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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday November 12, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Location
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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

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
D. Gonzalez

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 Nov 12, 2020 at 5:35 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

Refer to attendance information reported above.

C. Approval of Agenda

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of Action Item III C.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Public Comments

S. Daniel, former MPS staff member, spoke in regards to her MPS Evaluation from 2019-2020 school year, she stated there were missing key elements and requested a meeting with whomever did her evaluation as well as the CEO and Board Members. No other public comments were made. H. Beliak, MPS Board Chair, announced that this item would be referred to staff for follow up and designated to the Stakeholder Committee for further discussion and he volunteered to be an ex-officio in the discussion.

E. Announcements from MPS CEO & Superintendent

D. Gonzalez arrived.
J. Wade, MPS Assistant Executive Office Manager, gave updates regarding COVID-19 Health and Safety. San Diego County, Los Angeles County and Orange County are all in purple tiers. The percentage of students allowed on campus for small group instruction has increased from 10% to 25%. As of November, MPS-1,2,6,7, San Diego and Santa

Ana are open to students in small cohort capacity. MSA-Santa Ana did not open for hybrid on November 2nd due to a spike in cases in the city of Santa Ana. Co-located sites are still awaiting for more guidance from LAUSD to be able to open for small groups. A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent, had informed the board that schools are continuing Distance Learning through the end of the first semester and will revisit discussions with MSA-San Diego in January. A decision will be made by December 1st regarding what January holds for the schools. A.Rubalcava acknowledged all the schools sites and Home Office staff for the continued work in taking extensive measures to prepare the schools for a possible hybrid re-opening and to provide a safe environment for students and staff. U.Yapanel, MPS Board Vice-Chair, asked for more information regarding how schools in small cohorts were operating. E.Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer, explained the steps that schools are taking in sending over their plans to the Academic Team where they are extensively reviewed. Staff addressed all questions related to these updates.

F. Approval of Minutes from Regular MPS Board Meeting- October 8th, 2020

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 10-08-20.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Amended MPS Home Visit Policy

D.Yilmaz, MPS Chief Accountability Officer, proposed to include virtual home visits in the home visit policy that was supported in efforts by B. Lopez, Director of Student Services. A compensation for this was proposed. Principals recommended $25.00 per virtual home visit. D.Yilmaz went over the provisions of this proposal which included how it was to be conducted and the duration of the visits. This is in response to low amounts of home visits this year and this would encourage more virtual and if safe, in-person home visits. U.Yapanel, MPS Board Vice-Chair, voiced his support for virtual home visits and hopes to see expanded numbers.
D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the revised Home Visit Policy as a consent item.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B.

Approval of 2020-2021 Compliance Monitoring & Certification of Board Compliance Review for MSA-4,6,7 & Bell

D.Yilmaz, MPS Chief Accountability Officer, presented an overview on the Annual LAUSD Compliance Review in which the Board certifies that MPS is in compliance with the listed 25 areas on the review. He explained the two areas that were added this year; sexual harassment notifications at the school sites in form of informative posters, and providing technology and devices to students with disabilities.
U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the 2020-21 Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review for MSA-4, 6, 7, and Bell as a consent item.
M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Vendor Expenses over 25,000 and Approval of New Vendors and Ongoing Contracts over 25,000

S. Orazov, MPS Chief Financial Officer, presented the list of vendors with contracts of over $25,000 for fiscal year 2021, which included vendors that were not on the vendor master list approved by the Board in June 2020. The additional approved contracts came as a response to a resolution passed by the Board in July 2020 that gave some flexibility to the CEO & Superintendent to sign contracts over $25,000 if it was to address any COVID-19 matters. M. Muhammedov, MPS Board Member, requested additional information on the vendors, staff elaborated on their fees and services. H. Beliak, MPS Board Chair, asked clarifying questions regarding the hotspot vendor contract and the distribution of the hotspots to families. J. Terzi, MSA-6 Principal and R. Monoshev, MPS IT Director, provided the responses. H. Beliak, concluded that staff should continue reporting to the Board so they are kept up to date with these vendors and contracts.
M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve vendor expenses over $25,000 and new vendors and ongoing contracts over $25,000.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
U. Yapanel	Aye
H. Beliak	Abstain
M. Muhammedov	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye

Roll Call

S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye

B. MPS Special Education Policy Bulletin for Alternative Dispute Resolution Process

A. Callaham, MPS Director of Special Education and Support Services, presented the details regarding the Special Education Policy Bulletin. She explained that this will provide opportunities for parents, students and schools to have another level of accountability for resolving matters prior to going to an attorney resulting in a lawsuit. The impact would be a reduction in the number of due process cases brought upon MPS and a reduction in the cost of legal fees. This will be given to the parents when checking into the school so that they are made aware that this process is in place if they have a dispute regarding their child's IEP. S.Covarrubias, MPS Board Member, asked if this had gone to legal for discussion in which A. Callaham confirmed this to be accurate. H.Beliak, MPS Board Chair, requested additional information regarding budget implications. Staff addressed all questions accordingly.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the Special Education Policy Bulletin Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures for Magnolia Public Schools.
H. Beliak seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Injury And Illness Prevention Program (“IIPP”) COVID-19 Addendum MPS Health and Safety Policy for COVID-19

This item was removed from agenda

IV. Closed Session

A. Public Announcement of Closed Session

H. Beliak, MPS Board Chair, announced that there would be two matters under potential litigation discussed in Closed Session and the board would announce in Open Session any actions taken.

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

These items were discussed in Closed Session.

C.

Report Out From Closed Session

H. Beliak, announced in Open Session, that no actions were taken, staff was directed to follow up on the matters discussed.

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 9:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Beliak