

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 May 8, 2017. Board members present were Mr. Mike Waters, president; Mr. William Watson, vice-president; Mr. Steven Souter, secretary; Ms. Lysandra Curry and Ms. Pat Ward. Mr. John D. Ward, superintendent, was present. The following business was transacted:

1. The Board approved the April 10, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Carol Longino, business manager, reviewed the April 2017 Financial Report.
3. Sonya Corbell, Columbia County Special Education Director, presented the proposed use of Title VI, Part B, Section 611 School-age Funds for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. The Board voted to approve summer camp at East Side Elementary as presented by Jill Rader.
5. The Board voted to not hold a July board meeting and authorized Mr. John Ward to permanently employ employees for vacancies, accept resignation of employees and approve construction arrangements as needed effective July 1, 2017.
6. The Board approved the Generation Ready Contract for 20 days of on-site support and one-on-one consultation for 7th 8th and 9th grade teachers at Magnolia Junior High School. Thirty-five days of on-site support and one-on-one consultation for teachers at Central Elementary.
7. Carol Longino presented new and revised food service salary schedules for the 2017-2018 school year
8. John Ward presented driver's education as an additional course to be added to the 2017-2018 class offerings.
9. The Board accepted resignations and retirements, and approved employment, transfers and re-employment.

Superintendent's Report

1. Act 1105 – Act 1105 limits the amount of fund balance a school district may maintain. Beginning next year, if a public school district has a net legal balance at the close of the fiscal year that exceeds twenty percent of the public school district's current year net legal balance revenues, the public school district shall within five years reduce its net legal balance to no more than twenty percent of the public school district's current year net legal balance revenues. Mr. Ward encouraged board members to begin thinking about transferring some money into the building fund this fiscal year. This transfer will need board approval, so it will need to be addressed at the June 12, 2017 board meeting.

2. Work will begin on the track resurfacing May 15.
3. Work will begin on the weight/cheer room in the next 3-4 weeks.
4. A request to seek a millage increase of 3.4 mils will be on the June board agenda.