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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday April 29, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Location
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Meeting ID: 976 0275 4081 **Passcode:** 452158
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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)

Directors Absent

U. Yapanel

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
S. Covarrubias

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 29, 2021 at 6:05 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

Refer to attendance information reported above.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

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

D. Public Comments

No public comments were given at this time.

E. Announcements from CEO & Superintendent and Board Members

A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent made an announcement regarding Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) officially reopening and thanked the staff and school sites for the tremendous work over the past couple of months. H. Beliak, Board Chair, congratulated staff on their efforts. In observance for those celebrating Ramadan a break was scheduled to be taken at 7:30pm to give opportunity to break fasting if tonight's meeting prolongs.
S. Covarrubias arrived at 6:10 PM.

II. Discussion/Information Items

A. Magnolia Public Schools Annual Authorizer Oversight Reports for MSA-4, 6, 7 & 8

D. Yilmaz, MPS Chief Accountability Officer, and staff presented the annual authorizer oversight reports given by LAUSD. LAUSD provided a rating to the schools (out of 4) for the following areas: Governance; Student Achievement and Educational Performance; Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations; and Fiscal Operations. A. Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent discussed the significance of the ratings received in Governance and Organizational Management which in both areas received high scores for all four schools. Schools that varied in scores and improvement was discussed. E. Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer, discussed the Student Achievement area. S. Orazov, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the Fiscal Operations area of the report. Details surrounding the reason for the score was discussed, and context was provided to the Board regarding the submissions of the unaudited financials and the actions that were made that triggered the significant deficiency notations in the unaudited financials. An action plan was put together to take and practice from preventing this to happen in the future and would be provided to LAUSD. The action plan will be taken for Board approval in the next item of the agenda. S. Gustafsson, managing partner from EdBaily and MPS staff clarified all Board questions.

III. Action Items

A. Action plan to Address the Significant Deficiency Noted in FY19/20 Audit Reports

S. Orazov, MPS Chief Financial Officer, presented the action plan to the Board. A full length discussion regarding background of the significant deficiency and the action being taken to remedy these issues were held during the previous item (Discussion/Information Item II A). The presented action plan is already being put in practice which entails ongoing reconciliation and cooperation with DMS and additional internal process that address all issues in a timely manner. Moving forward the plan is to ensure that these issues are not repeated.
M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the action plan to address the significant deficiency noted in FY19/20 audit reports.
S. Dikbas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

B. Approval of Magnolia Public Schools Revised Assessment Plans

E. Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer, presented to the Board the revised assessment plans following the guidance and correspondences from The State Board of Education (SBE), The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the California Department of

Education (CDE). ED indicated to the state that no federal waiver request for assessment was necessary because California is administering all of its required assessments and all school districts will be required to administer the statewide summative assessments except in any instances where the State concludes it is not viable to administer because of the pandemic. The CDE provided guidance for the 2021 Spring Summative Assessment Administration and its flexibility guidelines and with that given information, Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) received input from multiple stakeholders and school staff to make revisions on the Assessment Plan. MPS staff determined that it is not viable to administer the SBACs for the reasons following CDE considerations.
Recommendations from MPS staff includes; administering NWEA MAP Assessments as local assessments in lieu of SBAC in grades 3-8; not administering California Science Tests (CAST); administering CAASPP for grade 11 for CSU Early Assessment Programs (EAP) and finish ELPAC submissions. Principals spoke about their grading process and why it was not viable considering their schools circumstances. All questions from the Board were answered by the staff and principals who spoke.
S. Dikbas made a motion to approve the revised assessment plans for all schools.
M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of COVID-19 Testing through PMH Laboratory, Inc. For Co-located Sites (MSA 2, MSA 3, MSA 4, MSA 5, MSA 8)

D. Hajmeirza, MPS Director of Human Resources presented to the Board the COVID-19 partnership with PMH Laboratory, Inc. for co-located sites. On March 2021, MSA-2,3,4,5 & 8 entered into an agreement with LAUSD Testing and Community Engagement Program Agreement for baseline and regular weekly COVID-19 testing for the 2020-21 and 2021-2022 school year for which the Board had approved. In order for Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) to better serve students, families and staff, MPS wants to add an additional testing vendor when needed. Input from school sites who have used PMH Laborarory, Inc. services was given with an overall approval of ease and effectiveness to ensure testing in a quick manner. LAUSD remains as MPS testing vendor and this is just an additional vendor to utilize. Due to some systematic struggles, this action was taken and was deemed acceptable to add an additional testing vendor. Schools are still required to provide information to LAUSD as required by the district. All questions from the Board were addressed by staff and Principals.

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve partnership with PMH Laboratory, Inc (“PMH”) of baseline, regular, symptomatic, and response testing for Magnolia Science Academy 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 for the remainder of 2020-21 fiscal year.
M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Closed Session

A. Public Announcement Of Closed Session

S. Covarrubias, MPS Board Member, announced that the Board would be going into Closed Session to discuss public employee performance evaluation: CEO & Superintendent, anticipated initiation of litigation and public employment and would report out any actions taken.

B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§ 54957) - Title: CEO & Superintendent

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

C. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Initiation of Litigation ((§ 54956 (b)) - 2 matters

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

D. Public Employment (§ 54957)

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

E. Report Out Of Closed Session

H. Beliak , MPS Board Chair, announced in Open Session at 7:38pm that board directed staff to act on several items from the discussions that were made.

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 7:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. Beliak