

MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MAGNOLIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Magnolia School District Number 14 was held in the board room of the Administration Building Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6 p.m. Board members present were Mr. Mike Waters, president; Mr. Steven Souter, secretary; Ms. Lynsandra Curry and Ms. Pat Ward. Mr. John D. Ward, superintendent, was present. Mr. William Watson was not in attendance. The following business was transacted:

Artists of the Month

Mr. Ward recognized the following students:
Katherine Pletcher – Magnolia High School
Brody Morehead – Magnolia Junior High School
Addison Anderson – Central Elementary School
Addison Booth – East Side Elementary School

Minutes

The Board approved the February 6, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

February 2017 Financial Report

Carol Longino, business manager, reviewed the February 2017 Financial Report.

School Improvement Update

Kim Wyrick, curriculum coordinator, presented an update on school improvement to the Board.

Alternative Learning Environment (ALE)

Sonya Corbell, director of special education, presented 2017-2018 ALE Program Description Proposal.

Contract Renewal for Food Service

Mr. John Ward recommended extending the K-12 Culinary Connection for one year.

2017-2018 Science Course Offerings

Gwen Carter, junior high school principal and Chris Carter, high school principal presented course descriptions for new science course offerings.

Bids for the Sale of West Side Kindergarten Building and Property

The following bids were opened at the February 6, 2017 board meeting.

Billy D. Williams	\$100,001.00
Columbia County, Judge Larry Atkinson	\$253,500.00
City of Magnolia, Mayor Parnell Vann	\$ 19,999.99
Gold Nugget Properties, George Duncan	\$ 11,100.00

The Board accepted the highest bid of \$253,500.00 from Columbia County, Judge Larry Atkinson and authorized John D. Ward, superintendent, to complete this transaction.

2017-2018 Magnolia Public Schools Calendar

The Board approved the 2017-2018 School Calendar, as recommended by the Personnel Policies Committee and voted by certified staff. Scott Nipper presented the 2017-2018 School Calendar as printed below.

Magnolia Public Schools Magnolia, Arkansas

2017-18

JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

3 PD days will be obtained from June 1, 2017 through August 4, 2017

JULY						
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23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

AUGUST						
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14 days + 2 PD days + 2.5 TC days

SEPTEMBER						
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20 days

OCTOBER						
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29	30	31				

21 days + 1 PD day

NOVEMBER						
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17 days

DECEMBER						
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16 days

JANUARY						
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28	29	30	31			

16 days + 1 TC day

FEBRUARY						
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18 days

MARCH						
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17 days


APRIL						
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29	30					

21 days


MAY						
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27	28	29	30	31		

18 days + .5 TC day

 First and Last Day of School

 Teacher Contract Day

 Holiday

 Professional Development

 Parent Visitation (am)

Inclement weather days may be February 9 and/or 12 or added to end of year

1st Semester = 88 days 2nd Semester = 90 days

August 7-8	Professional Development	January 8	Teacher Contract Day
August 9-10	Teacher Contract Days	January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
August 11 (am)	Parent Visitation	February 9 and 12	Winter Break
August 14	First Day of School	March 19-23	Spring Break
September 4	Labor Day	May ?	MHS Commencement
October 16	Professional Development	May 24	Last Day of School for Students
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Holidays	May 25	Teacher Contract Day (AM)
Dec. 25 - Jan. 5	Christmas Holidays	May 28	Memorial Day

Board Policy Updates

The Board approved revised and new Board policies.

Certified Personnel Reemployment for 2017-2018 School Year

The Board approved reemployment of recommended certified personnel for the 2017-2018 school year.

Personnel

The Board approved contingent certified re-employment for the 2017-2018 school year, accepted certified and classified retirement at the end of the 2016-2017 contract, accepted certified resignations at the end of the 2016-2017 contract and approved certified employment and transfers for the 2017-2018 school year.

Superintendent's Report

1. The 5A State Basketball Tournament was a huge success. We received many compliments from teams regarding the facilities and the way the tournament was operated. The many volunteers were much appreciated. Mike Anderson from the University of Arkansas was very complimentary of facilities as well. There were some complaints but mainly about rules that were handed down from AAA.
2. There is an extensive list of retirees and resignation. Recruitment fairs are being attended and emails are being sent as follow-ups.
3. The Board was shown a short video regarding Zspace. A virtual reality program that will be used at the high school next year. Perkins bought the Zspace lab for Magnolia because Magnolia agreed to be a center where other schools can come to observe.
4. Bills in legislation

Signed: Mike Waters, President

Signed: Steven Souter, Secretary

Approved: April 10, 2017