

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 17, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Nick D’Amico opened the regular meeting at 6:32 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
Mrs. Jennifer Jackson	Absent – Arrived @ 6:51

Other Attendees

Mrs. Karen Macpherson, Superintendent
Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mrs. Susan Hodges, Solicitor

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Nick D’Amico.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Regular Session and Executive Session Board of Education meeting held on August 6, 2024

Motioned by Dale Martin, Second by Mark Godfrey

Vote: To approve Minutes

Voice Vote. All in favor - ** Alyssa Vazquez-Colon – Abstained

Motion Approved

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Audience

Participation I

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

State and Local

School Boards Association None

Jennifer Jackson
Arrived

Jennifer Jackson – Arrived @ 6:51

Presentations

Presentations:

T. Deprince and C.
Huston – Presentation
on School Resource
Officer

1. Tony Deprince and Chief Huston gave a presentation on a School resource officer for Magnolia School.

Paul Sorrentino –
Presentation on The
2023-2024 HIB
Grades

2. Paul Sorrentino gave a brief presentation on The 2023-2024 HIB grades.

Information Items:

A. Curriculum/Programs

1. Purchased a program - Fast Bridge replacing Amplify for Intervention Data

B. Interdistrict

1. Rowan feasibility study still underway

C. Public Relations/Liaison

1. Back to School Night a success - community tables and informational items in Gym

E. Buildings and Grounds

1. Outside blacktop has new additions

F. Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)

G. Misc

1. School Board Convention - October 21-23

H. HIB

1. No HIB to report

I. Principal's Report

1. Mr. Sorrentino's monthly principal's report and nursing report will resume in

October

Items for Board Approval: **Motion to approve, on the recommendation of the Superintendent**

Personnel

Motion to Approve Personnel Items 1 through 7

**Christina Buonpastore
– Pre-School Teachers
Aide 9/1/24**

1. Ratification of Christina Buonpastore as pre-school teachers aide beginning September 1, 2024 at a starting salary of step 16 at \$22,546.

**Employees to be Paid
for Preschool and
Kindergarten
Orientation**

2. Ratification of the following employees to be paid \$40.00 an hour for preschool and Kindergarten orientation which was held on August 28th and 29th.

Patrick Healy, Tufeka Potts, Stacey Dobleman, Jordan Hafto, Emily Kozeniewski, Kelly McIlvaine, Gail Walters, Jamie DeVecchis, and Sandy Marly's

**Teacher
Assistants/Aides to be
Paid for Preschool and
Kindergarten
Orientation**

3. Ratification of the following teacher assistants/aides to be paid their hourly rate for preschool and Kindergarten orientation which was held on August 28th and 29th:

Christy Buonpastore, Vicki Scott, Wendy Lombard, Jose Laracuenta, and Michele Orlando .

**New Teachers Who
Attended New Teacher
Orientation to be Paid**

4. Ratification of the following new teachers who attended new teacher orientation on August 28th from 9:00am to 12:00pm to be paid \$20.00 an hour.
Tufeka Potts, Patrick Healy, Elena DiBlasio, Heather Eriksson, and Rafelle Perry

**Dave Cogan – To be
Paid for Attending
New Teacher
Orientation**

5. Ratification of Dave Cogan to be paid \$20.00 for attending new teacher orientation which was held on August 28, 2024.

**John Carpenter and
Brian Johnson –
Attend Professional
Development 11/4/24**

6. John Carpenter and Brian Johnson to attend a physical education professional development at Haddonfield School District on November 4, 2024 at a cost of \$40.00 per person (to be taken out of Title II).

**Karen Macpherson –
Attend AASA in New
Orleans 3/5/25-3/8/25**

7. Karen Macpherson to attend the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Conference in new Orleans from March 5, 2025 to March 8, 2025 at a cost of \$795.00.

