

Magnolia Public School District
Superintendent's Report
February 18, 2025

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.

Presentation: Mr. Sorrentino will discuss the School Safety Data Submission along with Magnolia's Harassment Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) trends for the 2023-2024 school year

Information Items:

1. Board 2025 Committee List is **attached**

A. Curriculum/Programs

1. Exploring new Benchmark tools

B. Interdistrict

1. Feasibility study **attachments** (Superintendent to discuss)
2. Steering Committee minutes from January 21, 2025 meeting (**attached**)
3. Magnolia's Regionalization Recap Notes (**attached**)
4. Stratford's Feasibility report Notes (**attached**)

C. Public Relations/Liaison

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns

1. Policy #5111 (**attached**) Superintendent to discuss

E. Buildings and Grounds

1. A lockdown was conducted on December 11, 2024
2. A fire drill was conducted on December 18, 2024
3. A shelter in place was conducted on January 8, 2025
4. A fire drill was conducted on January 28, 2025

F. Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)

G. Misc

H. HIB

1. No HIB to report at this time

I. Principal's Report

1. Mr. Sorrentino's report for December and January (**attached**)
2. Mrs. Marly's nurses report for December and January (**attached**)

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

Personnel

1. Kelly Devlin as special education teacher to start April 10, 2025 at a starting salary of a MA step 1 \$61,526
2. Jennifer Pontarelli, Leah Hallahan, and Ali Gilley to attend a workshop on March 27, 2025 entitled Coaching that Counts grades 3-5 Standards Summit at a cost of \$247.00 per person. (to be taken out of Title II)
3. Jose Laracuente to receive a \$300.00 stipend for spanish translation to support students and families for the remainder of the 24-25 school year
4. Linda Rutherford to take medical leave effective February 27, 2025 with a return date of May 27, 2025
5. Julie Kemble to take maternity leave and evoke FMLA with an effective date of April 13, 2025 with an anticipated return date of September 1, 2025
6. Alexandra Muller, a student from Camden County College to observe Elisa Rutherford in a classroom setting for a total of 15 hours during the months of February ,March, and April
7. Teachers to be reimbursed \$20.00 an hour for professional development completed outside of their contracted hours not to exceed 10 hours for the remainder of the 24-25 school year
8. Teaching assistants to be paid their hourly rate for professional development completed after their contracted hours not to exceed 10 hours for the remainder of the 24-25 school year
9. The following teaching assistants/aides to be paid their hourly rate to attend Safety Care Training on March 18, 2025 from 9:00am - 3:00pm
Erin Hobbs - trainer
G. Samuels
Jose Laracuente

Trips/Events

1. The 8th grade class trip to American Dream Mall in East Rutherford NJ on Friday, May 9th with a return time of 8:00pm

Workshops

1. Karen Sorbello to attend the Women's leadership Conference on March 21, 2025 at Mercer County College at a cost of \$119.00
2. Zachary Camrieri and Elisa Rutherford to attend a workshop on March 3, 2025 at Camden County College entitled Write More, Grade Less at a cost of \$149.00 each (to be taken out of Title II)
3. Rich Clement to attend the NJ School Building and Grounds Expo Conference in Atlantic City from March 23 -26 (board to pay for three nights at a cost of \$100.00 a night for a total cost of \$300.00)
4. Susan Ortiz to attend the NJ Preschool Inclusion Conference at Mercer County Community College on April 10, 2025 at a cost of \$45.00 (to be taken out of title II)

Calendar

1. The 2025-2026 Magnolia Public School Calendar (**attached**)

Tuition

1. Ratification of an establishment of a tuition rate for students of staff members of the Magnolia School District at \$18,000 per 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.)

1. First reading of policy #9163 Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events (**attached**)
2. Revised policies # 5111,5512,5533,7441,8500,9320
Revised regulations: 7441, 9320

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Macpherson
Superintendent