



# Magnolia Public Schools

# **Minutes**

# Regular Board Meeting

#### **Date and Time**

Thursday May 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

https://zoom.us/j/97856064990?pwd=MHhBZCtGT0xEMIZpNEZQZVJ3RDBPZz09

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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), U. Yapanel (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

D. Gonzalez, S. Dikbas

#### 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 26, 2022 at 6:04 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.
- U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

#### D. Public Comments

No public comments were given at this time.

# E. Announcements from CEO & Superintendent and Board Members

A.Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent, announced tragedy at Uvalde, Texas concerning the tragic loss of students and staff at Robb Elementary School. There was a moment of silence held. He then thanked school site personnel who comforted families and students after hearing the news.

# F. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - April 7, 2022

- M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 04-07-22.
- U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

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### Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - April 21, 2022

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 04-21-22.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

D. Gonzalez AbsentU. Yapanel AyeS. Dikbas AbsentS. Covarrubias Aye

M. Muhammedov 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 employee performance evaluation for the CEO & Superintendent and would report out any actions taken.

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

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

## C. Report Out of Closed Session

S.Covarrubias announced in Open Session at 6:47pm that the Board discussed the item and the directed staff to follow up on certain items.

#### III. Information/Discussion Items

# A. Glows, Grows & Priorities Presentations

The Home Office Departments; Outreach & Communications Department, Finance Department, Facilities Department, Academic Department, Accountability Department, Operations Department, and the CEO Department presented their glows, grows and priorities for the 2021-22 year. Board Members directed questions to the staff and applauded the staff at the Home Office and school site staff for their continued work and efforts during trivial times.

# B. MPS Annual Authorizer Oversight Reports

D.Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer, opened up the discussion regarding this years annual authorizer oversight reports. A letter from the CDE was received from MSA-Santa Ana's visit stating that the school is in compliance. For MSA-San Diego and Los Angeles County Office of Education authorized schools - MSA-1,2,3 and 5 - the visits were were successful however the reports are not yet submitted. MSA-4,6,7 and Bell - who are

authorized by Los Angeles Unified School District - did receive their reports in which the schools rated well in the categories. In Governance all schools received a 4. The Fiscal category improved from last year to a 3 rating. There was no rating for Student Achievement has there was no official dashboard for this year. Staff went over the report and mentioned steps on improving. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

#### **IV. Action Items**

# A. 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 were included for the exposure management policy per Cal/OSHA and vaccination policy for students before the first day of school in Fall of 2023.

- U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the updated MPS Health & Safety Policy alongside the Injury Illness Prevention Program ("IIPP") COVID-19 addendum.
- S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

#### B. Approval of Waiver of Contingencies for the Acquisition of 18242 Sherman Way

P.Ontiveros General Counsel & Director of Facilities, provided an update to the Board from when escrow was opened up earlier this year. He added that the Board had previously approved in extending the contingency period once as it gave time to receive feedback from the authorizer and continue the process of locking in a lender. MPS identified a lender, CLI Capital, and a term sheet was presented. Staff would come later to the Board for their approval to close the loan and close escrow. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve (1) the waiver of the contingencies for the purchase of the property located at 18242 Sherman Way in Reseda (commonly referred to as the "JAM Building")(the "Property"), located at the west side of and immediately adjacent to the Magnolia Science Academy –1 middle school campus, 18238 Sherman Way (2) the financing of the purchase of the Property pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in that certain term sheet dated May 29, 2022 the by CLI Capital, (3) the assignment of the purchase and sale agreement for the Property to a wholly owned limited liability company subsidiary of Magnolia Properties Management, Inc., and (4) 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. U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

# C. Approval of Purchase and Installation Synthetic Turf for MSA-1

M.Sahin, MPS Project Manager, added that MSA-1 administrative team reached out about the need of adding turf on the lot of the campus for the purposes of making that area more appealing and welcoming to students. The property that the school is in had given MSA-1 an extension of their lease for 3 years. B.Plonka, Principal at MSA-1, added the significance of what this would provide students which is a proper area for physical education. An RFP was released with four proposals being sent to staff to review before picking this vendor. M.Sahin explained the warranty.

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve (1) the selection of Ecograss as the vendor for the purchase and installation of synthetic turf on land leased from Sherman Way L.P. for the benefit of MSA-1 and MSA-5 (the "Project"), (2) the expenditure of up to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) on the Project, and (3) the execution of a contract for the Project that Staff may negotiate with such vendor.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

U. Yapanel Aye
D. Gonzalez Absent
M. Muhammedov Aye
S. Covarrubias Aye
S. Dikbas 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 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Covarrubias