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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday February 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location
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Meeting ID: 978 5606 4990 **Passcode:** 021250
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Board Members:
Ms. Sandra Covarrubias, Chair
Dr. Umit Yapanel, Vice-Chair
Dr. Salih Dikbas
Ms. Diane Gonzalez
Mr. Mekan Muhammedov

CEO & Superintendent:
Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

Directors Present
M. Muhammedov (remote), S. Covarrubias (remote), S. Dikbas (remote), U. Yapanel (remote)

Directors Absent
D. Gonzalez

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

S. Covarrubias

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
M. Muhammedov, S. Covarrubias

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Covarrubias called a meeting of the board of directors of Magnolia Public Schools to order on Thursday Feb 10, 2022 at 6:04 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

Refer to attendance information stated above.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

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

D. Public Comments

B.Lopez, Chief External Officer, announced that students are in the process of receiving college acceptance letters and some are preparing for the interview process for Ivy League schools.

E. Announcements from CEO & Superintendent and Board Members

A.Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent announced the advocacy work happening regarding schools receiving hold harmless protections. He gave an update on school sites COVID-19 infectious rates and announces that the STEAM Expo is upcoming and will keep the Board informed regarding the event. The Board congratulated students who are in the process of receiving their college acceptances and thanked College Counselors for their continued work.

F. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - January 20, 2022

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 01-20-22.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Closed Session

A. Public Announcement of Closed Session

S.Covarrubias announced that the Board would be going into Closed Session to discuss public employment and anticipated initiation of litigation for one case and would report out any actions taken.

B. Public Employment (§ 54957)

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

C. Anticipated Initiation of Litigation §54956.9(c): (1 case)

This item was discussed in Closed Session.
S. Covarrubias left at 6:43 PM.

D. Report Out of Closed Session

M.Muhammedov announced in Open Session at 7:05pm that the Board discussed the two items. The Board voted to initiate dispute resolution in regards to Prop 39 for Magnolia Science Academy-6 and Board directed staff to take any legal actions.

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Revised MPS Home Visit Policy

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the revised Magnolia Public Schools Home Visit Policy.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Information/Discussion Items

A. 2021-22 MPS Demographics

D.Yilamz, Chief Accountability Officer, stated that this would be a standing item to be presented to the Board every January/February of each year to showcase the changing demographics over the years. L.Woods, Executive Office Manager, presented CALPADS Fall 1 data which MPS certified in December 2021. Fall 1 reports capture student data elements and enrollments based on census day data. Magnolia wide and each school site's census day historical enrollments were presented. Correlations regarding enrollment decreases come from the discovery that families are leaving the area/leaving the state or due to the move of the school. In addition the enrollment by ethnicity, gender, English Leaner and student disability rates were discussed with comparison to 2020-2021 data. There was a decrease in free/reduced rates. School staff had followed up with the families through various communications and in person to walk through with them the process of filling out the alternate household income forms for families to see if they are eligible. Data regarding the unduplicated pupil counts, GATE student rates, homeless student rates, immigrant student rates, foster youth counts were also elaborated. J.Hook, Assistant Executive Office Manager, presented the attendance data. Average daily attendance (ADA) percentages per school are all in the low 90 percent. There was a slight decrease in ADA percentage reported due to the fact that students are out in quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19. She also showed the non-classroom ADA percentage through Independent Study.

B. Academic Department Updates

E.Acar, Chief Academic Officer, went over professional developments focusing on culture and improving collaboration and communication and informed of the STEAM events and other culture events happening at the school sites. Following the Board's approval of increasing school days they are planning professional development opportunities. As well as continuing the efforts of Teacher On Special Assignments (TOSA's) lead my W.Gray, College & Career Readiness Program & TOSA Coordinator. Independent Study updates and IXL, MyOn, MAP and IAB data updates were provided. W.Gray gave TOSA Program Updates and their focus themes being; common instructional techniques used to support student learning and showcasing events from each department to help learning come alive for the students.
S. Covarrubias arrived at 6:40 PM.

