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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday February 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM

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

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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), D. Sheehan (remote), E. Eldem Tunc (remote), M. Muhammedov (remote), S. Covarrubias (remote), U. Yapanel (remote)

Directors Absent
S. Dikbas

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
D. Sheehan

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Muhammedov called a meeting of the board of directors of Magnolia Public Schools to order on Thursday Feb 9, 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. Sheehan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Public Comments

No public comments were made at this time.

E. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - January 12, 2023

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 01-12-23.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Sheehan	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye

Roll Call

S. Dikbas	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye

F. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - January 19, 2023

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 01-19-23.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Information/Discussion Item

A. MPS Annual Authorizer Oversight Reports

The Annual Authorizer oversight report for MSA-San Diego was discussed. G.Serce, Regional Director & Principal at MSA-San Diego, went over some highlights including the school becoming WASC accredited and being recognized as a California Distinguished School by the California Department of Education. He went over the process of the authorizer oversight visits which included visiting classroom, interviews with Board, educational partners and leadership and an intensive review of policies and implementations. He went over areas of feedback received which staff had addressed with the charter office. S.Budhraja, Chief Financial Officer, provided input on the school's submission of financial reports and J.Lara, Executive Assistant & Board Secretary, provided input on the feedback received regarding recruitment of additional board members. Board members questions were addressed by staff.

III. Action Items

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

The Board was informed that the California State of Emergency was set to be terminated on February 28th. AB 361 will by then become void. In-person board meetings will be set to resume in March which included all board and committee meetings. J.Lara, Executive Assistant & Board Secretary, added that with the shift to in-person board meetings, MPS

will continue to abide with Brown Act regulations and SB 126. 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 through teleconference during the State of Emergency, in reference to AB 361/Government Code Section 54953.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of 2023-24 School Safety Plans for all Magnolia Public Schools

J.Hernandez, Director of Student Services, lead the discussion of going over all ten (10) schools safety plans. Safety plans are shared with agencies who are crucial to the safety and well-being of the campus that includes the Fire Department. He added that budgetary implications vary per school site, and these include certain trainings and replenishing of necessary supplies. He went over the sections: Purpose & Preparation, Prevention, Response, and Recovery. The Student/Parent Handbook is referenced throughout the safety plans. Board members questions were addressed by staff.
M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) for the 2023-24 school year for the following schools within Magnolia Public Schools: Magnolia Science Academy 1. Magnolia Science Academy 2, Magnolia Science Academy 3, Magnolia Science Academy 4, Magnolia Science Academy 5, Magnolia Science Academy 6, Magnolia Science Academy 7, Magnolia Science Academy Bell, Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana and Magnolia Science Academy San Diego.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Contract with EdTheory to Provide Additional Special Education Services

A.Callaham, Director of SPED and Special Services, discussed that after the pandemic they were faced with issues in personnel who provided special education services at the school sites and how the utilization of agencies was crucial to ensure these services were available since staffing was spread thin. The void continued to exist which prompted looking into other agencies and issuing an RFP process. EdTheory, though being in Northern California, provided services to the Los Angeles and surrounding areas. They contract with consultants in Southern California and are able to send consultants to the school site along with assigning as supervisor. Staff looked at cost and logistical requirements such as: providing local services, credentialed, California Department of Education approved and being able to provide on-site personnel which EdTheory met. This would assist in aiding the need for additional support needed from the school sites. Z.Ocel, Principal at MSA-3, provided insight to the struggles his school has faced and how this can help with providing these essential services to the students. Board members questions were addressed by staff.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the contract not to exceed $100,000 with EdTheory for additional Special Education services as needed by our ten (10) MPS schools for special education compliance.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of Resolutions Related to the Acquisition and Lease of 16600 Vanowen Street

Presented previously at the Audit & Facilities Committee on February 2, 2023.
M.Muhammedov, Board Chair & Chair of the Committee, reported out of the committee's discussion and the committee's recommendation of this item for Board approval.
P.Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, added that the Board had approved the waiver of contingencies for this project on January 12th. Staff will be moving forward with an acquisition/construction loan from CLI capital. Board members questions were addressed by staff. S.Budhraja, Chief Financial Officer, went over the financing due diligence for this project.
D. Sheehan left at 6:45 PM.
D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the following actions: (1) the assignment by MPS to MPM 16600 Vanowen Street LLC (the “Vanowen Street LLC”) of all its right, title and interest in and to that certain agreement for the purchase of the property located at 16600 Vanowen Street (APNs: 2231-007-008, -016 and -017) (the “Vanowen Street Property”)

including the right to take title to the Property and the good faith deposit made by MPS; (2) the execution by the MPS CEO, CFO or their designees, of a lease agreement by and between MPS and Vanowen Street LLC (the “Lease”) for the use and occupancy of the Vanowen Street Property by Magnolia Science Academy—2 (“MSA-2”); (3) under the Lease, the payment by MPS to Vanowen Street LLC of non-refundable advanced rent in an amount equal to approximately $3,100,000, consisting of (i) $400,000 from the assignment of the good faith deposit made by MPS to escrow for the Vanowen Street Property and (ii) approximately $2,700,000 in cash; (4) the execution by the MPS CEO, CFO or their designees, on behalf of Vanowen Street LLC, as its sole manager of such documents and instruments as may be necessary in order for Vanowen Street LLC to acquire the Vanowen Street Property, including any loan documents; and (5) the execution by the MPS CEO and Superintendent, CFO, or their designees, of such documents and instruments as may be necessary to undertake and complete the foregoing actions.
M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approval of Magnolia Public Schools Cell Phone Usage Policy

S.Acar, Chief Operations Officer, went over the need to have a cell phone usage policy in place. This policy was in collaboration with feedback received from educational partners as well as Human Resources, B.Lopez, Chief External Officer and legal counsel.
B.Lopez, provided further context on the usage and number of phones per school site. She clarified that this will be implemented for the Community Schools Coordinators (CSC) under the Community Schools grant. The policy indicated that it is for general MPS personnel in the interest of improving employee efficiency. Staff clarified that it will start with the CSC's to track its impact before opening it up to other staff members. Board members questions were addressed by staff.
S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the Magnolia Public Schools Cell Phone Usage Policy.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Gonzalez	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye

Roll Call

S. Dikbas	Absent
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Sheehan	Absent

F. Approval of Updated 2022-23 MPS Board & Committee Calendar

On behalf of A.Rubalcava, P.Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, presented the updated 2022-23 MPS Board & Committee Calendar. He provided context that with AB 361 expiring and its provisions, the updated calendar is to ensure MPS plans accordingly alongside the Board. J.Lara, Executive Assistant & Board Secretary, went over some the the revisions made after gathering feedback from leadership and the Board. She added that these changes will be made to the website and BoardOnTrack once approved. Staff and principals will work alongside to ensure the logistics on school openings during the Board & Committee meetings as well as continue following the provisions under SB 126 and the Brown Act.
U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the updated calendar for the 2022-23 Regular MPS Board Meetings and Regular MPS Board Committee Meetings.
M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. 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 6:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Muhammedov