

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
August 15, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Nick D'Amico opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Roll Call

Mrs. Rebecca Ammen	Present
Mr. Nick D'Amico	Present
Mr. Mark Godfrey	Absent
Mrs. Rebeca Lang Staffieri	Present
Mrs. Karen Sorbello	Present
Mrs. Alyssa Vazquez-Colon	Present
Mr. Dale Martin	Present

Other Attendees

Mrs. Karen Macpherson, Superintendent
Mr. Bill Morlok, Solicitor

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Nick D'Aminco.

- Minutes and Executive Session Minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting held on June 14, 2023.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

**Vote: To approve Minutes
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Approval of Minutes

Motion Approved

**Audience
Participation I**

Audience Participation I – None

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

**State and Local
School Board
Association**

None

**Superintendent's
Report**

Superintendent's Report

School Performance Report - Karen Macpherson

Presentation

Presentation:

1. Karen Macpherson – Goals and Objectives for 2023-2024

Information Items:

1. Thank you from Top Sports for a dress down day (**Attachment**)

A. Curriculum/Programs:

1. Preschool Expansion Grant Update

. B. Interdistrict:

1. Approval of Feasibility Study

C. Public Relations/Liaison - None

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns - None

E. Buildings and Ground

1. Ramp and concrete being fixed
2. Acoustic panels in gym being installed
3. Landscaping for leveling dirt and bring back grass outside

F. *Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session) - None

G. Principal's Report - None

H. Miscellaneous

1. Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation

Personnel

Motion to Approve Personnel Items 1 through 6

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**Dan Carson –
Organizing &
Planning for Interim
Curriculum
Coordinator Duties
23-24**

1. Ratification of Dan Carson to be paid his per diem rate for the months of July and August not to exceed 15 days for reviewing, organizing, and planning for interim curriculum coordinator duties for the 23-24 school year.
2. To accept the resignation of Jessica Moore as teachers aide effective August 30, 2023.

**Renaissance Summer
Organizational
Meeting**

3. Dave Cogan, Linda Rutherford, Jess Moore, Gunner Loper, Haley Attanasi, and Zach Camerieri to hold a Renaissance Summer Organizational Meeting for 3 hours at a rate of \$20.00 an hour to be paid \$60.00 each.

**Heather Knapp
McGuirl - \$500.00
September – June
Substitute Coverages
and Additional Duties**

4. Heather Knapp McGuirl to receive a stipend of \$500.00 a month from September to June for arranging substitute coverages and additional duties related to the preschool expansion grant.

**Maria Lowe –
Teaching Assistant**

5. Maria Lowe as teaching assistant effective September 1, 2023 at a starting salary of step 15 \$24,413.

**Dana Williams –
Teachers Aide**

6. Dana Williams as teachers aide effective September 1, 2023 at a starting salary of step 15 \$21,626.

Motioned by Dale Martin, Second by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

Vote: To approve Personnel Items 1 through 6

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Ammen, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mrs. Sorbello and Mr. D'Amico (6-0-0)

Motion Approved

Conferences- through Plans

**Paul Sorrentino –
Attend Conference
10/11 through 10/13**

1. Paul Sorrentino to attend the 2023 New Jersey Principal Supervisors Association/FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference on October 11th through October 13th at a cost of \$375.00

Facilities

**Annual Toilet Room
Facilities for
Kindergarten
Classroom #63**

1. The 2023-2024 Annual Toilet Room Facilities for Kindergarten classroom #63

Activities/Programs

**Fund \$3000.00 to
Magnolia Renaissance
Program 23-24**

1. The Magnolia Board of Education to fund \$3000 to the Magnolia Renaissance program for the 2023-2024 school year

Trips

Waling Trips 23-24

1. All walking trips for the 2023-2024 school year

Plans

**Emergency Virtual or
Remote Instructional
Plan 23-24**

1. Magnolia Schools Emergency Virtual or Remote Instructional Plan for the 2023-2024 school year (posted on our website).