C. Enrollment Update

B.Lopez, Chief External Officer, updated the Board on information regarding targeted enrollments for the following school year. Each school sites enrollment data was showcased which included the count on intent to return applications that were summited and where each school stood on their targeted enrollments for the 2022-2023 school

year. Infinite Campus enrollments were also presented. Board Members questions were addressed the staff.

D. Discussion Regarding Governors Proposals for the 2022-23 State Budget and K-12 Education

S.Budhraja, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board on California Governor Newsom's January proposal for 2022-23 upcoming school year. He went over information provided by the state regarding revenues and funds available for K-12 education. He presented possible concerns such as uncertainty related to the COVID-19 pandemic and inflation. A.Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent, highlighted advocacy fronts related to what is on the Governor's proposal. Possible changes that may give charter schools similar protections to Districts in the Governor's May revise that will officially be signed in June of 2022.
M. Muhammedov left at 6:55 PM.

V. Action Items

A. Approval of Revisions to the 2021-22 School Leaders Pay Raise Scale

With the Board approving the revised home visit policy, S.Acar, Chief Operations Officer, presented that the approval also correlated to revisions made to the existing 2021-22 school leaders pay raise scale to add the home visit pay components for regular home visits for $50 and virtual home visits for $25.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the one time add on pays for virtual and regular home visits to the school leaders pay scale.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of MPS Comprehensive School Safety Plans

Per California Education Code Section 32281(a), schools are required to develop and maintain a comprehensive school safety plan to address campus risks, preparation of emergencies and create a safe environment for the students and staff. As stated by J.Hernandez, Director of Student Services, the plans are changed as needed and educational partners were encouraged to provide feedback for the school plans. All required components as stated in the Education Code were addressed in the plans. A.Prado, Dean of Students at Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)-Bell and G.Serce, Principal at MSA-San Diego presented their schools safety plans.

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plans for the school year 2022-23 for the following MPS Schools: MSA-1, MSA-2, MSA-3, MSA-4, MSA-7, MSA-Bell, MSA-Santa Ana, and MSA-San Diego.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Changes to the School Calendars for Magnolia Science Academies-2, 4, and 6

Magnolia Science Academies- 2, 4 & 6 were closed on Monday, January 10, 2022. Prior to the closure, Magnolia home office and school leaders met in an emergency meeting during the winter break holiday to discuss and ensure that schools could open given the requirements of COVID-19 testing and by looking at staff positive case rates during the holiday break. Staff exhausted all possible efforts including reaching out to substitute teacher companies and home office staff personnel to substitute classes. MSA-2, 4 and 6's staff shortage was substantial and could not operate on Monday. MSA-4 and 6 had enough instructional minutes to compensate for a lost day. Their changes were to add, January 10th as a no school day. MSA-2, did not have enough instructional minutes to absorb that lost day. MSA-2's calendar change is to change three of their minimum school days to regular school days. They will not applying for J-13 A.
S. Dikbas made a motion to approve the changes to the school calendars for Magnolia Science Academies-2, 4, and 6.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of Updated MPS Health and Safety Policy and Injury and Illness Prevention Program (“IIPP”) COVID-19 Addendum

D.Hajmeirza, Director of Human Resources, presented the updated Health and Safety Policy and IIPP Addendum which reflects recent guidelines from CDC, CDPH and other county public health officials. These updates included the exposure management policy regarding quarantining. MSA-2,3,4,6 and 8 must wear surgical-grade, non-cloth masks indoors and outdoors at all times except eating or drinking.

