

**Magnolia School District  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
November 18, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

Mrs. Shelley Wilson opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Shelley Wilson 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.”*

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Joyce Albrecht	Present
Ms. Rebecca DePrince	Present
Mrs. Jennifer Gray	Present
Mr. Edward Hoban	Present
Mr. Rudolph Kube	Absent
Mrs. Karen Sorbello	Present
Mrs. Shelley Wilson	Present

**Other Attendees**

Dr. Warren Pross, Superintendent  
Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Mr. Cameron R. Morgan, Associate, Parker McCay

**Mission Statement**

Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Shelley Wilson

**Election Results**

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Joyce Albrecht – 537 votes  
Karen Sorbello – 547 votes

**Approval of Minutes**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following:

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on October 21, 2014.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward hoban

**Vote: To approve Minutes**

**Voice Vote. All in favor. Rebecca DePrince Abstained**

**Audience  
Participation I**

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Motioned to Bypass Audience Participation I by Karen Sorbello,  
Seconded by Rebecca DePrince.

**Vote: To approve Bypassing of Audience Participation I**

**Voice Vote. All in favor**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**

**Unfinished Business    Unfinished Business**

NONE

**New Business**

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- Shelley Wilson commented on Camden County improvement authority correspondence.
- Edward Hoban asked if custodians can check stalls in restrooms
- Edward Hoban asked if the stair chair can go on 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip
- Jennifer Gray commented on Facebook page update
- Shelley Wilson commented on Facebook page and its effect on ROD Grant
- Karen Sorbello commented on various updates including DA meeting, JIF, etc.

**State and Local  
School Board  
Association**

**State and Local School board Association**

NONE

**Superintendent's  
Report**

**Superintendent's Report**

**Presentations**

**Presentations:**

- Violence and Vandalism Report – Warren Pross
- Educational Initiatives – Warren Pross (attachment)

**Personnel  
Susan Anastasi-  
Coursework**

**Leanna Ward-  
Practicum**

**Personnel**

1. Ms. Susan Anastasi to take Spring, Summer, and Fall 2015 coursework in pursuit of her Mental Health Counseling Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study to obtain a Licensed Professional Counselor National Certification (to be reimbursed as per contract)
2. Ms. Leanna Ward, a student from Rutgers University, to do her Spring 2015 Practicum (January 26, 2015 through May 1, 2015) with Mr. Paul Sorrentino

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

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban**

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

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. Rebecca DePrince, Mrs. Jennifer Gray, Mr. Hoban, , Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (6-0-0)**

**Motion Approved**

**Workshops**

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1. Mrs. Diane Venables to attend the following PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) workshops at Rowan University at a cost of \$150.00 each (to be taken out of professional development)  
December 5, 2014 - Understanding PARCC Inside and Out  
January 22, 2015 - Succeeding on the PARCC  
February 26, 2015 - Gearing up for PARCC
2. Mrs. Dana Stahl to attend a workshop entitled Helping your Kindergartners Meet the Common Core State Standards in Cherry Hill, NJ on January 9, 2015 at a cost of \$235.00 (to be taken out of professional development)
3. Mr. Bill Keane to attend a workshop entitled Autism, Sensory and ADHD in Cherry Hill NJ on December 12, 2014 at a cost of \$199.00 (to be taken out of professional development)
4. The Renaissance Committee along with Interdistrict colleagues to attend a workshop in Monroe Township, NJ on December 5, 2014 entitled Believe in U: Empowering Students and Staff to Change Climate and Culture at a cost of \$250.00. (to be taken out of professional development). Shared cost of bus will be distributed between Sterling and Stratford at a cost of \$120.00 each

**Motion to Approve Workshops 1 through 4**

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban**

**Vote: To approve Workshops 1 through 4**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. Rebecca DePrince, Mrs. Jennifer Gray, Mr. Hoban, , Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (6-0-0)**

**Motion Approved**

**Trips**

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1. The Eighth Grade Dinner Dance at Royal Cracovia Restaurant in Magnolia, NJ on June 4, 2015
2. The Eighth Grade Class Trip to New York City on May 20, 2015

