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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday September 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Location
MSA-1 18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335

Board members who participate via phone called in from the following locations:
• MSA-SA 2840 W. 1st., Santa Ana, CA 92703 (Mr. Shohrat Geldiyev)
• MSA-SD 6525 Estrella Ave. San Diego, CA 92120 (Dr. Salih Dikbas)
• 1363 Ridgecrest Rd Pinole, CA 94564 (Mr. Serdar Orazov)
• 4701 Patrick Henry Dr. Bldg#25, Santa Clara, CA 95054 (Dr. Umit Yapanel)
• 5113 Babette Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90066 (Ms. Diane Gonzalez)

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

Directors Present
D. Gonzalez (remote), H. Beliak, S. Covarrubias, S. Geldiyev, S. Orazov, S. Sherkhanov, U. Yapanel

Directors Absent
S. Dikbas

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
U. Yapanel

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 Sep 12, 2019 at 6:49 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

S. Geldiyev, MPS Board Member, joined as a community member at the start of the meeting and started voting in item IV A.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

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

D. Approval of Agenda

S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve the agenda.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Public Comments

C. Brimmer, community member, invited the board and community members to an event called, "Taste of Sound". R. Vaughn, marketing vendor, informed the board of his services. No other comments were made.

F. Communications: Board/Superintendent

A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent, congratulated the MSA-1 congressional winners and invited the winners to speak about their experience in the prgram. In addition, he presented details on the first day of school and principals that were present elaborated on their first day experience, he invited board members to the MSA-1 ribbon cutting and gave them details about the upcoming board retreat and governance academy. I. Soto, MPS Director of Development and Communications, presented the plan of the Portrait of a Graduate to the board. S. Daniel, MSA-3 Principal, asked for a moment of silent for a former student. No other public comments were made.

G. Approval of August 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

H. Beliak made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 08-08-19 Regular Board Meeting on 08-08-19.
S. Sherkhanov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

H. Approval of August 28, 2019 AdHoc Committee Board Meeting Minutes

H. Beliak made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular AdHoc Committee Meeting on 08-28-19 Regular AdHoc Committee Meeting on 08-28-19.
S. Sherkhanov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Consent Item

A.

2019-20 Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review for MSA-4, 6, 7, and Bell

A. Rubalcava, gave a brief overview on the compliance monitoring reports. This item was previously approved by the MPS Board Academic Committee.
H. Beliak made a motion to approve 2019-20 Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review for MSA-4, 6, 7, and Bell.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Hiring MSA-3 Special Education Teacher

S. Daniel, MSA-3 principal, briefly explained the need for the additional staff member to her campus. N. Montijo, MPS Chief Financial Officer, stated that the cost was budgeted for this year. This item was previously approved by the MPS Board Academic Committee.
H. Beliak made a motion to approval an increase in staffing as follows: adding a Full-time Special Education Resource Specialist Program (RSP) Teacher at MSA 3.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. Closed Session Items

A. Public Announcement of Closed Session

S. Sherkhanov, MPS Board Chair, announced that the board would be going into Closed Session to discuss eight matters under potential litigation and one matter in existing litigation, the board would report out in Open Session any actions taken.

B.

Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation- Eight Matters

The board discussed these items in Closed Session.

C. Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation (§54956.9)- One Matter

The board discussed this item in Closed Session.

D. Report Out From Closed Session

S. Sherkhanov, announced in Open Session that the board did not take any actions in Closed Session.

IV. Action Items

A. Authorization to Settle Existing Litigation

There was no discussion on this item, the item went straight to approval. However, P. Ontiveros, MPS General Counsel and Facilities Director, announced that payment would be from the operating budget rather than from reserves as originally stated in the board report.
S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve and authorize the proposed settlement of the Esqueda v Magnolia matter as being in the best interests of MPS. MPS Board approves and authorizes MPS Staff to negotiate an appropriate settlement agreement and to pay the settlement amount that has been proposed.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of College Board as an Approved Vendor

This item was previously presented in the August 2019 board meeting but approval had been postponed until further documentation was provided. S. Sherkhanov, MPS Board Chair, stated that he thanked the central office for providing the requested documents.
There was no discussion on this item.
S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve College Board as a sole Service Provider.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of 2018-19 MPS Unaudited Financial Actuals