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the updated MPS Health & Safety Policy alongside the Injury and Illness Prevention Program COVID-19 addendum.
S. Dikbas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approval of Modular-Tech and Zingo Construction for Facility Maintenance and Improvement

Previously presented to the MPS Audit/Facilities Committee on February 3, 2022 which the Committee approved for recommended approval to the full Board. M.Sahin, MPS Project Manager, added that both vendors were previously Board approved for the preferred vendor list of contracts below $50,000. Per the MPS fiscal policy they could not exceed that threshold. By adding these vendors to the Master Vendors list, these two vendors would continue maintaining and improving MPS private sites where they can provide services over $50,000 if the need arises. Board Members questions were addressed by the staff.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve Modular-Tech and Zingo Construction as vendors for facility maintenance and improvement projects for all MPS campuses.
S. Dikbas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approval of CalSHAPE Plumbing Grant Resolution for Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Ana

Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Ana had applied for the CalSHAPE Plumbing Grant and were approved for a total of $49,620.58 for the grant. M.Sahin, Project Manager, added that this grant will be used to fix and upgrade facility related plumbing and water issues at the campus. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve and adopt Board Resolution # 20220210-01, attached as Exhibit A, to authorize Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana to receive a plumbing and ventilation grant from the California Energy Commission to implement a CalSHAPE Program project.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

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

G. Approval of CalSHAPE Plumbing Grant Resolution for Magnolia Science Academy-1

Magnolia Science Academy-1 had applied for the CalSHAPE Plumbing Grant. M.Sahin, Project Manager, stated that CalSHAPE had informed staff that due to limited funding they were not able to fund MSA-1 as well as MSA-7. After that time, staff was recently informed that MSA-1 was approved for the grant for a total of $60,920.29. With the recent information the motion would be amended to reflect the approval of receiving the grant. Board Members questions were addressed by staff and thanked the team for their efforts.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to amend the existing motion and read that the motion would be to approve and adopt Board Resolution # 20220210-02, attached as Exhibit A, to authorize Magnolia Science Academy- 1 to receive a plumbing and ventilation grant from the California Energy Commission to implement a CalSHAPE Program project.
S. Dikbas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

H. Approval of CalSHAPE Plumbing Grant Resolution for Magnolia Science Academy-7

Magnolia Science Academy-7 had applied for the CalSHAPE Plumbing Grant. M.Sahin, Project Manager, stated that similar to MSA-1, CalSHAPE had informed staff that due to limited funding they were not able to fund MSA-1 as well as MSA-7. After that time, staff was recently informed that MSA-7 was approved for the grant for a total of $45,599.05. With the recent information the motion would be amended to reflect the approval of receiving the grant.
S. Dikbas made a motion to amend the existing motion and read that the motion would be to approve and adopt Board Resolution # 20220210-03, attached as Exhibit A, to authorize Magnolia Science Academy- 7 to receive a plumbing and ventilation grant from the California Energy Commission to implement a CalSHAPE Program project.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

I. Review and Approval of Resolution Concerning Measures to Address the Organizational and Educational Impacts of the COVID-19 Virus

A.Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent, went over the prior resolutions that the Board had approved and adopted back in 2020 which addressed the authority of the Chief Executive Officer to act during times of emergency to respond to operational impacts of COVID-19. Certain powers were granted to the CEO when it came to the approval of operational items due to the impacts of the pandemic. On August 10, 2021 the Board had approved to revoke and repeal such resolutions as the pandemic during that time was seeing signs of improvement towards normalcy. Current time, with the COVID-19 variant, COVID-19 is still persistent such as the sudden closure of certain schools after the winter break.
U. Yapanel made a motion to adopt Resolution #20220210-04 to reimpose resolutions; Resolution #20200313-01, Resolution #20200320-01, Resolution #20200327-01, Resolution #20200402-02 and Resolution # 20200723-01 and all attendant powers and authorizations, including the power and authority of the Chief Executive Officer to close one or more school-sites due to a COVID-19 related purpose.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

J. Board Approval of Findings to Conduct Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361/Government Code Section 54953

MPS Board of Directors discussed and reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency related to COVID-19 in which meeting in person can directly impact the ability of the Board and public to meet safely. As such, local officials are still continuing to recommend measures to promote social distancing.
S. Dikbas made a motion to adopt the findings relating to the ability of the Board to conduct meetings due to teleconference during the State of Emergency, in reference to AB 361/Government Code Section 54953.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

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 9:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Covarrubias