

**Magnolia School District
Board of Education
Special Meeting
Minutes
September 21, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

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

Roll Call

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mrs. Joyce Albrecht	Prsent
Mrs. Rebecca Ammen	Present
Mr. Nick D'Amico	Present
Mr. Mark Godfrey	Present
Mrs. Rebeca Lang Staffieri	Presentt
Mrs. Karen Sorbello	Present

Other Attendee

Mrs. Karen Macpherson, Superintendent
Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Bill Morlok, Solicitor

Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Nick D' Aminco.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on August 3, 2021
- Minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting held on August 24, 2021

Audience Participation I

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

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

Motion Approved (6-0-0)

Open Audience Participation I – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Close Audience Participation I

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rebecca Lang Staffieri

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

None

Close Audience Participation I

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

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

**Board of Education
Business**

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

New Business

Nick D'Amico and Karen Macpherson updated on the school going peanut free for lunches due to Covid restrictions.

**State and Local
School Board
Association**

Nick D'Amico and Karen Macpherson - updated on school lunches at the start of 2021-2022.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Nick D'Amico – Next meeting 10/4/21.

Superintendent's Report

Presentation: Jamie De Vecchis, our guidance counselor, will discuss the HIB scores 20-21 school year

Information Items:

Curriculum/Programs

1. ELA, Math, SS, and Science have all been updated and are up for board approval.
2. Strong Assessments will be given around the first week of October.

.B. Interdistrict – None

C. Public Relations/Liaison – None

D. Student/Parental Issue and Concerns - None

E. Buildings and Grounds –

1. Upgrading cameras around the building
2. Bathrooms are 95% completed
3. Updated smoke detectors
4. Staff installed two sensory paths
5. Exploring a new bell system

F. Negotiations/Contractual (Executive Session)

G. Misc

H. HIB

No HIB to report at this time

I. Principal's Report

Items for Board Approval: **Motion to approve:**

Board Actions

Personnel

Motion to Approve Items 1 through 7

**Open Audience
Participation II**

1. Ratification of Juliette Rayser to do pre-school screening at a rate of \$40.00 an hour for 8 hours at a total of 320.00
2. Ratification of Denise Brumbach to be paid \$20.00 an hour for a total of \$280.00 to attend Safety Care Training hosted by Amazing Transformations on August 18th and 19th (to be taken out of title II)
3. Ratification of Stacey Augustine to do case management over the summer at a rate of \$40.00 an hour (not to exceed 10 hours)
4. Kelly Livingston to receive a one time stipend of \$3000 for extra responsibilities incurred during supervisor's maternity leave
5. Aphrodite Dellaporta intent to take Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 coursework in pursuit of her LDTC (Learning Disability Teacher Consultant Certification)
6. Sara Pietropola, to do her clinical physical therapist internship with Monica Bonitatis, our physical therapist from Virtua Health Therapy Services
7. Amy Ryan to do a 5 week 15 hour field experience through Camden County College with Tricia Singleton during the Fall 2021

**Close Audience
Participation II**

Adjournment

Motioned by Karen Sorbello Second by Rebecca Ammen

Vote: To approve Personnel Items 1 through 7

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

Curriculum

Motion to Approve Item 1

1. The following updated subject curriculums for the 21-22 school year English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science.

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

**Vote: To approve Item 1
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Motion Approved (6-0-0)

Policies

Motion to Approve Items 1 thru 4

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.)

1. Revisions of policies and regulations 2422,2467,5111,6311, 7432, 8420, 8540,8550,and 8600.
2. The abolishment of the following policies:
1648 - Restart and Recovery Plan,
1648.02 - Remote Learning Options for Families
1648.03 - The Road Forward Covid 19 Health and Safety
5114 - Children Displaced by Domestic Violence
8810 - Religious Holidays
3. First reading of the following new policies (**Attachments**)
1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Requirements - **Emergency Passage (expiring at the next Board Meeting currently scheduled for 10/19/21)**
6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Allowability of Costs
6115.02 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Mandatory Disclosures
6115.03ederal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Conflict of Interest
- 4 .Second reading of policy # 1648.11 The Road Forward COVID-19- Health and Safety (**Attachment**).

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

**Vote: To approve Items 1 through 4
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Motion Approved (6-0-0)

Motion to Approve Addendum Item 1

1. **To accept the resignation of Denise Brumbach effective November 19, 2021.**

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

**Vote: To approve Addendum Item 1
Voice Vote. All in favor**

Motion Approved (6-0-0)

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Informational Items:

-School Boards Convention – Virtual – October 26-28, 2021

Board Actions:

Motion to approve item A

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- July and August 2021 payroll (**Attachment A1**)
- July through September 2021 warrants (**Attachment A2**)

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Second by Mark Godfrey

**Vote: To approve Item A
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mrs. Lang Staffieri,
Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Sorbello and Mr. D’Amico (6-0-0)**

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Items B through D

- B Board Workshop** – To approve board members and the Superintendent to attend the NJSBA Workshop on October 26-28, 2021 at a cost of \$450.00 per person or \$900.00 group rate.
- C Tuition Contract** – To approve tuition contract with Clementon Board of Education for student #7563857496 in the amount of \$53,035.00 for tuition for the 2021-2022 school year.
- D Non Fair and Open** – To award a non fair and open contract to Great Minds PBC for books in an amount to exceed \$17,500.00 for the 2021-2022 school year (originally awarded to Barnes & Noble – vendor couldn’t supply).

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Second by Karen Sorbello

**Vote: To approve Item A
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mrs. Lang Staffieri,**

Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Sorbello and Mr. D'Amico (6-0-0)

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Items B through D

Open Audience Participation II

Motioned by Mark Godfrey, Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

**Vote: To approve opening of Audience Participation II
Voice Vote. All in favor (6-0-0)**

- Greg Dibartolomeo 209 Lafayette Ave. Magnolia . – Expressed that he does not agree with the no peanut policy.

Close Audience Participation II

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

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

Motion Approved (6-0-0)

Unfinished Business

-Board Vacancy – Candidate Interviews

Motion Approved

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at approximately 7:55 p.m.

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 Township 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 8:15 p.m. this evening.

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 **Board Vacancy**);

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.

Motioned by Rebecca Lang Staffieri, Seconded by Karen Sorbello

**Vote: To Enter Executive Session
Voice Vote. All in favor (6-0-0)**

Action will be taken after Executive Session

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING – 8:05 pm

Motioned by Rebecca Ammen, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

**Vote: To approve Resumption of Public Portion of the Meeting
Voice vote. All in favor (6-0-0)**

Motion Approved

Unfinished Business

-It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Alyssa Vazquez-Colon to fill the unexpired term of Board Member effective through December 31, 2022.

Motioned by Karen Sorbello, Seconded by Mark Godfrey

**Vote: To approve to fill unexpired term
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Ammen, Mrs. Lang Staffieri,
Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Sorbello and Mr. D'Amico (6-0-0)**

Motion Approved

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:06 pm by Mark Godfrey Seconded by Rebecca Ammen

**Vote: To Adjourn meeting
Voice Vote. All in favor (6-0-0)**

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Gontowski
Board Secretary**