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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday September 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM

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

CEO & Superintendent:
Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

Directors Present
D. Gonzalez (remote), H. Beliak (remote), M. Muhammedov (remote), S. Covarrubias (remote), S. Dikbas (remote), U. Yapanel (remote)

Directors Absent
None

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 Sep 10, 2020 at 5:34 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

Refer to attendance information stated above.

C. Approval of Agenda

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

H. Beliak	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye

D. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

E. Announcements from MPS CEO & Superintendent

E. Acar, Chief Academic Officer, gave an update on distance learning and the hybrid model for the possible reopening of MPS schools for 2020-21, J. Hook updated the board on the healthy and safety plans across the organization and A. Callaham addressed questions on student testing and special education services.

F. Approval of Minutes from Regular MPS Board Meeting- August 6, 2020

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 08-06-20.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye

G. Approval of Minutes from Regular MPS Board Meeting- August 13, 2020

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 08-13-20.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye

II. Consent Items

A. 2020-2021 Development and Communications Department - Advancement Plan and Strategies

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the creation of the Development & Communications - Plan and Strategies for the 2020-21 academic school year under consent.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye

B. Approval of MOA for MSA-SD Afterschool ASES Program and the MOA with SDCOE

D. Gonzalez made a motion to grant approval to Mr. Rubalcava, CEO and Superintendent of MPS to sign the MOA for MSA – SD Afterschool ASES Program with YMCA of San Diego County (YMCA) and the MOA with SDCOE under consent.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

H. Beliak	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Contract with Vision Core Services for Additional NPA for more Accessibility to Services

A. Callaham, went over the services provided by the proposed vendor, she compared their services to other vendors and went over budget implications.
M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the contract not to exceed $30,000 with Vision Core Services for additional Special Education services as needed by the MPS schools for special education compliance. Subject to such further changes and revisions as MPS General Counsel and Vision Core Services may agree.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Dikbas	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye

B. Approval of grants received for MSA-1, MSA-2, and MSA-7

I. Soto , MPS Director of Development and Communications, informed the board on the grants received by various MPS school sites. He elaborated on what grants applied to which school and the requirements. All questions were addressed.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve and accept the receipt of the Walton Family Foundation COVID relief grant for MSA-1 in the amount of $20,000, Great Public Schools Now (GPSN) for MSA-2 in the amount of $25,000, and the Arts Ed Collective - Advancement Matching Grant for MSA-7 in the amount of $9,100. These three grants total $54,100 towards advancing our Magnolia schools.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Dikbas	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye

C. Approval of Distance Learning Policy

E. Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer, updated the board on the distance learning policy. He explained that the policy had been worked on by the MPS Academic Department

team members, school site administrators and in collaboration with legal counsel from Young, Minney and Corr, LLP. The distance learning policy addresses needs in the areas of schedules, grading, attendance, supervision, expectations and technology. All questions were addressed.
D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve Magnolia Public Schools' Distance Learning Plans Policy due to the COVID-19 Pandemic related schools operations.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye

D. Approval of 2019-20 Unaudited Actuals

S. Orazov, MPS Chief Finance Officer, presented the 2019-20 unaudited actuals to the board. He went over reporting deadlines, the MPS operating surplus and the fiscal condition of the organization. In addition to addressing the Board Members' questions, S. Orazov explained how the MPS Home Office was supporting the school sites in maintaining healthy and conservative budgets.
M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the FY19/20 Unaudited Actuals Report for Magnolia Public Schools.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye

E. Approval of Updated MPS Plan of Action for LAUSD Fiscal Oversight Report 2019-20

S. Orazov, MPS Chief Finance Officer, went over the recommendations from LAUSD regarding areas of growth and improvements as listed in their oversight report related to fiscal operations. He briefly went over the plan of action that MPS staff was implementing to ensure operations are aligned with the the authorizer's recommendations.
S. Dikbas made a motion to approve the proposed actions and next steps to be taken by MPS as recommended by LAUSD Oversight staff.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye

F. Approval of MSA-Santa Ana Reopening Plan and Submission of the Elementary Waiver to the Orange County Health Care Agency

MSA- Santa Ana administrators went over the details of the elementary waiver for reopening of the school site. They explained that the waiver is intended for MSA-Santa Ana Elementary (grades TK-6th) to start face-to face learning once the waiver has been approved by Orange County Public Health Agency. The waiver will allow for on site instruction for grades TK-6 only. There was a detailed presentation on the reopening plans, staff input and application process.
U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana Elementary Waiver Application for reopening of the campus in person format for grades TK-6.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

H. Beliak	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye

G. Extension of Independent Contractor Agreement for Facilities Projects- Noflin Enterprises

P. Ontiveros, MPS General Counsel and Director of Facilities informed the board of the need to extend the Noflin contract for an additional 3 months. He went over the duties and responsibilities the contractor would have if the extension was granted.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve an amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement by and between MPS and Noflin Enterprises for three (3) months, commencing September 11, 2020 and expiring on or about December 10, 2020 according to the terms and conditions set forth in this report and any attached exhibits.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Gonzalez	Aye

Roll Call	
S. Covarrubias	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye

IV. Information/Discussion Items

A. Public Hearing for the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans for All MPS

D. Yilmaz, MPS Chief Accountability Officer, went over the details regarding the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans for all MPS. He explained that this was a required plan in the absence of the LCAP plans for the current school year. Time was given for the public to provide their feedback on the plans but non was given. Two MPS principals presented details specific to their site plans. This was a discussion item, no actions were taken.

B. Human Resource Updates

D. Hajmeirza, Director of Human Resources, went over employee head count, retention rate, turn over rates, and open positions amongst other Human Resources updates. This was a discussion item, no actions were take.

C. Enrollment Update

A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent provided a verbal update to the board regarding student enrollment numbers.

D. Facilities Update

P. Ontiveros, MPS General Counsel and Director of Facilities, provided a verbal update to the board regarding all facility related projects.

V. Closed Session

A. Public Announcement of Closed Session

H. Beliak, MPS Board Chair, announced that the board would go into Closed Session to discuss one potential litigation matter and would report out any actions taken.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation- One Matter

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

C. Report Out From Closed Session

H. Beliak, MPS Board Chair, reported out that staff had been directed to follow up on the item discussed.

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 10:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Beliak