



**MAGNOLIA**  
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## Magnolia Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Thursday October 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM

##### **Location**

MSA 4: 11330 W. Graham Place, Los Angeles, CA 90064

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Board Members who participated remotely joined from the following locations:

- MSA-SD 6525 Estrella Ave. San Diego, CA 92120 (Dr. Salih Dikbas)
- 819 Phillips Lane Louisville, Kentucky 40209 (Ms. Diane Gonzalez)
- 1363 Ridgecrest Rd Pinole, CA 94564 (Mr. Serdar Orazov)

Board Members:

Dr. Saken Sherkhanov, Chair  
Mr. Serdar Orazov, Treasurer  
Dr. Salih Dikbas  
Ms. Diane Gonzalez  
Mr. Haim Beliak  
Ms. Charlotte Brimmer  
Ms. Sandra Covarrubias

Renewing Board Members:

Mr. Nguyen Huynh  
Dr. Umit Yapanel, Secretary

CEO & Superintendent:

Dr. Caprice Young

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## Notice of Closed Session Agenda Items

*Due to space limitations on the following pages of the agenda, notice of closed session agenda items is provided here.*

### V. A. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: three cases

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#### **Directors Present**

C. Brimmer, D. Gonzalez (remote), H. Beliak, N. Huynh, S. Covarrubias, S. Dikbas (remote), S. Orazov (remote), S. Sherkhanov, U. Yapanel

#### **Directors Absent**

None

#### **Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

D. Gonzalez, S. Dikbas

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

S. Sherkhanov called a meeting of the board of directors of Magnolia Public Schools to order on Thursday Oct 12, 2017 at 6:15 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

Board members who participated remotely, joined from the locations stated above. D. Gonzalez participated briefly during the Closed Session discussion, she did not vote or participate in any other part of the meeting. N. Huynh's and U. Yapanel's board terms were renewed as the first action item of this meeting, these two board members voted on all actions items and consent items, they did not vote on items under the Opening Items section. S. Dikbas arrived at 7:12 pm, he did not vote on items under Consent Agenda, refer to individual votes for more details.

### **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

B. Torres, Executive Assistant, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. Public Comments**

C. Brimmer, MPS Board Member, reported out that she has visited almost all the MSA schools, she presented her concerns for the schools including trash bin issues. S. Sherkhanov, Board Chair, announced that Board Member, R. Oten has resigned effective October 5, 2017. C.Young, CEO of MPS, announced that she would like to initiate an

event where current and past MPS Board Members are recognized for their dedication to MPS. No other public comments were made.

**E. Approval of Agenda**

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

C. Brimmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**F. Approval of Amended Minutes from Special Board Meeting- August 10, 2017**

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the Special Board Meeting on 08-10-17 Special Board Meeting on 08-10-17.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

S. Covarrubias	Aye
C. Brimmer	Aye
S. Orazov	Abstain
D. Gonzalez	Absent
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Dikbas	Absent
H. Beliak	Aye
N. Huynh	Aye
S. Sherkhanov	Aye

**G. Approval of Amended Minutes from Special Board Meeting- September 7, 2017**

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the Special Board Meeting on 09-07-17 Special Board Meeting on 09-07-17.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

N. Huynh	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Orazov	Abstain
D. Gonzalez	Absent
S. Sherkhanov	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
S. Dikbas	Absent
C. Brimmer	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye

**H. Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting- September 14, 2017**

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 09-14-17 Regular Board Meeting on 09-14-17.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**I. Approval of Minutes from Special Ad-Hoc Committee (MSA SD Facility) Meeting- September 19, 2017**

H. Beliak made a motion to approve minutes from the Special Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on 09-19-17 Special Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on 09-19-17.

C. Brimmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**II. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of 2017-18 Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review for MSA-4-8**

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve this item under Consent Agenda.

S. Orazov seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B. Resolution to Adopt LAUSD's Suicide Prevention Policy for Co-located Sites**

C. Brimmer commented that MPS schools should have suicide awareness advertisement on campuses to make students, staff and visitors alert of possible issues.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve this item under Consent Agenda.

S. Orazov seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. Approval of Revisions to Staff Evaluation Protocols**

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve this item under Consent Agenda.

S. Orazov seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**D. Approval of Certification of Signatures Form for Charter School Funds Distribution Authorization**

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve this item under Consent Agenda.

S. Orazov seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**E. Approval of Ratification of the Facility Use Agreement Between MCN and MSA-SD**

This item was pulled from Consent Agenda for further discussion. E. Acar, South Regional Director, explained the need to extend the lease agreement between Mission Church of Nazarene and MSA- San Diego. He explained that this was an unexpected expense because the school did not open on the original scheduled date. He addressed Board Member questions.

