



MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Learning and Achieving School

420 North Warwick Road, Magnolia, New Jersey, 08049

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MAGNOLIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 - 6:30 pm

Magnolia Elementary School

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.

Superintendent's Report

A. Informational Items

1. The 2026–2027 school year is off to a very successful start. The opening days went smoothly, with no significant issues or concerns reported. Staff and students have transitioned well into the new school year, and we are pleased with the positive start and strong sense of school community.
2. Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 5:30 pm.
3. Negotiation meetings are scheduled during the next few months.

B. Curriculum/Programs

1. Middle School Math is participating in a research study related to high impact instructional practices and highly ranked curriculum.
2. In grades K-8, during WIN, we are implementing digital well being and online safety practices.

C. Interdistrict

(No items at this time)

D. Public Relations/Liaison

(No items at this time)

E. Student/Parental Issues and Concerns

(No items at this time)

F. Buildings and Grounds

1. A fire drill was held on August 6, 2026.
2. A shelter in place drill was held on August 26, 2026.

3. Bus drills were held on September 10, 2026, at the following times at the front of the building, supervised by Principal Paul Sorrentino.

Grade	Time
PSD/MD	8:45 am
Preschool	8:45 am
Kindergarten	9:00 am
1st Grade	9:15 am
2nd Grade	9:30 am
3rd Grade	9:45 am
4th Grade	10:00 am
5th Grade	10:15 am
6th Grade	10:30 am
7th Grade	10:45 am
8th Grade	11:00 am

G. Negotiations/Contractual (*Executive Session*)

(No items at this time)

H. Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (HIB)

(No items at this time)

I. Miscellaneous

(No items at this time)

J. Principal's Report

1. The Principal's Report will resume in October.

Items for Board Approval

Motion to approve the recommendations of the Superintendent as listed below:

A. Personnel

1. Approval of Melanie Dilworth as a teacher assistant, Step 16, at a salary of \$27,173.00, with single medical benefits, retroactive to September 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
2. Approval to revise a maternity leave of absence for employee #629, effective August 31, 2026, through December 23, 2026, returning to work on January 4, 2027.
3. Approval of a medical leave of absence for employee #673, effective October 16, 2026, through January 8, 2027, returning to work on January 11, 2027.

4. Approval of Nicole Lopez and Nicholas Meehl, Special Education Teachers, to attend the Autism NJ 44th Annual Autism Conference on Friday, October 23, 2022. Registration (\$300.00 each), mileage, and miscellaneous expenses will be funded through Title II (200-500).
5. Approval of Erin Sorrentino to complete coursework at Rutgers University during the 2026-2027 school year, with reimbursement in accordance with the Magnolia School Education Association (MSEA) contract.
6. Approval of the following staff member to participate in kindergarten orientation, not to exceed 3 hours. Funds to be paid from the general fund:

Last Name	First Name	Rate
Radcliff	Christine	\$17.63/hour

7. Approval of the following employee for curriculum writing to be paid from general funds:

Last Name	First Name	Rate	Hours	Not to Exceed	Curriculum
Roehr	Colleen	\$40.00	Up to 24	\$960.00	STEAM-Grades 3-8

8. Approval to engage Cheryl Ross as an independent contractor to perform services and complete tasks requiring the expertise and/or certification of an ESL teacher, including, but not limited to, WIDA Screener administration, student record reviews, and ACCESS for ELLs testing. Services shall not exceed 50 hours during the 2026–2027 school year at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, for a maximum compensation of \$2,000.00.
9. Employ the following substitute custodian for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$19.00 per hour:

Last Name	First Name
Dobleman	Aidan

10. Approval for Karen Macpherson, Superintendent, to attend the NJ School Board Association's Workshop 2026 on October 19-22, 2026. The general fund will fund admission, Hotel (\$301.20), mileage, and miscellaneous expenses.

B. Students

(No items at this time)

C. Programs

1. Approval of Sarah Tantillo to provide 8 hours of ELA coaching at a rate of \$250.00 an hour for an amount not to exceed \$2000.00, funded through Title II (200-300).

2. Approval of Coaching that Counts with Cheryl Fricchione to provide math coaching 1 day in person and 10 virtual sessions at 45 minutes each, for an amount not to exceed \$4000.00, funded through Title II (200-300).

D. Trips

(No items at this time)

E. Plans

(No items at this time)

F. Job Descriptions

(No items at this time)

G. Facilities

(No items at this time)

H. Policies

(No items at this time)

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen E. Macpherson
Superintendent