S. Sherkhanov, announced that approval of the unaudited financial actuals would be postponed for further review and revisions.
S. Sherkhanov made a motion to postponed the approval of the unaudited financial actuals for a later meeting.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of Resolution Accepting Terms & Conditions of Grant Agreement CSFIG for MSA-SA

P. Ontiveros, MPS General Counsel and Facilities Director, informed the board that MSA-Santa Ana was notified by the California School Finance Authority (CSFA) that they were awarded the CSFIG grant to be disbursed over 3 years to be used in mortgage/debt service costs of the facility.
S. Sherkhanov made a motion to accept the award described hereinafter and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant Agreement provided in conjunction with the CSFA’s award to MSA-Santa Ana under Funding Round 15 of the State Charter Facilities Incentive Grants Program and that the MPS Board, accordingly, adopt the resolutions set forth as Exhibit A attached here.
S. Orazov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Sherkhanov	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Abstain

Roll Call

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

U. Yapanel left.

E. MSA-1 Computer Equipment Lease Agreement

R. Monoshev, IT Director, explained the RFP process related to the computer lease agreement and the difference between purchasing and leasing the items in regards to their costs and benefits. M. Sahin, MSA-1 Principal, added his input on this purchase and stated that other school stakeholder gave their input on the items being purchased and agreed on the final choice. All questions were addressed.
H. Beliak made a motion to award the winning bid for the published RFP and adopt the lease of MSA-1 Workstation All-in-One PCs and laptops for Magnolia Public Schools as set forth above. Should there be a similar need for any other Magnolia Public Schools (MPS), the approved vendor, the need, and the price will be used between the dates July 1st, 2019 – June 30th, 2020.
S. Sherkhanov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approval of New MSA-1 Bank Account for Construction

N. Montijo, MPS Chief Financial Officer, explained the purpose of opening a new bank account under MSA-1 to fund the construction expenditures, a written report was provided, there was no further discussion.
S. Sherkhanov made a motion to approve opening a new MSA 1 bank account with Citibank, our current banking institution, to complete the 2017 Bond facility expansion project as required by the Bond Trustee, transfer operating funds up to $2,930,000 into the new bank account and authorize an intra-organizational loan from MSA 5 to MSA 1, not to exceed $1,000,000 as needed as MSA 1 may require a temporary loan to cover operating expenses after using its own cash to complete the Project.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Information/Discussion Items

A. Presentation of Summit Learning Program

J. Hernandez, MSA-8 principal, gave a presentation on the Summit Learning Program and addressed all board member questions.

B. Review of LACOE Oversight Reports

A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent, explained the authorizer site visit process and how these visits are for authorizers to ensure MPS is providing the right services to the community. He went over the areas that are reviewed by authorizers; academics, governance, and fiscal with the support of the c team lead for each area. C-level staff went over the recommendations provided for each category and how they would be addressed. E. Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer, elaborated to state the recommendations that were given to each school. N. Montijo, MPS Chief Financial Officer, talked about recommendations pertaining to the back office providers and other financials items.

C. Academic Update

E. Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer, presented data on staffing, academic programs, past and future events and other relevant academic information. This presentation was previously presented to the MPS Board Academic Committee.

D. Student Enrollment Update

I. Soto, Director of Development and Communications, presented the current enrollment numbers to the board and gave a brief overview on the 2019-20 recruitment strategy.

E. Human Resource Update

D. Hajmeirza, MPS Human Resource Director, updated the board on staff head count, turn over rates, mandatory trainings, and open positions. She addressed board member questions.

F. Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co, LLP (Internal Audited Firm) Joins Eide Bailly, LLP

N. Montijo, informed the board Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co, LLP (VTD) the current MPS internal auditing firm joined Eide Bailly LLP, one of the top 25 CPA and business advisory firms in the nation. No action was required, the announcement was a formality.

G. Facilities Updates

P. Ontiveros, MPS General Counsel and Facilities Director, gave the board an update on ongoing facility projects for MPS, all questions were addressed.

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 11:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Sherkhanov