H. Beliak made a motion to authorize the CEO and Superintendent of MPS, to negotiate and sign the contract extension regarding the facility use agreement between Mission Church of Nazarene (MCN) and MSA-SD through October 31, 2017.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

S. Covarrubias	Aye
S. Orazov	Aye
S. Dikbas	Absent
N. Huynh	Aye
S. Sherkhanov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Absent
H. Beliak	Aye
C. Brimmer	Aye

**F. Proposed Conflict of Interest Code (COI) through Fair Political Practices Commission**

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve this item under Consent Agenda.

S. Orazov seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**III. Action Items**

**A. Delegation of Agreements for General Contractor and Inspector on Record for the MSA-SA Gym Project**

E. Acar, South Regional Director, explained to the board the need to delegate approval of the General Contractor of Record and Inspector of Record Services for MSA Santa Ana. He went over the bid and project timelines. E. Acar, explained the original project for this site and how the gym construction became a separate project from the school building. M. Lengyel, Senior Project Manager from Gafcon added additional information regarding the two different projects and he mentioned that the project has been reviewed and approved by DSA. E. Acar, elaborated the importance of adding a gym to the campus including a student enrollment increase and improvement of the current lunch area. The Board agreed to hold a Special Meeting for approval of this item, no AdHoc committee was created.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to delegate the approval selection of General Contractor and Inspector of Record Services for MSA Santa-Ana Phase II Gymnasium and Cafeteria construction Project and other issues that may arise at the MSA Santa Ana facility to a Special Board Meeting of the MPS Board of Directors.

C. Brimmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

D. Gonzalez Absent  
 H. Beliak Aye  
 N. Huynh Aye  
 S. Dikbas Absent  
 C. Brimmer Aye  
 S. Covarrubias Aye  
 S. Orazov Aye  
 U. Yapanel Aye  
 S. Sherkhanov Aye

**B. MSA-8 Bell Internet Service and Firewall, Web Filtering Services Using Long Term Reserve**

R. Monoshev, IT Director, presented the MSA- 8 Bell Internet Service and Firewall Web Filtering Services Using Long Term Reserve. He explained how this cost would be funded. S. Orazov, Board Member, asked if the cost could be capitalized, staff agreed to verify this. C. Brimmer, Board Member, told staff that MPS should negotiate with LAUSD for payment, staff informed Board Members that they have already met with LAUSD staff and the report presented is the final outcome. The Board would want to know what were the negotiations and steps taken to address this issue before they approve the cost. K. Jackson, Chief Academic Officer, requested that committee members collaborate with staff in similar items as the one presented so that committees can hear from staff all the details needed for recommended approvals. C. Brimmer requested that Board Member attend more of the negotiating meetings when possible to show support to staff and authorizers.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to table the approval of MSA-8 Bell Internet Service and Firewall, Web Filtering Services Using Long Term Reserve until the next regular board meeting but if there is an emergency action needed, the board delegates approval of this item to an Ad Hoc committee made up of 3 board members based on their availability. .

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

H. Beliak Aye  
 C. Brimmer Aye  
 D. Gonzalez Aye  
 S. Sherkhanov Aye  
 N. Huynh Aye  
 S. Dikbas Absent  
 U. Yapanel Aye  
 S. Orazov Aye  
 S. Covarrubias Aye  
 S. Dikbas arrived.

**C.**

### **Approval of 2016-17 Unaudited Actuals for all MPS**

The 2016-17 Unaudited Actuals for all MPS were presented and discussed during the September Regular MPS Board Meeting. K. Dietz from Edtec, was present in person and addressed Board member questions.

S. Orazov made a motion to approve the 2016-17 Unaudited Actuals for all MPS.

N. Huynh seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

H. Beliak	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
S. Sherkhanov	Aye
N. Huynh	Aye
S. Orazov	Aye
S. Dikbas	Absent
C. Brimmer	Aye

### **D. Approval of SIS Contract with CoolSIS through August 2018.**

D. Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer, presented the SIS contract with Coolsis to the Board. He informed the board that this expense was budgeted and that MPS staff have been working with Coolsis and Illuminate to create a schedule and a transition plan. D. Yilmaz explained the enhancements between the two SIS programs and told the Board that there will be an admin/office managers training and a students/teachers/parents training for the transition to run smoothly.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the SIS Contract with CoolSIS through August 2018.

S. Orazov seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

S. Sherkhanov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
N. Huynh	Aye
S. Orazov	Aye
C. Brimmer	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Absent
H. Beliak	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye

### **E. MSA 1 Zone Variance Application RFP Winning Bid Announcement**

S. Acar, Chief Operations Officer, explained the MSA 1 Zone Variance Application RFP Winning Bid Announcement item to the Board. Staff is trying to find historical information

to understand what has happened in the past and address those issues. T. Buresh, Construction Manager from PrimeSource joined the meeting remotely, he explained his concerns regarding the dining area for the students. He also informed the Board of the possibility of acquiring an additional third building for MSA-1. Questions were addressed by staff and T. Buresh.

