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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday April 23, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location
Teleconference Dial:1-312-584-2401 Code: 1948435#

Board Members:
Mr. Haim Beliak, Chair
Dr. Umit Yapanel, Vice-Chair
Ms. Diane Gonzalez
Ms. Sandra Covarrubias
Mr. Serdar Orazov
Dr. Salih Dikbas

CEO & Superintendent:
Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

Directors Present
D. Gonzalez (remote), H. Beliak (remote), S. Dikbas (remote), S. Orazov (remote), U. Yapanel (remote)

Directors Absent
S. Covarrubias

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

S. Dikbas

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

H. Beliak called a meeting of the board of directors of Magnolia Public Schools to order on Thursday Apr 23, 2020 at 6:03 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

Refer to attendance information stated above.

C. Approval of Agenda

S. Orazov made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

S. Dikbas arrived.

D. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

E. Approve Minutes from Regular Board Meeting- March 5, 2020

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 03-05-20.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approve Minutes from Special Board Meeting- March 13, 2020

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 03-13-20.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. Approve Minutes from Special Board Meeting- March 20, 2020

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-20-20.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

H. Approve Minutes from Special Board Meeting- March 27, 2020

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 03-27-20.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

I. Approve Minutes from Special Board Meeting- April 2, 2020

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 04-02-20.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

J. Approve Minutes from Emergency Board Meeting- April 2, 2020

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Emergency Board Meeting on 04-02-20.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

K. Approve Minutes from Special Board Meeting- April 17, 2020

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 04-17-20.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Closed Session

A. Public Announcement of Closed Session

H. Beliak, MPS Board Chair, announced the board would be going into Closed Session to discuss a reinstatement of pupil case No. 20181008, the public employment of the Chief Executive Officer & Superintendent and two matters under potential litigation. The board would report out any actions taken.

B.

REINSTATEMENT OF PUPIL Case No. 20181008

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

C. Public Employment: Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

D. Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation- Two Matters

These matters were discussed in Closed Session.

E. Report Out From Closed Session

H. Beliak, MPS Board Chair, announced that staff was directed to follow up and report back on the various matters.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of “Infinite Campus” as the School Information System (SIS) for all MPS

D. Yilmaz, MPS Chief Accountability Officer, presented this item to the board. He went over the RFP process and the staff recommendation for their vendor selection. A representative from the recommended SIS system, Infinite Campus, elaborated on their services and went over their multi year plan with Magnolia including transition plans and supports. D. Yilmaz, went over budget implications and funding sources. All questions were addressed.
S. Dikbas made a motion to approve "Infinite Campus" as the School Information System (SIS) for all MPS.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of BackOffice Vendor Selection

N. Montijo, MPS Chief Financial Officer, went over the interview process of the two backoffice vendors who submitted bids for these services. S. Orazov, MPS Board Member was part of the interview process and he provided his input on the recommended vendor. A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent gave further detail on the interview process, outcomes and recommendation.

S. Orazov made a motion to authorize Alfredo Rubalcava, CEO and Superintendent of Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) to sign a contract agreement with Delta Management Solutions (DMS) for MPS back office service provider.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approval to Move Forward with Analysis of Parcel Sale (MSA-1) to City

P. Ontiveros, MPS General Counsel and Director of Facilities explained that this item was a follow up from previous reports regarding the possible sale of land to the city. The approval being requested is to show interest to the city of the sale, not an authorization to proceed with a transaction, a sale or a commitment from Magnolia Public Schools. M. Sahin, MSA-1 Principal, gave details regarding the history of this project and how MSA-1 has been involved. P. Ontiveros elaborated on what the possible partnership what look like and how MSA-1 would benefit from the city's facility. All questions were addressed.
H. Beliak made a motion to direct staff to continue collaborating with the City and undertake any actions to make an investigation of the proposed purchase and sale.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of MPS Distance Learning Plans in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

E. Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer, presented the MPS Distance Learning Plan created in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. He explained that the approval of the plan is a formality requested by several agencies and authorizers. He reported that Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) did not have any interruptions in instruction and was able to transition to distance learning due to the resources that were already in place. E. Acar, reviewed the timeline of the closure of the schools due to the pandemic and went over the details and how the MPS team quickly began to address the needs of distance learning. Challenges such as safe reopening of schools and graduation ceremonies were discussed.

S. Orazov made a motion to approve Magnolia Public Schools' Distance Learning Plans in Response to the school building closures due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
S. Dikbas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Acceptance of Participation in Paycheck Protection Program due to COVID-19

N. Montijo, MPS Chief Financial Officer, explained the paycheck protection program to the board as it relates to Magnolia Public Schools.
S. Orazov made a motion to approve the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan from Citibank in the amount of $5,461,600.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approval of Board Member Appointment Recommendation from Nominating Committee

U. Yapanel, MPS Board Vice-Chair and Chair of the MPS Nominating/Governance Committee explained the need to have one county representative in the board of each county that MPS represents. He went over the nominating committee's recommendation and selection process. M. Muhammedov, board candidate introduced himself to the board.
D. Gonzalez made a motion to accept the recommendation of the MPS Nominating/Governance Committee to appoint Mr. Mekan Muhammedov for a 5 year term from April 24, 2020 to April 23, 2025.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Orazov	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Absent

Roll Call

U. Yapanel	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye

G. Approval of CEO Metrics and Evaluation Measures

This item was postponed for a future meeting.

IV. Information/Discussion Items

A. 2019-20 MPS Stakeholder Survey Results & Reflections and Public Feedback to Inform LCAP

D. Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer, explained the review process of the survey results and he went over survey data and overall improvements compared to last year. MSA-6, MSA-7 and MSA-San Diego principals went over their site's data.

B. Academic Update

E. Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer briefly presented an academic updated that included information on distance learning improvements and challenges.

C. Facility Updates

No update was provided.

D. SchoolAbility as Sole Service Provider for Financial Software

N. Montijo, MPS Chief Financial Officer, explained that SchoolAbility's contract would continue as sole service provider since SchoolAbility is the exclusive distributor of Escape Online software (SchoolAbility) for charter schools in California. No actions were asked.

E. Audit Contract with Eide Bailey for Fiscal years 2021-2023

N. Montijo, MPS Chief Financial Officer, stated that Magnolia Public Schools would be awarding the auditor contract to Eide Bailey who was one of the two audit firms that had submitted bids and she stated the reasoning behind the recommendation. A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent, gave further details on the selection of this contract. Staff addressed all questions.

F. Finance Update- February 2020 Financials

The finance team provided an update on the March 2020 financials and addressed relevant questions.

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 9:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Beliak