**Goals and Objectives
23-24**

2. Magnolia Schools Goals and Objectives for the 2023-2024 school year
(Attachment).

**Submission to the
County Office –
Nurses Service Plan**

3. The 2023-2024 submission to the county office Magnolia’s Nurses Service Plan.

**Professional
Development Plan 23-
24**

4. The Magnolia Public School 2023-2024 Professional Development Plan.

5. The Magnolia Public School 2023-2024 Teacher Mentoring Plan.

**Teacher Mentoring
Plan 23-24**

6. To approve the Danielson Instrument for teacher observations during the 2023-2024 school year.

**Danielson Instrument
for Teacher
Observations 23-24**

7. To approve the Instrument for administrator evaluation form to be completed on Oncourse Systems during the 2023-2024 school year.

**Instrument for
Administrator
Evaluation form to be
Completed on
Oncourse Systems 23-
24**

Motioned by Dale Martin, Second by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

Vote: To approve Conferences- through Plans

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Ammen, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mrs. Sorbello and Mr. D’Amico (6-0-0)

Motion Approved

Policies

The following updated policies and regulations 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.)

**Suspend Bylaw 0131
and Adopt New Policy
1642.01 and New
Regulation 2419**

1. Move the Board of Education to suspend Bylaw 0131 and adopt new policy 1642.01 and new Regulation 1642.01 (**Attachment**) and revised policy 2419 and new regulation 2419 (**Attachment**) with one reading based on recently approved sick leave legislation that is effective immediately and recent New Jersey Department of Education guidance provided to school district that is effective September 1, 2023.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

**Vote: To approve Policies
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Motion Approved

**Board Secretary
Report**

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Informational Items:

Board Actions

Board Actions:

Motion to Approve Items A and B

Bill List

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- June and July 2023 warrants (**Attachment A1**)

**Business
Administrator to
Continue Payment of
all Bill until next BOE
Meeting**

- B. Bills** – Approval to pay bills prior to the next board meeting due to the time length between meetings being greater than one month.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Dale Martin

Vote: To approve Items A and B

**Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Ammen, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Martin,
Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mrs. Sorbello and Mr. D'Amico (6-0-0)**

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Item C through K

**GCSSSD Tuition/ESY
Tuition #5157456913**

- C. Tuition** - To approve a tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for student #5157456913 in the amount of \$4,680.00 for ESY for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Kingsway Learning
Tuition/1:1 Aid
#3375903109**

- D. Tuition** - To approve a tuition contract with Kingsway Learning Center for student #3375903109 in the amount of \$68,728.80 for tuition and \$37,800.00 for a 1:1 aide for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Kingsway Learning –
Tuition #3963950202**

E. Tuition - To approve a tuition contract with Kingsway Learning Center for student #3963950202 in the amount of \$68,728.80 for tuition for the 2023-2024 school year.

**General Healthcare
Resources – Non Fair
and Open**

F. Non Fair and Open – To award non fair and open contract to General Healthcare Resources for the 2023-2024 school year for 1:1 nursing services for student #3963950202 in an amount to exceed \$17,500.00.

CM3- HVAC Service

G. CM3 – To approve a contract with CM3 under CCESC #66CCEPS for HVAC services in the amount of \$26,450.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

ESEA Grant 23-24

H. ESEA Grant – To approve submission and acceptance of the 2023-2024 IDEA Grant in the following amounts:

IDEA Basic - \$145,551.00

IDEA PS - \$7,742.00

PEA Grant

I. PEA Grant – To approve submission of the Preschool Expansion Grant application for the 2023-2024 school year.

Meal Prices

J. Meal Prices – To approve the following food service meal prices for the 2023-2024 school year:

Paid Lunch	\$2.60 (No increase from 2019-2020)
Paid Breakfast	\$1.25
Adult Lunch	\$3.10

**WJ Gross – Concrete
Repairs**

K. WJ Gross – To approve a contract with WJ Gross under CCESC #66CCEPS for concrete repairs in the amount of \$25,546.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Alyssa Vazquez-Colon

Vote: To approve Items A through F and H through J

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Ammen, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mrs. Sorbello and Mr. D'Amico (6-0-0)

Vote: To approve Items G and K

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: **Mrs. Ammen, Mrs. Lang Staffieri, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Vazquez-Colon, Mrs. Sorbello and Mr. D'Amico (5-0-1) ** Mrs. Ammen – Abstained

Motion Approved

**Open Audience
Participation II**

Audience Participation II None

Recess into Closed

Executive Session – None

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm by Rebecca Ammen Seconded by
Rebecca Lang Staffieri**

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary**