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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday January 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Location

MPS Home Office: 250 E. 1st St. Suite 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Board Members who joined remotely joined from the following locations:

- 449 36th Street #2 Brooklyn, NY 11232 (Mr. Nguyen Huynh)

Remote locations:

- MSA-3 1254 E. Helmick St. Carson, CA 90746
- MSA-4 11330 West Graham Place, B-9 Los Angeles, CA 90064
- MSA-5 18230 Kittridge St. Reseda, CA 91335
- MSA-SD 6525 Estrella Ave. San Diego, CA 92120

Board Members:

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

CEO & Superintendent:

Dr. Caprice Young

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 - One Matter

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

S. Dikbas, S. Orazov

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 Jan 18, 2018 at 7:15 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

N. Huynh participated only for part of the meeting, refer to individual votes for details.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

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

D. Public Comments

S. Sherkhanov, MPS Board Chair, reminded the Board of Directors of the LACOE board meeting for the approval of the MSA-5, he asked them to attend in person if possible. C. Brimmer, MPS Board member, congratulated the MSA-Santa Ana team for the preparation and performance at their authorizer site visit. She gave an update on the partnerships she is working on for MSA-3 and stated that she would be sponsoring the next parent meeting for that school. She encouraged the rest of the Board to work closely with the MPS schools regularly. No other public comments were made.

E. Approval of Agenda

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

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

After the approval of the agenda, the Board of Directors when into Closed Session. N. Huynh joined Closed Session but did not participate in the meeting after that.

F. Approve Minutes

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 12-14-17 Regular Board Meeting on 12-14-17.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for MSA- San Diego (MSA-SD)

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

C. Brimmer seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Orazov Absent
S. Dikbas Absent
D. Gonzalez Aye
N. Huynh Absent
S. Sherkhanov Aye
H. Beliak Aye

Roll Call

U. Yapanel Aye
S. Covarrubias Aye
C. Brimmer Aye

B. Approval of MPS School Safety Plans for MSA 1-8, MSA-Santa Ana and MSA-San Diego

This item was pulled out of Consent Agenda for further discussion. C. Brimmer, MPS Board member, explained her concerns about the safety plans that relate to hair issues and how it can affect kids. S. Covarrubias, asked about the usage of walkie talkies for colocated sites. J. Hernandez, MSA 8 Principal, a co-located site, explained how his site uses walkie talkies and the benefits of their usage. S. Covarrubias stated her concerns regarding online CPR courses, complete first aid kits and field trip guidelines. V. Marzouk, Director of Student Services gave her feedback regarding these concerns and stated that staff would follow up.

S. Sherkhonov made a motion to approve the School Safety Plans for MSA 1-8, MSA-Santa Ana, and MSA-San Diego with the changes that were discussed.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for MSA 1-8, MSA-Santa Ana, and MSA-San Diego

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

C. Brimmer seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

U. Yapanel Aye
C. Brimmer Aye
D. Gonzalez Aye
N. Huynh Absent
S. Sherkhonov Aye
S. Orazov Absent
H. Beliak Aye

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias Aye
S. Dikbas Absent

D. Approval of MSA-SD After School ASES Grant and Service provider

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

C. Brimmer seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

III. Action Items

A. Approval of 2016-17 Audit Reports for all MPS

J. Clement, VTD Auditor, explained the changes that were made to the audit from the last presentation made to the board. All questions were addressed.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the Financial Audit Report for fiscal year 2016-17 of all ten (10) schools and the consolidated audit including the home office.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Charter Impact - STRS Analysis Agreement

N. Montijo, Chief Financial Officer, explained the need to hire the company Charter Impact to fix the past MPS STRS issues. She explained that the cost being requested for approval would cover the process of fixing the issues but would not include the penalty

charges that may be found. The contract being presented is based on an hourly rate. Board members presented their concerns regarding the ambiguity of the hours worked per the contract.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to table this item until the next board meeting.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

IV. Discussion Items

A. Financial Update- November 2017

K. Dietz, Edtec representative, went over the monthly financials. The Board asked for feedback from the principals who were present. All questions were addressed. This was a discussion item, no actions were taken.

B. Ongoing Facility Project Updates

T. Buresh from PrimeSource, presented the construction details on MSA-1 and he explained the long term vision of the campus. Staff explained the different options that exist regarding enrollment increase at that site. M. Lengly from Gafcon gave updates on the MSA Santa Ana construction project. He explained that there was a need for a change order. P. Ontiveros, MPS Legal Counsel/Facilities Director gave more details to the Board on the change order needed. The Board requested the background information leading up to this change order, which will be presented at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to create an Ad hoc committee composed of C. Brimmer, S. Covarrubias and himself to have authority to approve the MSA Santa Ana Scope of Change for the gym project. H. Beliak seconded. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Ayes: D. Gonzalez, C.Brimmer, S. Sherkhanov, H. Beliak, C. Covarrubias, Absent: S. Orazov, N. Huynh, S. Dikbas.

C.

EFG Exit Report

This item was not addressed. Educational Facilities Group (EFG) did not deliver a report to the MPS Board as had been directed in the last two Board meetings.

V. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – One Matter

Before the Board went into Closed Session S. Sherkhanov, MPS Board Chair, announced that the Board would be discussing the potential litigation matter(s) in Closed Session. Once the Board went back into Closed Session they announced that no actions were taken in Closed Session. The Board went into Closed Session twice during the meeting, reporting out details were the same.

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 11:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Sherkhanov