

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
November 19, 2024
6:30 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

**Motion to Appoint
Acting Board
Secretary**

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Dale Martin

**Vote: To approve Board Solicitor Jeffrey P. Catalano, Esquire as
Acting Board Secretary for the November 19, 2024 Meeting
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Motion Approved

Roll Call

Mrs. Rebecca Ammen	Present
Mr. Nick D'Amico	Present
Mr. Mark Godfrey	Absent
Mrs. Jennifer Jackson	Present
Mr. Dale Martin	Present
Mrs. Karen Sorbello	Present
Mrs. Alyssa Vazquez-Colon	Absent

Other Attendees

Mrs. Karen Macpherson, Superintendent
Mr. Jeffrey P. Catalano, Esquire, Solicitor, Acting Board Secretary

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Nick D'Amico

Presentations

1. Michael McClure (past president from NJSBA) presented Karen Sorbello a plaque for being a board member for 30 years.
2. Mr. Loper and the Magnolia Choir provided the Board a sneak peek performance before the Winter Showcase Performance on December 16, 2024

**Approval of
Minutes**

- Minutes of the Regular Session and Executive Session Board of Education meeting held on October 15, 2024

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Dale Martin

Vote: To approve Minutes

Voice Vote. All in favor.

Motion Approved

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

**Audience
Participation I**

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

**State and Local
School Boards
Association**

Karen Sorbello provided an update on the Board of Directors meeting

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Information Items:

A. Curriculum/Program

B. Interdistrict

1. Discussion of regionalization – tabled until the December meeting

C. Public Relations/Liaison

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns

E. Buildings and Grounds

1. A fire drill was conducted on October 15, 2024
2. A lockdown was conducted on October 29, 2024

F. Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)

G. Misc

1. Campout for Hunger
2. Linda Rutherford was named Teacher of the Year
3. Update on before/after school program – discussion held regarding afterschool program options. Rebecca Ammen thanked the administration for all of the hard work. Superintendent MacPherson addressed questions pertaining to reviews, new leadership of current afterschool program, and availability of options.

H. HIB

No HIB to report at this time

I. Principal's Report

1. Mr. Sorrentino's report and Mrs. Marly's Nurses report were provided to the Board

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

Motion to Approve Personnel Item 1, Trips Item 1, and Workshops Items 1 through 3

Personnel

Sick Leave

1. Linda Rutherford to take sick leave effective February 28, 2025 with an anticipated return date of May 27, 2025

Trips

Camp Out For Hunger

1. Mr. Sorrentino to go to Xfinity Live in Philadelphia PA for Camp out for Hunger on December 4, 2024 at a cost of \$300.00 for one bus

Workshops

Branching Minds 2024 Summit

1. Ashton Whitaker, Kelly Livingston, Jennifer Pontarelli, and Lorraine Sheilds to attend a virtual zoom workshop on December 4th and 5th entitled Branching Minds 2024 Summit MTSS fidelity with intention at a cost of \$140.00 (to be taken out of professional development)

Using The Patterns Of Strengths And Weaknesses Model

2. Marisa Greenberg to do a web based workshop entitled Using the Patterns of Strengths and Weaknesses Model to identify specific learning disabilities and other learning problems on November 22 and December 6th at a cost of \$169.00 (to be taken out of professional development)

Wilson Virtual Training Academy

3. Jennifer Pontarelli to attend a Wilson Virtual training academy on December 14, 2024 at a cost of \$320.00 (to be taken out of professional development)

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Dale Martin

Vote: to Approve Personnel Item 1, Trips Item 1, and Workshops Items 1 through 3

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Rebecca Ammen, Nick D'Amico, Jennifer Jackson, Dale Martin, Karen Sorbello (5-0-0)

Motion Approved

**BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT**

Informational Items:

Governance – tabled until December meeting
Reminder to do training and Board self-evaluation

Board Actions:

Motion to Approve Items A through F

Bill List

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- Warrants (**Attachment A1**)

**Winslow – Tuition
Student
#4918188708 24-25**

B. Tuition - To approve a tuition contract with Winslow Board of Education for student #4918188708 in the amount of \$18,802.82 for tuition for the 2024-2025 school year. (Note: sending student)

**Comprehensive
Maintenance Plan**

C. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan - - To approve the 2025-2026 comprehensive maintenance plan for submission to the county. (**Attachment C1**)

Form M-1

D. M-1 – To approve the 2025-2026 Form M-1 for submission to the county (**Attachment D1**)

**ESEA Consolidated
Grant Amendment**

E. Grant Amendment – to approve amendments to the following grant applications:
- ESEA Consolidated

**Federal Grant
Salaries**

F. Federal Grant Salaries – to approve the following salaries to be paid through federal grant funds for the 2024-2025 school year (adjustment made through amendment):
Title I – Lorraine Shields - \$61,825.00 – 69%
IDEA Preschool – Wendy Lombard - \$7,603.00 – 24%

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: to Approve Items A

**Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Rebecca Ammen, Jennifer Jackson,
Dale Martin, Karen Sorbello
Nick D’Amico – Abstained (4-0-1)**

Vote: to Approve Items B through F

**Roll Call Vote: All in favor: Rebecca Ammen, Nick D'Amico,
Jennifer Jackson, Dale Martin, Karen Sorbello (5-0-0)**

Motions Approved

Public Comment

Councilwoman Mary F. Martz – thank you to Karen Sorbello on behalf of Mayor and Council for her 30 years of service to the Board of Education

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:58 pm by Dale Martin, second by Karen Sorbello

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Jeffrey P. Catalano, Esquire
Acting Board Secretary**