

APPROVED



Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Location

MSA-7 18355 Roscoe Boulevard Northridge, CA 91325

Board Members who participated remotely joined from the following locations:

- MSA-SD 6525 Estrella Ave. San Diego, CA 92120 (Dr. Salih Dikbas)
- 9715 Lockford Street, Los Angeles, CA 90035 (Mr. Haim Beliak)

Board Members:

Dr. Saken Sherkhonov, Chair
Dr. Umit Yapanel, Secretary
Mr. Serdar Orazov, Treasurer
Dr. Salih Dikbas
Ms. Diane Gonzalez
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

D. Gonzalez, H. Beliak (remote), S. Covarrubias, S. Dikbas (remote), S. Sherkhanov, U. Yapanel

Directors Absent

C. Brimmer, S. Orazov

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

S. Dikbas

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 Feb 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

S. Dikbas joined the meeting at 7:11 pm.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

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

D. Public Comments

B. Torres, announced that MPS Board Member N. Huynh submitted his resignation effective January 24, 2018. He was thanked for his time, expertise and dedication to MPS. E. Vasquez, teacher and school culture coordinator of MSA-7 informed the Board of the accomplishments of the school and she mentioned to the Board that she would communicate with them about any needs and support the school could get from them. No other public comments were made.

E. Approval of Agenda

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item IIIB and IIIC which will be presented at the next Board meeting.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias Aye

S. Sherkhanov Aye

U. Yapanel Aye

Roll Call

S. Dikbas Aye
H. Beliak Aye
D. Gonzalez Aye
S. Orazov Absent
C. Brimmer Absent

F. Approve Minutes of Reg. Board Meeting from January 18, 2018

S. Dikbas arrived.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 01-18-18 as amended by S. Sherkhanov. Regular Board Meeting on 01-18-18.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

G. Approve Minutes of Sp. Board Meeting from January 18, 2018

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve minutes from the Special Board Meeting on 01-18-18 Special Board Meeting on 01-18-18.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

H. Approve Minutes of Reg. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting from January 22, 2018

The approval of these minutes were postponed until the next Board meeting, Board members requested changes.

II. Consent Agenda

A. New El Dorado SELPA Participation Agreement and Resolution for MSA 1,2,3, Santa Ana and San Diego

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the Resolution and Participation Agreements for the El Dorado SELPA for Magnolia Science Academies 1,2,3, Santa Ana, and San Diego under Consent Agenda.

S. Sherkhanov seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of 2018-19 School Calendars for all MPS

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the 2018-19 School Calendars for all MPS under the Consent Agenda.

S. Sherkhanov seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Amended Certification of Signatures and Resolution

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the amended Certification of Signatures form for Charter School Funds Distribution Authorization, signatures will be effective February 8, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

S. Sherkhanov seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

D. Gonzalez Aye
S. Covarrubias Aye
C. Brimmer Absent

Roll Call

U. Yapanel Aye
S. Orazov Absent
S. Dikbas Aye
H. Beliak Aye
S. Sherkhanov Aye

D. Approval of Advisory Committee Nominating Process Policy

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the updated Magnolia Public Schools Advisory Council Recommendation Process with the amendments requested by U. Yapanel.

S. Sherkhanov seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

E. Approval of Filing for 2016-17 IRS Form 990 for MPS

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the filing of the IRS Form 990 for fiscal year 2016-17 under Consent Agenda.

S. Sherkhanov seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

F. Approval of Revisions to Fiscal Policy CSH 107

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the proposed revision to CSH 107 Bank Reconciliation Fiscal Policies under Consent Agenda.

S. Sherkhanov seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

G. Approval of Charter Impact Contract - STRS Analysis Agreement

This item was taken out of consent agenda. Board Members had questions regarding the contract, the process of the work and the future steps. All questions were addressed.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to authorize Dr. Caprice Young, CEO and Superintendent of Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) to negotiate and sign contract agreement between MPS and Charter Impact.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

H. Approval of Agreement with Cumming Construction Management for Solar Consulting Services

This item was taken out of Consent Agenda for further discussion. P. Ontiveros, Facilities Director/ General Counsel of MPS, presented the agreement with Cumming Construction Management for solar consulting services (item II H) and the agreement with gkkworks for master planning services (item II I) simultaneously. C. Young, Chief Executive Officer of MPS, explained to the board the improvements and changes that would happen based on this contract. She stated that these costs would be paid by the 2014 Bond, staff will present an update on the 2014 bond at the next board meeting. P. Ontiveros, explained that these costs would be paid over time and with the energy saving cost it is possible that the cost can pay itself. M. Sahin, MSA-1 Principal, explained the proposed structure that the engineer from Franco Architect explained when he went to the site. T. Buresh from Prime Source explained the master planning details and the zone variance process for this project. Both items were discussed in detail, motions were done separately.

