

**Magnolia School District  
Board of Education  
Reorganization/Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
January 3, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Greg Gontowski opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Greg Gontowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at which time the following statement was read: *"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."*

**Oath of Office**                      Oath of Office given to New Board Members by Mr. Frank Cavallo, Solicitor

<b>Roll Call</b>	Mrs. Joyce Albrecht	Present
	Mr. Nick D'Amico	Present
	Ms. Rebecca Ammen	Present
	Mrs. Jennifer Gray	Present
	Mr. Edward Hoban	Absent
	Mrs. Rebecca Lang Staffieri	Present
	Mrs. Karen Sorbello	Present

**Other Attendees**                      Dr. Warren Pross, Superintendent  
Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Mr. Frank P. Cavallo, Jr. Solicitor

**Election of President of the Board**

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Mr. Greg Gontowski called for Nomination of President of the Board

**Motioned by Joyce Albrecht, Seconded by Jennifer Gray to nominate Karen Sorbello**

**Vote: To approve Nomination of President of the Board**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D'Amico, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, \*\*Mrs. Sorbello-Abstained (5-0-1)**

**Motion Approved**

	<b>Mr. Greg Gontowski turned the meeting over to the President Karen Sorbello</b>
<b>Election of Vice-President of the Board</b>	<b>Election of Vice-President of the Board</b>  Mrs. Karen Sorbello called for Nomination of Vice-President of the Board  <b>Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Nick D'Amico to nominate Joyce Albrecht</b>  <b>Vote: To approve Nomination of Vice-President of the Board</b> <b>Roll Call Vote. All in favor: **Mrs. Albrecht- Abstained, Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D'Amico, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mrs. Sorbello (5-0-1)</b>
<b>Appointment of Board Committee Members</b>	<b><u>Motion Approved</u></b>  <b>Nomination and Election of Board Committee Members</b>  Appoint <b><u>Karen Sorbello</u></b> as Delegate of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2017.  Appoint <b><u>Jennifer Gray</u></b> as Alternate Delegate of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2017.  Appoint <b><u>Edward Hoban</u></b> as Legislative Chairperson of New Jersey School Boards Association for 2017.  Appoint <b><u>Jennifer Gray</u></b> as Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2017.  Appoint <b><u>Rebecca Lang Staffieri</u></b> as Alternate Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2017.  Appoint <b><u>Rebecca Ammen</u></b> as Representative to Camden County Educational Services Commission for 2017.  <b>Motioned by Nick D'Amico, Second by Jennifer Gray</b>  <b>Vote: To approve Board Committee Members 2017</b> <b>Voice Vote. All in favor</b>  <b><u>Motion Approved</u></b>
<b>Mission Statement</b>	Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Karen Sorbello
<b>Open Audience Participation I</b>	<b>Open Audience Participation I – <u>AGENDA ITEMS ONLY</u></b>  <b>Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Jennifer Gray</b>

**Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation I  
Voice Vote. All in favor**

**Close – Audience  
Participation I**

**Close Audience Participation I**

**Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri**

**Vote: To approve closing of Audience Participation I  
Voice vote. All in favor**

**BOE Business**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**State and Local School  
Board Association**

Karen Sorbello – School Boards Association meeting update

**Superintendent's  
Report**

**Superintendent's Report**

**Informational Items:**

Student council update

- Alicia Thoranton – Treasurer
- Anayah Frazier – Vice-President

**\*\*\*Joyce Albrecht Left  
Meeting**

**\*\*\*Joyce Albrecht – Left 7:15**

**Revised policies 1510  
and 8330**

**Policies**

**Motion to Approve Policies Items 1 and 2**

The following updated policies 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. Revised policies 1510 and 8330
2. First reading of the following new policies:  
2415.30 Title 1 – Educational Stability for children in Foster Care  
2418 – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – Students

**Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Jennifer Gray**

**Vote: To approve Policies Items 1 and 2**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Ammen, Mr. D'Amico, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mrs. Sorbello (5-0-0)**

**Motion Approved**

**Trips**  
**2/3/17 and 3/30/17**

**Trips**

**Motion to Approve Trip Item 1**

1. First grade trip to Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ on Friday, February 3, 2017

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth grade trip to The Katz Roah/Goodwin Educational Center at the Voorhees Town Center, in Voorhees NJ on Thursday, March 30, 2017

**Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Jennifer Gray**

**Vote: To approve Trip Item 1**

**Voice Vote. All in favor**

**Motion Approved**

**Informational Items:**

**General**

**Building and Grounds**

**A. Building and Grounds**

1. Shelter in place was conducted on December 20, 2016
2. A fire drill was conducted on December 21, 2016
- 3.

**Curriculum**

**B. Curriculum**

1. Teacher Evaluations
  - Walkthroughs plus conferences – 9
  - Long evaluations – 40
  - Short evaluations – 5

**Finance**

**C. Finance** - None

**Interdistrict**

**D. Interdistrict** - None

**Negotiations**

**E. \*Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)** - None

**Policy/Procedure**

**F. Policy/Procedure** - None

**Public Relations/Liaison**

**G. Public Relations/Liaison** - None

**Student/Parental**

**H. Student/Parental Issues and Concerns** - None

**Principal's Report**

**I Principal's Report**

1. Mr. Johnson's principals report (**attachment**)

**Board Secretary Report**

**BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Informational Items**

**Informational Items:**

Board meeting dates passed out for 16-17 school year

**Board Actions**

**Board Actions:**

**Motion to approve Items A thru C**

**Warrants**

**A. Warrants**

The attached bill lists:

- December 2016 payroll (**Attachment A1**)
- January 2017 warrants (**Attachment A2**)

**Warrants**

**B. Warrants**

Approval of the Business Administrator to continue payment of all bills through February 21, 2017, or until the next Board of Education meeting. The bill lists for those payments will be submitted at the next Board of Education meeting.

**SEMI Waiver**

**C. 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 2017-2018 year, and

Whereas, the Magnolia Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Magnolia Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Camden an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2017-18 school year.

**Motioned by Nick D'Amico, Seconded by Jennifer Gray**

**Vote: To approve Items A thru C**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: \*\*Mrs. Ammen- Abstained, Mr. D'Amico, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mrs. Sorbello (4-0-1)**

**Motion Approved**

**Open Audience  
Participation II**

**Audience Participation II**

**Motioned by Jennifer Gray, Second by Nick D'Amico**

**Vote: To Open Audience Participation II**

**Voice Vote. All in favor**

**Closed Audience  
Participation II**

**Closed Audience Participation II**

**Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Jennifer Gray**

**Vote: To Close Audience Participation II**

**Voice Vote. All in favor**

**Adjournment**

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**Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:27 pm by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Jennifer Gray.**

**Vote: To Adjourn meeting**

**Voice Vote. All in favor**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Greg Gontowski  
Board Secretary**