**Motion to Approve Trips 1 and 2**

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rebecca DePrince**

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

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. DePrince, Mrs. Sorbello Mrs. Wilson**

**\*Mr. Hoban and Mrs. Gray Abstained  
(4-0-0)**

**Motion Approved**

**Policies**

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Second reading of the following policies

1. 5339 – Screening for Dyslexia (enclosed)
2. 5756 – Transgender Students (enclosed)

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

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht**

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

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. DePrince, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (6-0-0)**

**Motion Approved**

**Informational Items**

**Informational Items:**

**Buildings and Grounds**

- A. Buildings and Grounds
  1. A fire drill was conducted on October 21, 2014

2. An evacuation drill was conducted on October 29, 2014

**Curriculum**

**B. Curriculum**

1. Teacher Evaluations
  - Walkthroughs plus Conferences - 29
  - Long Evaluations - 39
  - Short Evaluations -0
2. Common Core State Standards: Superintendent discussed

**Finance**

**C. Finance**

**Interdistrict**

**D. Interdistrict**

1. Interdistrict Meeting on November 12, 2014: Superintendent discussed

**Negotiations**

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

**Policy/Procedure  
Public**

**F. Policy/Procedure - None**

**Relations/Liaison**

**G. Public Relations/Liaison**

1. School Improvement Grant (ROD) Meeting on November 11, 2014: Superintendent discussed
2. Centennial Meeting on November 13, 2014: Superintendent discussed

**Student/Parental  
Issues and Concerns**

**H. Student/Parental Issues and Concerns**

1. HIB Report – A report under investigation
2. Special Education Compliance – Superintendent discussed

**Principal's Report**

**I. Principal's Report**

1. Mr. Johnson's Principal Report (attachment)

**Meeting date  
change to December  
18, 2014**

**Meeting Date Change** – To approve changing the December 16, 2014 regular meeting to December 18, 2014.

**Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban  
Vote: To approve changing meeting date to December 18, 2014  
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. DePrince, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (6-0-0)  
Motion Approved**

**BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Informational Items**      **Informational Items: NONE**

**Board Actions**            **Board Actions:**

**Motion to approve items A through C**

**Monthly Reports**            **A. Monthly Reports**  
The Budget Summary and Revenue Summary for the month of September 2014 (**Attachment A1 and Attachment A2**).

**Transfer of Funds**            **B. Transfer of Funds**  
The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of September 2014 (**Attachment B1**).

**Financial Reports**            **C. Financial Reports**

1. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of September 2014. 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 2014. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of September 2014. (**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.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban

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

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. DePrince, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (6-0-0)**

**Motion Approved**

**Motion to approve Items D and E**

**Warrants**

**D. Warrants**

The attached bill lists:

1. October 2014 payroll (**Attachment D1**)
2. November 2014 warrants (**Attachment D2**)

**Void Checks**

**E. Void Checks** – To approve the voiding of the following checks:

- 3063 – Verizon - \$822.11

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Edward Hoban

**Vote: To approve Items D and E**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (6-0-0) Motion Approved**

**\* Mrs. DePrince abstains with regard to the State of New Jersey and or its agents**

**Dual Use**

**Motion to approve items F and G**

**F. Dual Use** – To approve submission to the county, application requesting permission for a dual use of instructional space.

**BCIPJIF**

**G. BCIPJIF** – To approve the attached resolution and indemnity trust agreement to renew membership in the Burlington County Insurance Pool for the three year membership term beginning on July 1, 2015 (**Attachment G1**).

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Joyce Albrecht

**Vote: To approve Items F and G**

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Ms. DePrince, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hoban, Mrs. Sorbello, Mrs. Wilson (6-0-0)**

**Motion Approved**

**Adjournment**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:18 PM by Karen Sorbello,  
Seconded by Edward Hoban.**

**Vote: To Adjourn meeting  
Voice Vote. All in favor**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Greg Gontowski  
Board Secretary**



