**

9. Emily Green-Hamilton to be reimbursed \$50.00 for a virtual webinar on February 22, 2024 entitled Speech-Language and Multi-tiered Systems of Support: Challenges and Opportunities (to be taken out of Title II)

**Dana Williams –
Unpaid Medical
Leave**

10. Dana Williams to take unpaid medical leave until June 30, 2024 with a return date of September 2024.

**P. Sorrentino, D.
Smith, L. Rutherford
and K. Forte - Paid
Chaperones to
Attend 8th Grade
Trip 5/17/24**

11. Magnolia Public School to pay \$101.00 each for the following chaperones to attend the 8th grade class trip on May 17, 2024 Paul Sorrentino, Dylan Smith, Linda Rutherford, and Kate Forte

**Olivia Dutcher –
Student Physical
Therapist**

12. Olivia Dutcher, a student physical therapist from Virtua Rehab to do her clinical Internship with our physical therapist, Elizabeth Kummer, from February 26, 2024 until May 3, 2024

**C. Bond, D. Carson,
D.Cogan, J.Hafto, n.
hanuscin, J.Kemble,
k.mcIllvaine,
E.Sorrentino - 30
Hours Google
Training**

13. The following employees to complete 30 hours of Google training to obtain their Google Trainer Certificate at a rate of \$20.00 an hour to be paid a total of \$600 each (to be taken out of Title II)
The registration fee for the following employees at a cost of \$225.00 each (to be taken out of Title II)
Carly Bond, Dan Carson, Dave Cogan, Jordan Hafto, Nick Hanuscin, Julie Kemble, Kelly McIlvaine, and Erin Sorrentino

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Mark Godfrey

Vote: To approve Personal Items 1 through 13

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Ammen, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Vazquez-Colon and Mr. D’Amico (6-0-0)

Motion Approved

Job Description

STEAM

Motion to Approve Job Description Item 1

1. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math teacher job description (**Attached**))

Motioned by Dale Martin, Second by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Job Description Item 1

Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

Trips/Events

**8th Grade Class Trip
to American Dream
Mall 5/17/24**

Motion to Approve Trips/Events Item 1

1. The 8th grade class trip to American Dream Mall in East Rutherford NJ on Friday, May 17, 2024 with a return time of 8:00pm

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Dale Martin

**Vote: To approve Trips/Events Item 1
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Motion Approved

Calendar

Motion to Approve Calendar Item 1

24-25 Calendar

1. The 2024-2025 Magnolia Public School Calendar (**Attachment**)

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Rebecca Ammen

**Vote: To approve Calendar Item 1
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Motion Approved

Policies

Motion to Approve Policies Items 1 and 2

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.)

**Revision of Policies
and Regulations**

1. The revision of the following policies and regulations
1140, 1523, 1530, 1550, 2260, 2411, 2423, 2431.4, 35750, 7610
R 1530, 2200, 2260, 2423, 2431.4

**Abolishment of
Policy #5755**

2. The abolishment of policy #5755 Equity in Educational Programs and Services

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Second by Mark Godfrey

**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:

-Financial Disclosures – Due April 30, 2024 – will email pins and instructions

Board Actions

Board Actions:

Motion to Approve Items A through C

Bill List

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- January 2024 warrants (**Attachment A1**)

SEMI 2024-2025

B. SEMI

To participate in SEMI for the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year.

**WJ Gross –
Replacement of
ADA Lift in the Gym**

- C. WJ Gross** – To approve purchase through CCESC Contract #66CEPS with WJ Gross for the replacement of ADA lift in the gym in the amount of \$51,333.00.

Motioned by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon, Second by Dale Martin

Vote: To approve Items A and B

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Ammen, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Vazquez-Colon and Mr. D’Amico (6-0-0)

Vote: To approve Item C

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: **Mrs. Ammen, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Vazquez-Colon and **Mr. D’Amico (4-0-2) ** Mrs. Amen and Mr. D’Amico – Abstained

Motion Approved

**Audience
Participation II**

Audience Participation II None

Executive

Executive – None

**Accept with regret
the Resignation of
Rebecca Lang
Staffieri as Board
Member from the
Magnolia Board of
Education**

**Motion to accept resignation of Rebecca Lang Staffieri as Board Member from
the Magnolia Board of Education**

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Second by Rebecca Ammen

**Vote: To approve Resignation of Rebecca Lang Staffieri as Board Member from
the Magnolia Board of Education**

Voice Vote. All in favor ** Rebecca Lang Staffieri – Abstained

Motion Approved

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:27 pm by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon Seconded by
Mark Godfrey**

Vote: To Adjourn meeting

Voice Vote. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary**

