

MAGNOLIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
420 NORTH WARWICK ROAD
MAGNOLIA, NJ 08049
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2025– 6:30 P.M.
Magnolia Elementary School

Audience members attending Board of Education Meetings are permitted to voice their opinions on school related topics at specified times during the regular meeting. These times are included in the printed agenda for the meeting.

I. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Magnolia Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Courier Post, and at the entrance of Magnolia School, and the Magnolia Borough Hall.

Time: _____

III. ROLL CALL

Rebecca Ammen	_____	Rebecca Lang Staffieri	_____	Alyssa Vazquez-Colon	_____
Nick D’Amico	_____	Dale Martin	_____		
Mark Godfrey	_____	Karen Sorbello	_____		

Others Present:

IV. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Magnolia School District is to develop well-rounded, engaged, and confident learners who are proud, respectful, and contributing members of their school and community.

V. MINUTES

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following:

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on January 2, 2025

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Approved: _____

VI. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDIT

At presentation will be made for the June 30, 2024 audit.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve to open the meeting to the public regarding agenda items only.

Motion by: _____ *Seconded by:* _____ *Approved:* _____

Members of the public are encouraged to speak during the public portion of the meeting. Concerns stated, or actions requested by the public, will be taken under advisement by the Board for investigation, discussion, and action or disposition at a later time/date. However, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, student or personnel items, or negotiations, we would ask that you see the superintendent after the meeting, since we do not discuss these items in public.

Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12(b), the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board shall not discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by members of the public.

Employees of the Magnolia School District retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not entertain such comments. Nor shall the Board be held liable for comments made by member of the public. Further, the Board asks that citizens who choose to speak at a public board meeting be reminded that comments should always be respectful, non-defamatory and should maintain the level of decorum appropriate for a meeting of a public body.

When addressing the Board, please respect the following procedure:

1. Be recognized by the Board President.
2. State your full name and address before commenting.
3. Identify the resolution on which you will comment.
4. Wait to be recognized before making your comment(s).
5. Limit your comment(s) to the specific resolution.
6. Per Policy #0167, each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five minute’s duration.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve to close the Audience Participation I portion of the meeting.

Motion by: _____ *Seconded by:* _____ *Approved:* _____

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

A. Unfinished Business

B. New Business

C. State and Local School Board Association

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

X. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Informational Items:

- Governance Training
- Financial Disclosures – Due April 30, 2025

Board Actions:

Motion to approve items A through F

A Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- February 2025 Bill List (**Attachment A1**)
- Payroll (**Attachment A2**)

B SEMI Waiver

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2025-2026 year, and

Whereas, The Magnolia Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 41 Medicaid eligible classified students.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Magnolia Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Camden an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2025-2026 school year.

C Audit & Corrective Action Plan

Whereas, the Magnolia Board of Education in accordance with NJSA 18A:23-1 must have a certified External Audit of the district's account and financial transactions; and Whereas the Magnolia Board of Education received the audit performed by Bowman & Company, LLP and discussed said audit at its public meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, now BE IT RESOLVED that the Magnolia Board of Education accepts the audit for the 2023-2024 school year, fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and approves the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) as attached. **(Attachment C1)**

D Joint Transportation Agreement

To approve a Joint Transportation Agreement between Winslow Board of Education and Magnolia Board of Education for student #4918188708 in the amount of \$1,479.06 for the 2024-2025 school year.

E Shared Service Agreement – Magnolia Borough

To approve the attached shared service agreement between Magnolia Board of Education and The Borough of Magnolia for the 2025 calendar year. **(Attachment E1)**

F Tuition Contract

To approve a tuition contract between Magnolia Board of Education and Employee #611 for student #9821805566 in the amount of \$18,000.00 per year (to be prorated to the effective start date of February 12, 2025) for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Approved: _____

XI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION II – PUBLIC COMMENT

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve to open the meeting to the public regarding other items of interest.

Motion by: _____ *Seconded by:* _____ *Approved:* _____

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve to close the Audience Participation II portion of the meeting.

Motion by: _____ *Seconded by:* _____ *Approved:* _____

XII. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

Time: _____

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 _____ 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 which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: _____);

_____ Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

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

_____ Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: _____);

_____ Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____ Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____ Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

_____ Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is: _____

_____)

(If contract negotiation the nature of the contract and interested party is _____
_____)

Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the District's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

____ 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 _____
_____);

____ Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

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.

I, _____, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Magnolia Borough Board of Education at their meeting held on _____.

Board Secretary

Indicate whether action will or will not be taken after executive session.

Motion by: _____ *Seconded by:* _____ *Approved:* _____

XIII. RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Time: _____

Motion by: _____ *Seconded by:* _____ *Approved:* _____

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Time: _____

Motion by: _____ *Seconded by:* _____ *Approved:* _____