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, second by Dale Martin

Vote: To approve Personal Items 1 through 7

**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 Self-Medication Item 1, Drills Item 1 and Trips/Activities
Items 1 & 2.**

Self- Medication

**Self -Medication for
Student 24-01**

1. Self-medication for student 24-01

Drills

**Bus Evacuation Drill
9/16/24**

1. Mr. Sorrentino held a bus evacuation drill on Monday September 16, 2024 on the back driveway on Camden Avenue from 9:00am to noon

Trips/Activities

Walking Trips 24-25

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

**Renaissance Trips 24-
25**

2. The following Renaissance trips for the 2024-2025 school year:

Tour of Phillies Stadium
Cherry Crest Farm
Johnson's Farm
Funplex
Ice Skating at Skate Zone
Snow Tubing at Blue Mountain
Hershey Park
Cape May Zoo/Whale watching (tentative)

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

**Vote: To Approve Self-Medication Item 1, Drills Item 1 and Trips/Activities
Items 1 & 2.**

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

Motion to Approve Workshops/Professional Development

K. Macpherson, K. Livingston, S. Ortiz, M. Greenberg, E. Green-Hamilton and K. Armellino – To Attend Webinar 9/25/24

1. Karen Macpherson, Kelly Livingston, Susan Ortiz, Marisa Greenberg, Emily Green-Hamilton and Kim Armellino to attend a live webinar on September 25, 2024 entitled From General Education to Special Education and Everything in Between: Addressing Dyslexia as a Team at a cost of \$53.00.

M. Greenberg and S. Ortiz – To Attend Workshop 11/19/24

2. Marisa Greenberg and Susan Ortiz to attend a workshop on November 19, 2024 Special Education Toolkit: Interventions to address the new generation of student behavior needs at a cost of \$149.00 per person (to be taken out of professional development).

Policies

First Reading Policy #5337 – Service Animals

1. First reading of Policy #5337 Service Animals (**Attached**)

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Workshops Items 1 &2 and Policies Item 1

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)

Board Secretary Report

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Informational Items:

Board Actions

Board Actions:

Motion to Approve Items A through D

Transfers

A. Monthly Reports

The Budget Summary and Revenue Summary for the month of July 2023 through May 2024 (**Attachment A1 & A2**).

B. Transfer of Funds

The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of July 2023 through May 2024 (**Attachment B1**).

C. Financial Reports

1. Board Secretary’s Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of July 2023 through May 2024. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A – 16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (**Attachment C1**)

2. Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of July 2023 through May 2024. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of July 2023 through May 2024. **(Attachment C2)**
3. Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.
4. Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 4 We certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Bill List

D. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- Warrants **(Attachment D1)**

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Second by Dale Martin

Vote: To approve Items A through D

**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)
** Alyssa Vazquez-Colon – Abstained**

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Items E through K

**ESS Northeast –
Addendum to the
Agreement**

- E. **ESS Northeast** - To approve the attached Addendum to the Agreement between Magnolia BOE and ESS Northeast, LLC for the 2024-2025 school year. **Attachment E1**

**Bancroft – Tuition
Student #3963950202
24-25**

- F. **Tuition** - To approve a tuition contract with Bancroft for student #3963950202 in the amount of \$68,256.00 for tuition for the 2024-2025 school year.

**GCSSSD – ESY,
Tuition and Out of
County Surcharge
Student #5368036857**

- G. **Tuition** - To approve a tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for student #5368036857 in the amount of \$64,080.00 for tuition, \$4,770.00 for ESY tuition, and \$3,400.00 for out of county surcharge for the 2024-2025 school year.

Bayada – Non Fair and Open

- H. Non Fair and Open** - To award a non fair and open contract to Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for 1:1 nursing services for student #3963950202 in the amount of \$75.00 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year in an amount to exceed \$17,500.00.

Amergis Healthcare – Non Fair and Open

- I. Non Fair and Open** - To award a non fair and open contract to Amergis Healthcare Staffing for 1:1 nursing services for student #3963950202 in the amount of \$80.00 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year in an amount to exceed \$17,500.00.

NJ Convention

- J. Convention** – To approve BOE members, the Superintendent, and Supervisor of Early Childhood to attend NJ School Boards Association Workshop from October 21-24, 2024 at a group rate of \$2,200.00 plus related travel expenses.

Karen Sorbello – Workshop 10/1/24

- K. Workshop** – To approve Karen Sorbello to attend the NJSBA Fall Labor Summit on October 1, 2024 at a cost of \$149.00.

Motioned by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon, second by Mark Godfrey

Vote: To approve Item E

**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)
Nick D’Amico – Abstained

Vote: To approve Items F through J

**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)**

Vote: To approve Item K

**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)
Karen Sorbello – Abstained

Motion Approved

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:28 pm by Mark Godfrey, Second by Dale Martin

Vote: To Adjourn meeting

Voice Vote. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary**

