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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday January 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Location
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Board Members:
Mr. Mekan Muhammedov, Chair
Ms. Sandra Covarrubias, Vice-Chair
Dr. Umit Yapanel
Dr. Salih Dikbas
Ms. Diane Gonzalez
Mr. Daniel Sheehan
Mrs. Esra Eldem Tunc

CEO & Superintendent:
Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

Directors Present
D. Gonzalez (remote), E. Eldem Tunc (remote), S. Covarrubias (remote), S. Dikbas (remote)

Directors Absent

D. Sheehan, M. Muhammedov, 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 Jan 19, 2023 at 5:35 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.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Dikbas	Aye
D. Sheehan	Absent
S. Covarrubias	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Absent
D. Gonzalez	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
U. Yapanel	Absent

D. Public Comments

G.Serce, Regional Director & Principal of Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)-San Diego, shared exciting highlights from his school. Before going on winter break, student went on a field trip at Qualcomm that was made possible by parents who are Qualcomm engineers. He stated that the students were able to learn how high tech companies. MSA-San Diego also had a food drive in which they were able to collect over 8,000 pounds of food items. They partnered with the organization, Feeding San Diego. MSA-San Diego also has a successful celebration of science event where students were given the opportunity to share demonstrations and projects with the community that highlighted creativity and STEAM. Lastly, G.Serce, shared that they had a successful open hour event.

E. Announcements from CEO & Superintendent and Board Members

A.Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent, announced that there are ongoing preparations of the MPS budget for next year. He stated that MPS will look at the details from the Governor's January Budget Proposal and work closely with the school sites. More information will be coming soon at the Board meetings. He also informed the Board of the

day closure at Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)-Santa Ana due to a major car accident that occurred on Monday, January 16th that resulted in the closure of a major street to get access to the school. Students, staff and other members of the community could not gain access to the street. No one was impacted physically due to the accident. He stated that the school worked with the Home Office to ensure communication was given to the parents. Though the closure resulted in the loss of instructional minutes, the school has enough where they do not need to make up the day. School site Principals and leadership will work on pushing the community representatives there to create more safety measures around the school.

F. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - December 8, 2022

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 12-08-22.
S. Dikbas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Sheehan	Absent
S. Dikbas	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
U. Yapanel	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Absent

II. Consent Items

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

S. Dikbas made a motion to approve the updated MPS Health & Safety Policy alongside the Injury Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) COVID-19 addendum.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Gonzalez	Aye
D. Sheehan	Absent
S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Absent
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
U. Yapanel	Absent

B. Approval of School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for all MPS

S. Dikbas made a motion to approve the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for all Magnolia Public Schools (MPS).
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Dikbas	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
U. Yapanel	Absent
S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
D. Sheehan	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Absent

III. Action Items

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

The Board 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. In-person Board Meeting will reconvene beginning in March. Staff will undergo protocols and systems to ensure board and members of the public can meet safely.
D. Gonzalez made a motion to adopt the findings relating to the ability of the MPS Board and all MPS Committees to conduct meetings through teleconference during the State of Emergency, in reference to AB 361/Government Code Section 54953.
E. Eldem Tunc seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Muhammedov	Absent
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
D. Sheehan	Absent
S. Dikbas	Aye
U. Yapanel	Absent
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye

B. Approval of Design & Engineering Contract with DLR Group for the Magnolia Science Academy-5 Winnetka Ave Project

P.Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, reported that the Audit & Facilities Committee approved to give their recommendation to the full Board to approve DLR Group as the architect of record for the project at 7111 Winnetka Ave. He provided background of the project and the RFP and selection process. Board Members questions

were addressed by staff. D.Gonzalez, Board Member and member of the Audit & Facilities Committee, reported on the Committee's discussion.
D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the selection of DLR Group to provide architectural and engineering services for MSA-5's new construction project at 7111 Winnetka Ave in Winnetka (the "Project") for a total fee of $1,765,500 and further approve that MPS Staff be authorized to negotiate and sign a professional services contract for said services in such form as MPS Staff may deem appropriate and in the best interests of MPS.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Absent
D. Gonzalez	Aye
U. Yapanel	Absent
S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Sheehan	Absent

C. Approval of 2021-22 Annual Audit Report for all Magnolia Science Academy Schools and the Home Office

S.Budhraja, Chief Financial Officer, went over annual audit report for 2021-22 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2022. He provided context of the processes of the audit which concluded on December 15, 2022. He added that MPS overall had a goof health cash position, met all the requirements for instructional minutes and captured the money received from the hold harmless provision. Other areas he noted is that MPS complied with state requirements which included; Education Protection Act, LCAP, Educator Effectiveness Grant, ELOP funding, and others that is available for inspection on the audit report. He added that there were no areas of material weakness, no state compliance findings, no federal findings and no internal control findings. Ultimately receiving an unmodified opinion. Scott G., representative from Eide Bailly, provided additional context. Board members questions were addressed by staff.
S. Dikbas made a motion to approve the 2021-22 Annual Audit Report for all Magnolia Science Academy (MSA) schools and the Home Office.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
U. Yapanel	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Absent
D. Sheehan	Absent

Roll Call

S. Dikbas	Aye

D. Approval of Magnolia Science Academy- 3 Surveillance Cameras' Installation: Procedures and Design

S.Acar, Chief Operations Officer, went over the need for Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)-3 to install surveillance cameras at their site. He provided context that MSA-3 is a Prop 39 school site co-located with another LAUSD site. He added that LAUSD provided the quote for the vendor to be used. Upon approval it will proceed with the payment being given to LAUSD and their assigned contractor will complete the task. Z.Ocel, Principal at MSA-3, provided further context of the need of surveillance cameras for student and staff safety. Board members questions were addressed by staff.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the proposed Magnolia Science Academy- 3 Surveillance Cameras' Installation: Procedures and Design.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Muhammedov	Absent
D. Sheehan	Absent
S. Dikbas	Aye
U. Yapanel	Absent
D. Gonzalez	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye

IV. Closed Session

A. Public Announcement of Closed Session

S.Covarrubias, Vice-Chair, announced that the Board will be going into closed session to discuss Confidential Student Enrollment Matter and would report out in any actions that may be taken.

B. Confidential Student Enrollment Matter - Consideration of Compliance with Rehabilitation Plan Case No.: 20221208

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

C. Report Out of Closed Session

S.Covarrubias announced in Open Session at 7:43pm that the Board approved the admission recommendation regarding the Confidential Student Enrollment Matter Case No.20221208.

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 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Covarrubias