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve management to enter into a consulting services agreement with Cummings Construction Management for Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$36,300).

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Orazov Absent
H. Beliak Aye
S. Covarrubias Aye
S. Dikbas Aye
D. Gonzalez Aye
C. Brimmer Absent
S. Sher Khanov Aye
U. Yapanel Aye

I. Approval of Agreement with gkkworks for Master Planning Services

This item was discussed along with item II H Approval of Agreement with Cumming Construction Management for Solar Consulting Services.

U. Yapanel made a motion to recommend that the Board approve management to enter into a consulting services agreement with gkkworks for master planning services in an amount not to exceed Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500).

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Sher Khanov Aye
S. Orazov Absent
S. Covarrubias Aye
H. Beliak Aye
S. Dikbas Aye
U. Yapanel Aye
D. Gonzalez Aye
C. Brimmer Absent

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Intra Company Loan for MSA-Santa Ana Construction Needs

P. Ontiveros, MPS Facilities Director/General Counsel, presented the need for the intra company loan for the MSA-Santa Ana construction project. This loan would be provided by MSA-8 from its access amount of the required reserves, the operational budget will not be affected. The board and staff went over what was discussed at the October 23, 2017 MPS ad hoc committee meeting pertaining to the MSA-Santa Ana construction project. C. Young, MPS CEO and Superintendent, explained to the Board that an intra company loan would be the best financial option for the organization as no interests will be

charged. Staff stated that they do not foresee any changes in the construction in the near future but if anything were to change it would be brought to the Board immediately.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to motion to authorize a \$600,000 temporary intra-agency loan from MSA 8 to MSA Santa Ana to cover projected overages in the budget for MSA-Santa Ana's gymnasium construction project .

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Resolution Agreeing to the LACOE Conditions of Authorization for MSA-5

Item tabled for next Board meeting.

C. Resolution Agreeing to the Provisions of the LACOE Memoranda of Understanding for MSA-5

Item tabled for next Board meeting.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Larson Communications Mid-Year Update/Presentation

I. Soto, Interim Chief External Officer, explained the roles and responsibilities of the Outreach and Communications Department are. He introduced N. Boghossian, Vice President at Larson Communications who went over the work Larson has done for MPS in the past three years. She explained the effect of the Amsterdam campaign and how they assisted Magnolia in continuing having a good reputation. Aside from crisis communication, Larson has developed positive stories about the Magnolia Academies and has been able to get press at the various MPS sites. N. Boghossian addressed Board members questions, she stated that she is not expecting much negative press in the near future. This was an informational/discussion item. No actions were taken.

B. Financial Update- December 2017

K. Dietz, from EdTec, presented the December 2017 financials. She stated that overall the ADA rates are good. She also mentioned that there will be increase in STRS and PERS and LCFF will increase. The Board requested that the 2018-19 MPS budget be

presented to the MPS Finance Committee twice before it is presented to the full Board. This was a discussion item, no actions were taken.

C. Ongoing Facility Project Updates

T. Buresh from PrimeSource joined the meeting in person and presented updates on the MSA 1 construction project. He talked about the possibility of leasing additional classrooms during 2018-19 from a near by church or another location near by. He explained the benefits this would bring for the school including increasing enrollment. P. Ontiveros, Facilities Director/General Counsel, gave some updates on the MSA Santa Ana and MSA San Diego facilities. He mentioned that the MSA San Diego project is basically complete and there would be another grand opening ceremony now that the project has been finalized. All questions were addressed, not actions were taken.

V. Closed Session

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

S. Sherkhonov, MPS Board Chair, informed the public that the Board would be going into Closed Session to discuss one case under potential litigation. After Closed Session, the Board went back into Open Session and S. Sherkhonov reported out that the Board discussed current and there were not actions to report.

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 10:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Sherkhonov