APPROVED

Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday May 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location
https://zoom.us/j/97856064990?pwd=MHhBZCtGT0xEMlZpNEZQZVJ3RDBPZz09
Meeting ID: 978 5606 4990 **Passcode:** 021250
One tap mobile: +16699009128,,97856064990# US (San Jose)

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

Directors Absent
D. Gonzalez

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

U. Yapanel

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
S. Dikbas, U. Yapanel

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 May 12, 2022 at 6:02 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

Refer to attendance information recorded above.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

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

D. Public Comments

No public comments were given at this time.

E. Announcements from CEO & Superintendent and Board Members

A.Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent, will share his announcement during B.Lopez's, Chief External Officer, presentation during the Enrollment Update.

II. Closed Session

A. Public Announcement of Closed Session

S.Covarrubias announced that the Board would be going into Closed Session to discuss public employee performance evaluation for the CEO & Superintendent and pending litigation concerning one case and would report out any actions taken.

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

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

C. Pending Litigation (§ 54956.9)(a): 1 case

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

D. Report Out of Closed Session

U. Yapanel arrived at 6:43 PM.
S.Covarrubias announced in Open Session at 6:43pm that the Board directed staff to follow-up on items regarding the CEO Evaluation. Regarding the pending litigation the Board authorized the staff to settle the matter - a settlement agreement will be finalized.

III. Information/Discussion Items

A. Enrollment Update

S. Dikbas left at 7:02 PM.
B.Lopez, Chief External Officer, announced the involvement of 12 MPS families on a trip to Washington DC for advocacy day in partnership with the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. Also, MSA-1 through MSA-8 and MSA-Santa Ana had applied for the California Community Schools Planning Grant and they were all selected and awarded $200,000 to each school. She said the money will help the schools, students and families tremendously. She went over the current enrollment and how MPS is doing now to be on track for target enrollment for the 2022-23 incoming school year. She explained the enrollment process and what the school staff are doing at their campuses. Some Principals also shared their enrollment processes, practices and expectations. Board Members thanked the staff for the update and for the awarded grant announcement.

IV. Action Items

A. Approval to Exercise of Third Option to Extend Due Diligence Contingency Period for Purchase of 7111 Winnetka Avenue

Presented previously at the MPS Audit/Faculties Committee for their recommended approval. M.Muhammedov, Chair of the Committee reported out and added that the Committee did approve for their recommended approval to the full Board. P.Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, added that they will be releasing $25,000 and that money is applicable to the purchase price expecting that they close escrow. They have a term sheet from the lender and added that next steps was to discuss with the Los Angeles County Office of Education to get their approval to move forward.
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 May 23, 2022 to June 22, 2022, and in conjunction therewith, (2) the release by MPS of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) 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

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

B. Approval of Authorization of Sale of Strip of Land to City of Los Angeles

Presented previously at the MPS Audit/Faculties Committee for their recommended approval. M.Muhammedov, Chair of the Committee reported out. He had said that this has been a reoccurring discussion item for the Committee and provided background of the information so far. P.Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, added that the $1.266 million is an increase from the previous amount discussed. They had done an appraisal.
M. Muhammedov made a motion to (1) subject to Staff obtaining all approvals needed to consummate such sale, approve the sale of a 25 foot wide strip of land on the east side of Magnolia Science Academy—1's high school parking lot parcels (see Exhibit A) to the City of Los Angeles for no less than $1,266,000 and the amendment of MSA—1's lease for the premises with MPM Sherman Way LLC to reflect the sale of the strip of land (2) approve the negotiation by the MPS CEO, or his designee, with the City of Los Angeles of such terms and conditions as he shall deem in the best interests of MPS and MSA—1 in order to consummate such transaction (3) approve 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
M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Absent
U. Yapanel	Aye

C. Approval of the Authorization to Purchase Six Classroom Bungalows for MSA-1

U. Yapanel left at 7:20 PM.
U. Yapanel arrived at 7:21 PM.
Presented previously at the MPS Audit/Faculties Committee for their recommended approval. M.Muhammedov, Chair of the Committee reported out. P.Ontiveros, General

Counsel & Director of Facilities, addressed questions the Committee had previously asked. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.
M. Muhammedov made a motion to (1) approves the selection of Mobile Modular to provide six (6) bungalows for installation at the Magnolia Science Academy—1 ("MSA-1") middle school parking lot site (Exhibit A- Site Plan) (the "Project") in order to provide more space until Magnolia Science Academy-5 ("MSA-5") moves from MSA-1 to their own campus and to spend up to $400,000 on the Project and (2) approves the execution of a contract that Staff may negotiate with such vendor for the Project.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of 2022-23 School Calendars for all MPS

D.Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer, presented the school calendars for the next school year. The calendars adheres to the requirement of instructional minutes and instructional dates. Historically MPS has always offered 180 or 181 days, but for the first time in history they offered 185 school days due to the effects of learning loss from the pandemic and addressing loss of instruction. He went over the calendar for each MSA school. MSA-6 is different than the rest so they are able to establish their school culture.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the 2022-23 School Calendars for all Magnolia Public Schools.
M. Muhammedov 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	Absent

E. Approval of MPS College Application Fee Policy

E.Acar, Chief Academic Officer, & W.Gray, College & Career Readiness Program and Teachers on Special Assignment Coordinator presented the college application fee policy. W.Gray went over the policy and what it was designed to address. He explained that each University has a college application fee and for students that receive free or reduced lunch, that fee is waived. However, the threshold to apply for free or reduced lunch is low so many families do not qualify therefore they cannot get the fee waived. In many cases families do not have the bandwidth to release that capital. The Policy is

designed to reimburse families for up to 3 application instances. They restricted it to applications to UC & CSU because they are transparent on who qualifies for waivers in which privates do not. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the College Application Fee Policy for all schools.
M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. 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 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

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

G. 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. Changes include close contacts, quarantine procedures for employees, and students vaccination statuses.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the updated MPS Health & Safety Policy alongside the Injury and Illness Prevention Program (“IIPP”) COVID-19 addendum.

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

Roll Call

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

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 7:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Covarrubias