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MAGNOLIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
420 NORTH WARWICK ROAD
MAGNOLIA, NJ 08049
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2026– 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 Retrospect, at the entrance of Magnolia School, and the Magnolia Borough Hall, and notification sent to the Courier Post.

Time: _____

III. ROLL CALL

Rebecca Ammen	_____	**Mark Godfrey**	_____	**Karen Sorbello**	_____
Richard Cruz	_____	**Jennifer Jackson**	_____		
Nick D'Amico	_____	**Dale Martin**	_____		

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 Session and Executive Session Board of Education meeting held on September 15, 2026

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

VI. 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:*_____

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

A. Unfinished Business

B. New Business

C. State and Local School Board Association

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IX. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Informational Items:

-Governance Training – Due December 31, 2026

Board Actions:

Motion to approve items A through D

A Monthly Reports
The Budget Summary and Revenue Summary for the month of September 2026. **(Attachment A1 through A2)**

B Transfer of Funds
The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of September 2026. **(Attachment B1)**

C Financial Reports

1. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of September 2026. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A – 16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. **(Attachment C1)**
2. Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of September 2026. The Treasurer's Report and Board Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of September 2026. **(Attachment C2)**
3. Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.
4. Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 4 We certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

D Warrants
The attached bill lists:

- Warrants **(Attachment D1)**
- Payroll **(Attachment D2)**

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

Motion to approve items E through G

E Tuition – Marie Katzenbach
To approve a tuition contract with Marie H. Katzenbach School for student #5749541181 in the amount of $66,387.00 for tuition for the 2026-2027 school year.

F Budget Calendar
To approve the 2027-2028 budget calendar.
(Attachment E1)

G BCIP JIF Renewal

To approve the attached Resolution and Indemnity & Trust Agreement to renew membership in the BCIP JIF for the three year membership term commencing July 1, 2027. **(Attachment F1 & F2)**

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

X. 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:*_____

XI. 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;

_____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:*_____

XII. RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Time: _____

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Time: _____

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