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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday March 14, 2024 at 7:20 PM

Location
Home Office: 250 E. 1st Street, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Student Board Member:
Melissa De La Rosa Aparicio

CEO & Superintendent:
Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

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

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
M. Muhammedov

Guests Present
J. Lara

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 Mar 14, 2024 at 7:35 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Board, staff and guests conducted the pledge of allegiance.

C. Record Attendance and Guests

Refer to attendance information recorded above.

D. Approval of Agenda

M. Muhammedov arrived at 7:37 PM.
U. Yapanel made a motion to amend the existing agenda and do the following: Remove Consent Item IIA; remove Action Item IVE; and begin with Action Items in order and then following the Information/Discussion Items in order.
S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.
Staff updated the Board on the removal of IIA and IVE.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Public Comments

M. Rowell, Elementary Principal at MSA-Santa Ana, thanked MPS community and leadership for supporting the Orange County expansion and petition that was presented the Orange County Department of Education's Board Meeting.

B. Plonka, Principal at MSA-1, congratulated the school's Woman's Soccer Team who won the CIF Division VI City Championship.
M. Wittek, Principal at MSA-7, shared that MSA-7 was selected by Councilmember Lee to participate in his initiative and program he launched to help children write, edit, produce, and star in a movie and for it to be premiered at Cal State Northridge in May which the school was invited to attend.
S. Keskinturk, Secondary Principal at MSA-Santa Ana, shared that they extended their robotics program to parents.
G. Serce, Principal at MSA-San Diego, thanked MSA-4 for hosting the MPS Soccer Tournament and congratulated all the schools that participated.

F. Announcements

D. Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer, and A. Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent, presented two schools who were identified as a CA Distinguished School. D. Yilmaz, explained the criteria based on the CA School Dashboard. MSA-2 and MSA-San Diego were the schools that met the criteria to be a CA Distinguished School.
Next category of awards are for the Charter School Performance Categories based on High, Middle or Low. MSA-6, MSA-San Diego were identified as a High performing charter schools.

G. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - February 8, 2024

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 02-08-24.
E. Eldem Tunc seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of Charter School Annual Report to the Los Angeles County Office of Education for Magnolia Science Academy-1, 2, 3, and 5

This items was tabled during the approval of agenda as stated above.

III. Information/Discussion Items

A. Glows, Grows and Priorities Presentations

M. Rowell, Elementary Principal at MSA-Santa Ana, and S. Keskinturk, Secondary Principal at MSA-Santa Ana presented their school sites Glows, Grows & Priorities for 2023-24. G. Serce, Principal at MSA-San Diego and school administration, presented his school sites Glows, Grows & Priorities for 2023-24.

B. Enrollment Update and Year to Year Comparison (2023-2024 vs 2024-2025)

B. Olivares, Chief External Officer, presented updated enrollment numbers for all Magnolia school sites. She reported the comparison of March 3, 2023 (2023-24 school year) and March 4, 2024 (2024-25 school year) completed and total applications. She reported that some numbers have changed since the publication of the report. She also went over the 2024-25 students expected return numbers.

C. Facilities Department Updates

This was presented at the Audit & Facilities Committee Meeting. P. Ontiveros, discussed various facilities projects updates specifically for MSA-1, MSA-2, MSA-5, MSA-Santa Ana, and MSA-San Diego. Board questions were addressed by staff.

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of Second Interim Reports for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year

Presented at the Finance Committee Meeting. S. Budhraja, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Second Interim Report, snapshot of 2023-24 school year. He addressed the changes from the First Interim Report as well as reported that MPS have exhausted their one-time funds by the end of the 2023-24 school year. He went over each school site individually and the Home Office. Board Members questions were addressed by staff. B. Olivares, Chief External Officer, addressed a question from the Board on MSA-4's enrollment and reported that they are closely monitoring it, but overall the school has improved which will be discussed during the Enrollment Update discussion.
U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the Second Interim Reports for 2023-24 for all Magnolia Science Academy schools and the Magnolia Educational & Research Foundation (Home Office).
S. Dikbas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B.

Approval of Charter Spectrum & Digital Synergy for E-Rate Eligible Equipment & Services

R. Monoshev, Director of Technology, reported that a RFP is posted every year for E-Rate internet services which includes all internet services for the students. He discussed the planning phase which included collaboration with all IT Managers to identify the needs at their school sites.
D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve Charter Spectrum and Digital Synergy E-Rate Request for Proposal posting for eligible equipment and services.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Public Hearing on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Negative Declaration for Magnolia Science Academy-5 Project & Adoption of Resolution #20240314-01 & Initial Study and Negative Declaration for 7111 Winnetka Ave.

P. Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, reported that space will be given to the public for a public hearing before any Board action is taken. He reported that at the direction of staff, a consultant prepared the Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Staff further filed a notice regarding its intent to adopt the Initial Study and Negative Declaration with the California Office of Planning and Research's CEQA net database which has been published and available to anyone interested to review the report. A notice was also filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk and in a newspaper of general circulation serving the site of the MSA-5 project. No comments was received since it's publication on February 12, 2024. A. Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent, reported that the Board did request to have more time to review the publication before they can approve. Public hearing was opened. No public comments were made.

S. Covarrubias made a motion to amend the existing motion and instead move for the Board to table the item to further review the multiple studies and will move it to a Special Board Meeting on March 21st to take action.
U. Yapanel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Covarrubias	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye

Roll Call

S. Dikbas	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye

D. Approval of General Contractor Change Orders for Magnolia Science Academy-1 Tenant Improvement Project at 18242 Sherman Way

P. Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, reported that EPI Construction has been moving this project steadily and a point was reached where MSA-1 leadership wanted to add additional items. After discussions with the General Contractor they were asked to price out the budget impact. He went over the potential change order. This will be paid from MSA-1's budget.
U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the change orders for Magnolia Science Academy-1 Tenant Improvement project at 18242 Sherman Way (the "Project") in the total amount of $122,372.66, and further approve that MPS Staff be authorized to negotiate and sign the change order proposal for said services in such form as MPS Staff may deem appropriate and in the best interests of MPS.
D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approval of Silver Creek Modular as Modular Design Service Provider

This items was tabled during the approval of agenda stated above.

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 9:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Covarrubias