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## Magnolia Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday March 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**Location**

Magnolia Science Academy-1: 18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335

**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

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**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

D. Gonzalez

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

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D. Sheehan, S. Dikbas

**Directors who left before the meeting adjourned**

U. Yapanel

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**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 Mar 9, 2023 at 7:12 PM.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting participants and guests participated in the pledge of allegiance.

**C. Record Attendance and Guests**

Refer to attendance information stated above.

**D. 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**

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

**E. Public Comments**

B.Lopez, Chief External Officer, recognized parent, Liliana Lopez, for joining the Families & Schools Parent Warrior Program. G.Serce, Regional Director & Principal at MSA-San Diego, commented that students, families and staff represented their school at the San Diego Festival of Science & Engineering. M.Craig, Dean of Academics at MSA-San Diego, added that their school held a college and career day at their school site. She also commented on the schools upcoming archery competitions and the team will be moving on to the championships. L.Schlottman, Principal at MSA-Bell, invited all meeting participants and guests to their GLAM event at their school site that deals with woman leadership and empowerment. S.Keskinturk, Principal at MSA-Santa Ana, shared that the schools elementary robotics team made it to the California State Championships and won

5th place. A.Uribe, Dean of Students at MSA-5, commented that the middle school basketball team won Valley Region and will be moving forward to city playoffs at Culver City.

**F. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - February 9, 2023**

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 02-09-23.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**G. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - February 16, 2023**

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 02-16-23.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**II. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Updated MPS Health and Safety Policy**

S. Dikbas arrived at 7:22 PM.

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the updated MPS Health & Safety Policy.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye

**Roll Call**

M. Muhammedov Aye  
D. Sheehan Absent  
D. Gonzalez Absent  
U. Yapanel Aye

**III. Information/Discussion Items**

**A. Glows, Grows and Priorities Presentations**

MSA-1, 2, 3 & 5 presented their Glows, Grows & Priority presentations. Board and members of the public were given space to share comments or questions after each school presentations. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

**B. Enrollment Update and Year to Year Comparison (2021-2022 vs 2022-2023)**

B.Lopez, Chief External Officer, went over the enrollment progress and structures and systems put in place in order to improve the enrollment process. She went over the completed registrations for this school year so far and showcased data from last year to show the change. She mentioned a positive trend across all schools from this year compared to last year. She went over the enrollment projections for each school site. G.Serce, Principal at MSA-San Diego, explained his schools enrollment process and went over the decline in enrollment applications his school has experienced. B.Lopez, mentioned the support given to schools from the Home Office to the school sites. Board members questions were addressed by staff.

**IV. Action Items**

**A. Approval of 2023-24 Employee Pay Raise Scale for Full-Time Teaching Positions & Non-Classroom Based Academic (“NCBA”) Positions & School Leaders**

D. Sheehan arrived at 9:10 PM.

U. Yapanel left at 9:25 PM.

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the revised 2023-24 Employee Pay Raise Scale for Full-Time Teaching Positions & Non-Classroom Based Academic (“NCBA”) Positions & School Leaders.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Approval of MPS School Site Classified Employees' Pay Raise Schedule for 2023-24**

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the MPS school site classified employee's pay raise schedule for 2023-24 school year.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**C. Approval of Second Interim Reports for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year**

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the second interim reports for FY 2022-23 as the most updated revised budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

D. Sheehan seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**D. Approval of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) as New Math Curriculum Provider**

E. Eldem Tunc made a motion to approve Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) as new math curriculum provider.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**E. Approval of Universal Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Plans for MSA-7 and MSA-Santa Ana**

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Planning Grant Plans for Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)-7 and MSA-Santa Ana.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

U. Yapanel Absent

D. Gonzalez Absent

S. Dikbas Aye

M. Muhammedov Aye

D. Sheehan Aye

E. Eldem Tunc Aye

S. Covarrubias 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 10:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Muhammedov