

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
August 6, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Nick D’Amico opened the regular meeting at 7:05 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. 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
	Mrs. Emily Strawbridge, Solicitor

Mission Statement	Mission Statement was read by Nick D’Amico.
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Approval of Minutes	• Minutes of the Regular Session and Executive Session Board of Education meeting held on June 13, 2024
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Motioned by Dale Martin, Second by Rebecca Ammen

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

Motion Approved

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Audience Participation I	Open Audience Participation I – <u>AGENDA ITEMS ONLY</u>
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Motioned by Mark Godfrey Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

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

None

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**

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

**State and Local
School Boards Association** None

Just Kids Presentation

- Donnie Gamble and Shawn Gibson from Just Kids, will give an overview of the Just Kids Program.

Executive Session **Executive Session**

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at approximately 7:18 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 Borough 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 **7:38 p.m.** this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Magnolia Borough School District will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

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 Karen Sorbello, Seconded Mark Godfrey

Vote: To Enter Executive Session
Voice Vote. All in favor (7-0-0)

Action will be taken after Executive Session

**Resumption to Public
Portion of the
Meeting**

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING 7:40 pm

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Resumption of Public Portion of the Meeting
Voice vote. All in favor

**HIB Finding
#6102024**

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon to Reject
the HIB finding for HIB #6102024**

Vote: To Reject the HIB finding of HIB #6102024
Voice vote. All in favor

**Presentation – Goals
and Objectives 24-
25**

Presentation

- Karen Macpherson - Goals and Objectives for the 2024-2025 school year

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

**Audience
Participation I**

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

**State and Local
School Boards
Association**

None

**Superintendent's
Report**

Information Items:

1. A Thank you letter from Alex's Lemonade Stand for our fundraiser held in June for childhood cancer (**Attached**)

A. Curriculum/Programs

1. New Teacher Orientation - August 28th
2. PreK and K Orientation - August 27 & 28

B. Interdistrict

1. Feasibility Study - ongoing

C. Public Relations/Liaison

1. Meeting held July 23, 2024
2. SRO <https://www.nasro.org/>
3. Borough Council to attend a future meeting discussed

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns - None

E. Buildings and Grounds

1. New bell system

F. Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session) – None

Principal's Report

1. No principal's report for the month of August

Personnel

Motion to Approve Personnel Items 1 through 15

**Jose Laracuate –
Summer Enrichment
Program**

1. Ratification of Jose Laracuate to work our summer enrichment program for July 18, 30, 31, and August 1st at his hourly rate of \$16.30 at 16 hours for a total of \$260.80.

**Sandy Marlys – School
Nurse – Summer**

2. Ratification of Sandy Marlys (school nurse) to be paid her hourly rate of \$51.22 an hour at 36 hours at a total of \$1843.92 for summer enrichment.

**Dan Carson – Update
Jennifer Pontarelli**

3. Ratification of Dan Carson to work two days the month of July at his per diem hourly rate to update Jennifer Pontarelli as she returns from her long term maternity leave as curriculum supervisor.

**Sandy Marlys –
Complete and Update
Health Records**

4. Sandy Marlys to be paid her hourly rate for the month of August at \$51.22 an hour for 24 hours at a total of \$1,229.28 to complete and update health records, parent correspondence, nursing reports and school safety meetings.

**Sandy Marlys – After
School Nursing
Services for School
Sports**

5. Sandy Marlys to be paid a stipend of \$500.00 a month beginning September through June for providing after school nursing services for our school sports and activity programs.

**Accept with regret the
Resignation of Kate
Forte 8/31/24**

6. The resignation of Kate Forte as middle school science teacher effective August 31, 2024 **(Attached)**.

**Accept with regret the
Resignation of
Cameron Scalio 8/31/24**

7. The resignation of Cameron Scalio as special education teacher effective August 31, 2024 **(Attached)**.

**Accept with regret the
Resignation of Dana
Williams 8/30/24**

8. The resignation of Dana Williams as teachers aide effective August 30, 2024.

**Heather Eriksson –
Science Teacher 9/1/24**

9. Heather Eriksson as science teacher beginning September 1, 2024 at a BA Step 2 with a starting salary of \$60,090.

**Rafelle Perry – Special
Education Teacher
9/1/24**

10. Rafelle Perry as special education teacher beginning September 1, 2024 at a BA+15 step 9 at a starting salary of \$70,902.

**Zachary Camerieri –
Girls Intramural
Basketball Coach**

11. Zachary Camerieri as girl's intramural basketball coach at a stipend of \$1340.

**Dan Carson – Boys
Intermural Basketball
Coach**

12. Dan Carson as boy's intramural basketball coach at a stipend of \$1340.

**Dave Cogan – Boys
Intermural Basketball
Coordinator**

13. Dave Cogan as intramural basketball coordinator at a stipend of \$1000.

**D. Cogan, L.
Rutherford, A. Gilley,
G. Loper and E.
Rutherford –
Renaissance Summer**

14. Dave Cogan, Linda Rutherford, Ali Gilley, Gunner Loper, and Elisa Rutherford to hold a Renaissance Summer Organizational Meeting on August 8, 2024 for 3 hours at a rate of \$20.00 an hour to be paid \$60.00 each.

