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## Magnolia Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday April 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM

**Location**

<https://zoom.us/j/97856064990?pwd=MHhBZCtGT0xEMlZpNEZQZVJ3RDBPZz09>

**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

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**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

D. Gonzalez

**Directors who left before the meeting adjourned**

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U. Yapanel

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## **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 Apr 7, 2022 at 6:03 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

Refer to attendance information recorded above.

### **C. Approval of Agenda**

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

### **D. Public Comments**

No public comments were given at this time.

### **E. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - February 10, 2022**

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 02-10-22.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

### **F. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - February 24, 2022**

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 02-24-22.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**G. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - March 10, 2022**

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 03-10-22.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**H. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - March 24, 2022**

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 03-24-22.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**II. Closed Session**

**A. Public Announcement of Closed Session**

S.Covarrubias announced that the Board would be going into Closed Session regarding a hearing for appeal of expulsion determination and would report out any actions taken.

**B. Hearing for Appeal of Expulsion Determination**

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

U. Yapanel left at 9:01 PM.

**C.**

### **Report Out of Closed Session**

M.Muhammedov announced in Open Session at 9:40pm that the Board of Directors of Magnolia Public Schools voted unanimously on a stipulated expulsion with suspended enforcement.

### **III. Information/Discussion Items**

#### **A. 2021-22 MPS Educational Partners Survey Results & Reflections and Public Feedback to Inform LCAP**

D.Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer, went over the survey structure, questions and overall responses that were collected from the Panorama Survey. Students, families and staff participated in the survey. Overall, student and staff participation rates were high. Family participation rates were not as high as the other two categories. Four schools reached their target goals for families. The other schools will improve in the following year to get more input from their families. Each school has their own local target on LCAP in which D.Yilmaz explained. He also shared the five year trends. Results were shared with the schools and meetings were held with school leadership teams to go over the responses and feedback. The leadership teams came up with glows, grows and next steps. The survey results were used for their schools evaluations. Some Principals shared their school sites survey process and results.

#### **B. Discussion and Update Regarding Sale of Strip of Land to City Recreation and Parks for Purpose of Constructing Ice Hockey Rink**

P.Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, gave an update on the construction of the ice hockey rink which is adjacent to the MSA-1 High School property. He said that City Recreational and Parks has funded to move forward with this project. MPS agreed to partner with them for the community and students best interest to have an athletic facility. He explained that the city wants to purchase land to construct the hockey rink in which would eliminate 33 parking spaces from MSA-1. Currently, MPS is in escrow to purchase the JAM property and once in fruition would replace the entirety of the parking lot. MPS is also speaking with CitiBank for leasing spaces and will come back to the Board for approval. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

### **IV. Action Items**

#### **A. 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 in addition to the all standing Board Committees (Finance, Audit/Facilities, Academic, Stakeholder and Development & Nominating/Governance Committees) and public to meet safely. As such, local officials are still continuing to recommend measures to promote social distancing. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

S. Covarrubias made a motion to adopt the findings relating to the ability of the MPS Board and all MPS Committees to conduct meetings due to teleconference during the State of Emergency, in reference to AB 361/Government Code Section 54953.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. 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. Those changes in the policy include; indoor masking is strongly encourages at all MSA school sites and individuals new to LAUSD are required to baseline test upon their start of school or work.

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the updated MPS Health & Safety Policy alongside the Injury Illness Prevention Program ("IIPP") COVID-19 addendum.

S. Dikbas seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**C. Approval of Assurance of Compliance for 2022 Significant Disproportionality Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services for Magnolia Science Academy-5**

A.Callaham, Director of Special Education, presented that MSA-5 has fallen under the significant disproportionality as this is the third year in a row of the school having more than 3% of their Latino population under the eligibility of learning disability. They are working with schools to reduce the numbers so that are not under significant disproportionality for the following year. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the Assurance of Compliance for the 2022 Significant Disproportionality Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services for MSA-5 and for the MPS Board Chair to sign.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**D. Approval of Magnolia Public Schools Student Recognition and Incentive Policy**

J.Hernandez, Director of Student Services, explained that they recognition and incentive policy originated from staff using their personal money to purchase snacks and items to show recognition to the students. The policy would seek to remedy that and to to increase effectiveness of positive outcomes of students academic, behavioral, and social emotional education. Recognizing students for not just how they are currently but also recognizing students for their continuous stride and effort. He went over the parameters of what those recognitions are. He added that he is learning from other promising practices from school districts and would be working with the Deans of Students at each school site regarding implementation. Board Members expressed their support to recognize and motivate students.

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the Student Recognition and Incentive Policy for all schools.

S. Dikbas seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**E. Approval to Extend Due Diligence Period for Purchase of 18242 Sherman Way**

P.Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, provided background for this item. In November 2021 the Board approved to sign a purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of the JAM property. This opened escrow by January 2022. Since that time, MPS has been doing their due diligence. They worked with an architect to produce a master plan. Once they receive a term sheet, MPS would review and share with Los Angeles County Office of Education. The due diligence period expires April 28, 2022 and are seeking for an extension which would buy an additional thirty days to continue with their due diligence. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve (1) the exercise by MPS of its option under that certain purchase and sale agreement signed by MPS dated as of January 13, 2022 for the purchase of the property located at 18242 Sherman Way (the "Property") to extend its contingency/due diligence period for one (1) thirty (30) day period from April

28, 2022 to May 30, 2022, and in conjunction therewith, (2) the release by MPS of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the escrow established for the aforementioned transaction as consideration for the exercise of the extension option, and (3) the execution by the MPS CEO and Superintendent, or his designees, of such documents and instruments as may be necessary to undertake and complete the foregoing actions.

S. Dikbas seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

### **F. Approval to Extend Due Diligence Period for Purchase of 7111 Winnetka Ave**

P.Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, presented to the Board the need for a second extension of their due diligence period for the Winnetka property. The Board had previously approved the first option to extend. Similar to the previous item, the term sheet would be provided to the Los Angeles County Office of Education for their feedback. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve (1) the exercise by MPS of its option under that certain purchase and sale agreement signed by MPS dated as of December 15, 2021 for the purchase of the property located at 7111 Winnetka Ave. (the "Property") to extend its contingency/due diligence period for one (1) additional thirty (30) day period from April 21, 2022 to May 21, 2022, and in conjunction therewith, (2) the release by MPS of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the escrow established for the aforementioned transaction as consideration for the exercise of the extension option, and (3) the execution by the MPS CEO and Superintendent, or his designees, of such documents and instruments as may be necessary to undertake and complete the foregoing actions.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

### **G. Approval of Magnolia Public Schools Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manuel for 2021-2022**

This was previously presented at the Finance Committee Meeting in which they recommended approval. S.Budhraj, Chief Financial Officer, presented that the finance

department in collaboration with the auditors annually reviews their fiscal policy and procedures and make updates to certain information according to protocols and standards set by state and federal guidelines. He went over all of the updates made and added that this would help keep staff up-to-date with the changes. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the following revisions to the MPS Fiscal Policy and Procedures Manual; G&A103, G&A113, G&A115, G&A118, G&A121, CSH101, CSH104, CSH107, CSH111, INV101, PUR101, PUR102, PUR104 and PUR106 for the 2021/2022 year.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**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 11:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Covarrubias