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the MSA-1 Zone Variance winning RFP bid to the vendor Rabuild Commercial LLC.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

C. Brimmer	No
N. Huynh	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Absent
S. Orazov	Aye
S. Sherkhanov	No
H. Beliak	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye

**F. Approval of Scope Changes for MSA-SA Gym/Cafeteria Construction Project**

Discussion of this item took place during the discussion of item III A Delegation of Agreements for General Contractor and Inspector on Record for MSA-SA Gym Project.

H. Beliak made a motion to accept the scope changes in the MSA-SA Gym and Cafeteria project as outlined in Architect's work authorization and authorize the MPS CEO to negotiate and approve the Architect's work proposal for design changes.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

H. Beliak	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
S. Sherkhanov	No
D. Gonzalez	Absent
S. Dikbas	Aye
N. Huynh	Aye
S. Orazov	Aye
C. Brimmer	No
U. Yapanel	Aye

**G. MSA 1 Change Order to Franco Architects to Resolve Site Issues and Support Master Planning**



C. Young, Chief Executive Officer, explained the MSA 1 Change Order to Franco Architects to Resolve Site Issues and Support Master Planning. T. Buresh from Prime Source joined the meeting remotely, he elaborated on the project and explained what had to take place for the project to move forward in a timely manner. The original construction project was discussed along with the new plan and funding sources.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the change order of Franco Architects to resolve site issues and support master planning of MSA-1 Construction not to exceed \$25,000.

N. Huynh seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

N. Huynh	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
C. Brimmer	No
D. Gonzalez	Absent
H. Beliak	Aye
S. Sherkhanov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Orazov	Aye

**H. Addition of a Director of Facilities/General Counsel to 2017-18 Budget**

C. Young, Chief Executive Officer, explained to the Board the need to add a Director of Facilities/General Counsel to the Home Office budget for 2017-18. She explained the organizational needs in hiring this position and how this employee would support and improve the current work. S. Acar, Chief Operations Officer, explained the recruitment efforts and interview process that took place for this position. He informed the Board why staff was recommending the two candidates being presented. The Board presented their concerns on the interview process and stated they would like to be involved in the screening process of candidates moving forward for high level hires.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the addition of a C-level position of General Counsel/Director of Facilities and provide the CEO with the authority to fill the position at the Director level if a candidate without the combined skill set is unavailable.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

N. Huynh	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Absent
H. Beliak	Aye
U. Yapanel	No
C. Brimmer	Aye
S. Orazov	No
S. Covarrubias	Aye
S. Sherkhanov	Aye

**Roll Call**

S. Dikbas        Abstain

U. Yapanel made a motion to amend the previous motion to include a third party vetting who will interview the candidate(s), preferably an attorney with facilities expertise whom will report their feedback to the C team.

S. Orazov seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

H. Beliak        No

S. Covarrubias   Aye

S. Dikbas        Aye

S. Sherkhanov   Aye

N. Huynh        No

D. Gonzalez     Absent

S. Orazov        Aye

C. Brimmer      No

U. Yapanel      Aye

**I. Approval of Board of Director Membership Renewals**

This item was voted on after the items under Consent Agenda were approved. S.

Sherkhanov, Board Chair, thanked U. Yapanel and N. Huynh for their dedication to the Board and for being willing to accept a new term in office as MPS Board of Directors.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the membership renewals for U. Yapanel and N. Huynh for 5 year terms beginning immediately and ending on October 11, 2022.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

D. Gonzalez     Absent

S. Covarrubias   Aye

S. Sherkhanov   Aye

S. Orazov        Aye

C. Brimmer      Aye

H. Beliak        Aye

**J. Approval of Addendum to Schools in Action Services for 2017-18**

D. Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer, explained the addendum to Schools in Action services for 2017-18. He went over the services MPS currently receives and what the changes will be once the addendum was approved. D. Yilmaz went over the dollar amounts involved and he addressed all questions.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the addendum to Schools in Action services for 2017-18.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
S. Sherkhanov	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Absent
S. Orazov	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
N. Huynh	Aye
C. Brimmer	Aye

**IV. Discussion Items**

**A. Proposal of Creation of the MPS Board Advisory Committee**

Due to lack of time, discussion of this item was postponed until the next meeting.

**B. Update on STRS Adjustments for all MSA- San Diego**

Written report was provided, there was no discussion on this item.

**C. Financial Update- August 2017**

Written report was provided, there was no discussion on this item.

**V. Closed Session Items**

**A. Conference with Legal Counsel— Anticipated Litigation: Three Cases**

D. Gonzalez arrived.

S. Sherkhanov, announced to the public that the Board was going into Closed Session to discuss three cases under potential litigation. Once the Board came out of Closed Session, S. Sherkhanov announced in Open Session that there was nothing to report out from Closed Session discussion.

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Sherkhanov