**Students for Rowan –
L. DeFrank, A.
DeStefano, R. Mathis
and R. Phillips –
Clinical Elementary
Placement – With
Music Teacher
Gunner Loper**

15. Lillian DeFrank, Alexander DeStefano, Ryan Mathis, and Rylie Phillips, students from Rowan University to do their Clinical Elementary Placement for 1 day a week at 2.5 hours a day for a total of 8 weeks with our music teacher Gunner Loper.

Motioned by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon, second by Dale Martin

Vote: To approve Personal Items 1 through 15

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

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Facilities Item 1, Trips Item 1, Plans Items 1 through 7 and Policies Items 1 and 2

**Annual Toilet Room
Facilities for
Kindergarten**

Facilities

1. The 2024-2025 Annual Toilet Room Facilities for Kindergarten classrooms #63 and #67

Activities/Programs

Trips

Walking Trips 24-25

1. All walking trips for the 2024-2025 school year

Plans

**Virtual or Remote
Instructional Plan 24-
25**

1. Magnolia Schools Emergency Virtual or Remote Instructional Plan for the 2024-2025 school year (posted on our website).

**Goals and Objectives
24-25**

2. Magnolia Schools Goals and Objectives for the 2024-2025 school year (**Attachment**).

**Nurses Service Plan -
Submission to the
County Office**

3. The 2024-2025 submission to the county office Magnolia's Nurses Service Plan.

**Professional
Development Plan 24-
25**

4. The Magnolia Public School 2024-2025 Professional Development Plan.

**Teacher Mentoring
Plan 24-25**

5. The Magnolia Public School 2024-2025 Teacher Mentoring Plan.

**Danielson Instrument –
Teacher Observations
24-25**

6. To approve the Danielson Instrument for teacher observations during the 2024-2025 school year.

**Oncourse System 24-
25Instrument for
Administrator
Evaluation**

7. To approve the Instrument for administrator evaluation form to be completed on Oncourse Systems during the 2024-2025 school year.

Policies

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.)

Revisions Policies

1. Revisions of the following policies and/or regulations:
Policies: 2200,3160,4160,5112, 5350,8420 and 8467
Regulations: 3160,4160,5200 and 8467.

**Abolishment of Policy
#0164.46**

2. The abolishment of policy #0164.6 Remote Public Board Meetings during a declared emergency.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

Vote: To Approve Facilities Item 1, Trips Item 1, Plans Items 1 through 7 and Policies Items 1 and 2

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

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

**Board Secretary
Report**

Informational Items:

- Governance

Board Actions

Board Actions:

Motion to Approve Items A and B

Bill List

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- August 2024 warrants (**Attachment A1**)
- Payroll- July 2023 through June 2024 (**Attachment A2**)

**Approval to Pay Bills
Prior to next BOE
Meeting**

- B. Bills** – Approval to pay bills prior to the next board meeting due to the time length between meetings being greater than one month.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

Vote: To approve Items A and B

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Ammen, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Sorbello

Mr. Martin, Mrs. Vazquez-Colon , **Mr. D'Amico and Mrs. Jackson (6-0-1)

****Mr. D'Amico – Abstained to ESS**

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Items C through K

**Brookfield –
Tuition/Aid
#4649918678 24-25**

- C. Tuition** - To approve a tuition contract with Brookfield Schools for student #4649918678 in the amount of \$64,328.40 for tuition and \$31,500.00 for a 1:1 aide for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Brookfield
Tuition/Aid
#3470500203 24-25**

D. Tuition - To approve a tuition contract with Brookfield Schools for student #3470500203 in the amount of \$71,476.00 for tuition and \$33,900.00 for a 1:1 aide for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Bancroft –
Tuition/Aid
#6558504679 24-25**

E. Tuition - To approve a tuition contract with Bancroft for student #6558504679 in the amount of \$82,876.50 for tuition and \$52,500.00 for a 1:1 aide for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Kingsway Learning –
Tuition/ESY
#3963950202 24-25**

F. Tuition - To approve a tuition contract with Kingsway Learning Center for student #3963950202 in the amount of \$78,065.40 for tuition & ESY for the 2024-2025 school year (to be prorated – student switching schools).

**Tools of the Mind –
Non Fair and Open
24-25**

G. Non Fair and Open – To award non fair and open contract to Tools of the Mind for Preschool and Kindergarten Classroom Kits in the amount of \$17,700.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.

IDEA Grant 24-25

H. IDEA Grant – To approve submission and acceptance of the 2024-2025 IDEA Grant in the following amounts:

IDEA Basic - \$144,877.00
IDEA PS - \$7,603.00

**ESEA Grant
Submission and
Acceptance 24-25**

I. ESEA Grant – To approve submission and acceptance of the 2024-2025 ESEA Grant in the following amounts:

Title I - \$101,793.00
Title II - \$13,624.00
Title IV - \$10,000.00 (to be transferred to Title II)

ESEA Grant 24-25

J. ESEA Grant – To approve not to apply for ESEA Title III funds in the amount of \$1,365.00 for the 2024-2025 year.

Meal Prices 24-25

K. Meal Prices – To approve the following food service meal prices for the 2024-2025 school year:

Paid Lunch	\$2.70
Paid Breakfast	\$1.25
Adult Lunch	\$3.25
Adult Breakfast	\$1.65

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, second by Karen Sorbello

**Vote: To approve Items C through K
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Ammen, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Sorbello
Mr. Martin, Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mr. D’Amico and Mrs. Jackson (7-0-0)**

Adjournment

Motion Approved

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:18 pm by Mark Godfrey, Second by Rebecca Ammen

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary**

