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**MAGNOLIA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
420 NORTH WARWICK ROAD  
MAGNOLIA, NJ 08049**

Reorganization and Regular Board of Education Meeting  
**Thursday, January 4, 2024– 7:00 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. Oath of Office**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

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

Others Present:

**V. Election of President of the Board**

Nomination of President of the Board \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Election of Vice-President of the Board**

Nomino of Vice-President of the Board \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. Annual Appointments**

Appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Delegate to New Jersey School Boards Association for 2024.

*Motion by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Seconded by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Approved:*\_\_\_\_\_

Appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Alternate Delegate of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2024.

*Motion by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Seconded by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Approved:*\_\_\_\_\_

Appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Legislative Chairperson of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2024.

*Motion by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Seconded by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Approved:*\_\_\_\_\_

Appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2024.

*Motion by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Seconded by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Approved:*\_\_\_\_\_

Appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Alternate Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2024.

*Motion by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Seconded by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Approved:*\_\_\_\_\_

Appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Representative to Camden County Educational Services Commission for 2024.

*Motion by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Seconded by:*\_\_\_\_\_ *Approved:*\_\_\_\_\_

**VIII. 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.*

**IX. 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:* \_\_\_\_\_

**X. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**

**A. Unfinished Business**

**B. New Business**

**C. State and Local School Board Association**

**XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Magnolia's Updated Safe Return to School Plan ( A copy can be found on our school website)

**XII. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Informational Items:**

**Board Actions:**

**Motion to approve items A through D**

**A Warrants**

The attached bill lists:

- January 2024 warrants (**Attachment A1**)

**B Warrants**

Approval of the Business Administrator to continue payment of all bills through the February 20, 2024 meeting. The bill lists for those payments will be submitted at the next Board of Education meeting.

**C Tuition - Bancroft**

To approve a tuition contract with Bancroft for student #6558504679 in the amount of \$82,250.70 for tuition and \$46,200.00 for a 1:1 aide for the 2023-2024 school year (to be prorated due to partial year).

**D Meeting Dates** – It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Regular meeting dates for the 2024 year, to typically take place on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, at the Magnolia School, unless otherwise noted.

	August 6, 2024 (First Tuesday)
February 20, 2024	September 17, 2024
March 19, 2024	October 15, 2024
April 16, 2024	November 19, 2024
May 7, 2024 **	December 17, 2024
June 13, 2024 (Second Thursday)	January 2, 2025 * (First Thursday)

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\* \*Reorganization must take place between January 1 – 7, 2024 & 2025

\*\* Rehiring of staff before May 15<sup>th</sup> (may change once budget guidelines are available)

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**XIII. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**XIV. 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:* \_\_\_\_\_

**XV. RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING**

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Motion by:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Seconded by:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Approved:* \_\_\_\_\_

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Motion by:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Seconded by:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Approved:* \_\_\_\_\_