

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

Roll Call	Mrs. Rebecca Ammen Mr. Nick D’Amico Mr. Mark Godfrey Mrs. Jennifer Jackson Mr. Dale Martin Mrs. Karen Sorbello Mrs. Alyssa Vazquez-Colon	Present Present Present Present Present Present 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	
Election Results	Regular Term: P. Nick D’Amico – 1,507 Votes Rebecca Ammen – 1,453 Votes Unexpired Term (One Year): Jennifer Jackson – 1,515 votes	
Approval of Minutes	Regular Session Board of Education meeting held on November 19, 2024 Motioned by Dale Martin, Second by Rebecca Ammen Vote: To approve Minutes Voice Vote. All in favor * Mark Godfrey & Alyssa Vazquez-Colon Abstained Motion Approved	
Audience Participation I	<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS</u> None	
Unfinished Business	None	
New Business	None	

State and Local
School Boards
Association

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Information Items:

A. Curriculum/Program

B. Interdistrict

1. Discussion of regionalization

C. Public Relations/Liaison

1. Discussion on SRO for the 25-26 school year

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns

E. Buildings and Grounds

1. A fire drill was conducted on November 6, 2024
2. A shelter in place was conducted on November 13, 2024

F. Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)

1. Discussion of Board Self Evaluation

G. Misc

H. HIB

I. Principal's Report

1. Mr. Sorrentino's report is **Attached**
2. Mrs. Marly's report is **Attached**

Motion to Approve Personnel Items I through 7

Personnel

**Ortiz and Lezley –
Webinar 12/5/24**

1. Ratification of Susan Ortiz and Lezley to attend a live webinar on December 5, 2024 entitled Limiting the Disruption: Parents with Personality Disorders at a cost of \$60.00 each.

**Dylan Smith &
Allison Gilley –
Workshop 12/16/24**

2. Ratification of Dylan Smith and Allison Gilley to attend a Math workshop entitled Building Thinking Classrooms on December 16, 2024 at a cost of \$199.00 each (to be taken out of Title II).

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Allison Gilley, Ashton Whitaker, Erin Hobbs, Elena DiBlasio and Gunner Loper – afterschool SEL Activities

Julie Kemble – Wilson Training 1/28, 1/29 & 1/30/2025

Emily Green-Hamilton – Workshop 2/12/25

Clinical Experience II Kaylea Burdick and Ryleigh Chreiman-Rowan 2/24/25-4/3/25

Professional Development Workshops 2025

3. Allison Gilley, Ashton Whitaker, Erin Hobbs, Elena DiBlasio, and Gunner Loper to be paid \$20.00 an hour not to exceed 3 hours afterschool for SEL activities (to be taken out of title II).
4. Julie Kemble to attend a three day Wilson training on January 28, 29, and 30, 2025 at a cost of \$710.00 (to be taken out of Title II).
5. Emily Green-Hamilton to attend a workshop entitled School Based SLP's Word Finding Disorder, What it is and How To Treat It on February 12, 2025 at a cost of \$295.00 (to be taken out of Title II).
6. Kaylea Burdick and Ryleigh Chreiman, students from Rowan University to do their Clinical Experience II with Shaun Williams two days a week from February 4, 2025 through April 3, 2025.
7. The following 2025 professional development workshops: (All workshops to be taken out of Title II).
David Rymer - January 8, 2025 Facilitating Discourse Verbalizing Math - \$285.00
Dan Carson - January 10, 2025 Critical Thinking - \$285.00
Julie Kemble - February 10, 2025 Practical Design for Complex Tasks - \$285.00
Dan Carson - February 27, 2025 101 Best Strategies for teaching Social Studies \$285.00
Dave Cogan - March 3, 2025 Teaching Science through Issues to Increase Engagement Meet the NGSS and Prepare Citizens - \$285.00
Leah Hallahan - April 28, 2025 Game On - Math Skills - \$285.00

Motioned by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon, Second by Mark Godfrey

Vote: to Approve Personnel Items 1 through 7

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Rebecca Ammen, Mark Godfrey, Nick D'Amico, Jennifer Jackson, Dale Martin, Karen Sorbello and Alyssa Vazquez-Colon (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

Trips/Activities

8th Grade Promenade and Dinner Dance 4/10/25

4th Grade Class STEAM Trip 2/19/25

1. The 8th grade promenade and dinner dance on Thursday, April 10, 2025 to Valley Brook Country Club (Board to pay for one bus).
2. The 4th grade class STEAM trip to Sector X in Cherry Hill, NJ on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 from 9:00am-2:00pm. (This is not a board expensed trip).

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Second by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: to Approve Trips/Activities Items 1 and 2

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Rebecca Ammen, Mark Godfrey, Nick D’Amico, Jennifer Jackson, Dale Martin, Karen Sorbello and Alyssa Vazquez-Colon (7-0-0)

Motion Approved

Plans

**Improvement Plan
23-24**

1. The Magnolia Public School District Improvement Plan for the 23-24 school year.

**NJ Department of
Education Waiver
Application – PEA
Program 25-26**

2. NJ Department of Education Waiver application for room 19 for our PEA program for the 25-26 school year.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Alyssa VazquezColon

Vote: to Approve Plans Items 1 and 2

Voice Vote. All in favor

Motion Approved

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Informational Items:

Governance – Due 12/31/24

Board Actions:

Motion to Approve Items A and B

Bill List

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- Warrants (**Attachment A1**)

Budget Calendar

B. Budget Calendar - To approve the 2025-2026 budget manual/calendar Attachment B1

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Second by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

Vote: to Approve Items A and B

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Rebecca Ammen, Mark Godfrey, Nick D’Amico, Jennifer Jackson, Dale Martin, Karen Sorbello and Alyssa Vazquez-Colon (7-0-0) ** Nick D’Amico – Abstained from payments to ESS

Motions Approved

**Audience
Participation II**

None

Executive Session

Executive Session

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at approximately 7:32 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 **7:40 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 involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is Board Self Evaluation) ;

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 Mark Godfrey, Seconded Dale Martin

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

Action will not be taken after Executive Session

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING 7:37 pm

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

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

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:38 pm by Dale Martin, second by Alyssa Vazquez-Colom

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

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary