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## Magnolia Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday August 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM

**Location**

MPS Home Office 250 E. 1st St. Ste. 1500 (15th Floor) Los Angeles, CA 90012

Board members who participated remotely joined from the following locations:

- MSA-SD 6525 Estrella Ave. San Diego, CA 92120 (Dr. Salih Dikbas)

**Board Members:**

Dr. Saken Sherkhanov, Chair

Mr. Haim Beliak, Vice-Chair

Ms. Diane Gonzalez

Ms. Sandra Covarrubias

Dr. Umit Yapanel

Mr. Serdar Orazov

Dr. Salih Dikbas

Mr. Shohrat Geldiyev

**CEO & Superintendent:**

Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

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**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

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H. Beliak, S. Geldiyev, S. Orazov

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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 Aug 8, 2019 at 7:43 PM.

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

Please refer to attendance information stated above.

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

B. Torres, MPS Board Secretary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. Approval of Agenda**

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

### **E. Public Comments**

There are were no public comments.

### **F. Communications: Board/Superintendent**

A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent, congratulated MSA-1 students who received gold medal congressional awards, he confirmed the board retreat date and presented the two new principals. U. Yapanel, Board member, recommended to the new principals to look into grouping students into cohorts, he believes this will help increase student retention. E. Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer, debriefed board members on the recent Magnolia wide symposiums.

### **G. Approval of July 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 07-18-19 Regular Board Meeting on 07-18-19.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

### **H. Approval of July 18, 2019 Special AdHoc Committee Board Meeting Minutes**

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve minutes from the Special AdHoc (Facility) Committee Meeting on 07-18-19 Special AdHoc (Facility) Committee Meeting on 07-18-19.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**I. Approval of July 30, 2019 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve minutes from the Special Board Meeting on 07-30-19 Special Board Meeting on 07-30-19.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**II. Action Items**

**A. Approval of MSA-8 Additional Staff Member- Interventionist Coach**

A. Rubalcava, introduced the action items and stated that there would be no changes to the Board approved budget with the addition of the requested positions due to the allocation of the Home Office Management (HOM) fees. He explained how the HOM savings were created and how these funds will assist the schools. Board members asked staff to focus on grants and partnerships to allocate more funds to the schools to assist with expenses. J. Hernandez, MSA-8 Principal, explained the need for his school to add an Intervention Coach and how this position would support the school.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to authorize MSA Bell to hire an additional certificated staff intervention and instructional coach to work as a member of the teaching and leadership staff.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Approval of MOU for Teacher Internship Programs at CSULA and University of Redlands with MSA-8**

J. Hernandez, presented that partnership between the two colleges and MSA-Bell. He went over the benefits of the partnerships and explained the role of staff with the interns. A great benefit is these interns may become part of the pool of potential employees for any vacancies.

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the California State University of Los Angeles, and the University of Redlands for participation in the education internship program from July 2019- June 2021 for MSA-Bell.

S. Sherkhanov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Orazov	Absent
S. Geldiyev	Absent
S. Sherkhanov	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Abstain
S. Dikbas	Aye
H. Beliak	Absent

**C. Approval of Use of Reserves for MSA-3 Textbooks Purchase**

S. Daniel, MSA-3 Principal, explained the need of the textbook purchase. She went over the requests that student made regarding courses taught and what was needed to meet these requests. U. Yapanel, asked her to share her best practices for student retention, S. Daniel explained the connection with the parents and the programs that have been implemented that have retained students. All questions were addressed.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve a one-time use of \$36,000 in reserves for textbooks, instructional/supplemental materials.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**D. Approval of College Board as an Approved Vendor**

Expenses for the College Board vendor were budgeted but the vendor itself was not approved, therefore, this item was being brought to the Board for approval of the vendor with no budget implications. E. Acar, explained the services this vendor provides to the school and why it is a sole service provider. Board members wanted additional information to be added to the Board report, they want to see details on service costs and further explanation on it being a sole service provider.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to table this item.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Geldiyev Absent  
S. Sherkhanov Aye  
S. Orazov Absent  
H. Beliak Absent  
S. Covarrubias Aye  
D. Gonzalez Aye  
S. Dikbas Aye  
U. Yapanel No

**E. Approval of Revisions to 2019-20 Adopted Budget**

N. Montijo, went over the changes that were made to the Board approved budget per LACOE's request. The changes were made to the budgeting codes but there were no monetary changes. All questions were addressed.

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve revisions to the 2019-20 board adopted budget where total budgeted amounts in object codes 6100 (site improvements) and 6400 (equipment) will be transferred to object code 4461 (fixed assets suspense-improvements) and 4464 (fixed assets suspense-equipment).

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**F. Approval of Resolution for MSA-SA Gym Name in Recognition of Former Board Member**

A. Rubalcava, presented this item to the Board, he explained that the resolution was reviewed and approved by the MPS Nominating/Governance Committee and committee members had agreed that due to the unconditional support over the years that former Board member, R. Oten, gave to the organization it was with great pleasure that Magnolia recommended to name the MSA-Santa Ana gymnasium in his honor. U. Yapanel shared his support of this recommendation. S. Dikbas asked staff about the process of this recommendation, and the CEO addressed his question.

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the resolution to name the Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Ana gymnasium, "Dr. Remzi Oten Gymnasium" in recognition of former MPS Board member.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

U. Yapanel Aye  
S. Geldiyev Absent  
D. Gonzalez Aye  
S. Orazov Absent  
S. Sherkhanov Aye  
H. Beliak Absent  
S. Covarrubias Aye  
S. Dikbas Abstain

**G. Approval to add One (1) Special Education Assistant Coordinator at MSA-3**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**H. Approval to Appoint Facility/Audit Committee Chair**

A. Rubalcava, explained the need to replace the former Facility/Audit Chair due to the resignation of the former Chairperson. Due to proximity to the ongoing projects, staff recommended the appointment H. Beliak.

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to appoint Mr. Haim Beliak as the Chair of the Facility/Audit Committee of the Magnolia Public Schools Board of Directors.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**III. Information/Discussion Items**

**A. Upcoming Board Membership Renewals and Recruitment Efforts**

A. Rubalcava, informed the Board of Board membership renewals coming up in the current fiscal year and Board member recruitment efforts. This item was previously discussed by the MPS Nominating/Governance Committee, there were no actions needed at this time.

**B. Facilities Updates**

P. Ontiveros, gave the Board updates on all the ongoing facility projects.

#### **IV. Closed Session Items**

##### **A. Public Announcement of Closed Session**

S. Sherkhanov, MPS Board Chair, announce that the Board would be going into Closed Session to discuss two legal matters and would report our any actions taken during Open Session.

##### **B. Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation- Two Matters**

These items were discussed in Closed Session.

##### **C. Report Out From Closed Session**

S. Sherkhanov, reported out that no actions were taken during Closed Session.

#### **V. 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 10:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Sherkhanov