

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, November 2, 2015. Present were board members Mr. Mike Waters, president; Mr. William Watson, vice-president; Mr. Steven Souter, secretary; Ms. Lynsandra Curry, Ms. Pat Ward and Mr. John D. Ward, superintendent. The following business was transacted:

**Panther Prospective Student Recognition**

Mrs. Connie Hinton, MHS journalism teacher, and two journalism students, Destiny Bradley and LaJerrica Jones, presented the new school news website to the Board. Ten students are currently enrolled in the journalism class and update the news website regularly.

**Minutes**

The Board approved the October 5, 2015, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. William Watson made the motion. Steven Souter seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

**Executive Session – Amorious Jones**

The Board met in executive session to consider student discipline violation of Board Policy 4.22 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments. Amorious Jones possessed a weapon while on the Magnolia Junior High School campus. Amorious Jones and his parents, Mr. Larry Jones and Ms. Kathleen Curry, were present for the meeting and the closed hearing. Mrs. Donna Garrett, Ms. Gwen Carter, Mr. Jason Clark and Mrs. Glenda Smith, representatives of Magnolia School District, were present for the meeting and the closed hearing.

The Board returned to open session following the closed hearing. The board voted to follow the recommendation of the Superintendent and Magnolia Junior High School Principal to expel Amorious Jones from school for one calendar year. He will be eligible to return to school in the eighth grade in August 2016. Steven Souter made the motion. William Watson seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

**October 2015 Financial Report**

Carol Longino, business manager, reviewed the October 2015 Financial Report.

**Lease Purchase Bids for Lighting Project**

The Board approved the adoption of a Resolution Authorizing a Lease Purchase Agreement for the purpose of acquiring and installing lighting equipment and related improvements on campus facilities; designating the Lease-Purchase Agreement as a Qualified Tax Exempt Obligation; and authorizing and prescribing other matters related thereto as presented by Marshall Hughes of First Security Beardsley Public Finance. Farmers Bank and Trust was one of two bids, winning with an interest rate of 2.09. William Watson made the motion. Steven Souter seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

**Purchase of Three New School Buses for the 2016-2017 School Year**

The Board approved the purchase of two new regular route buses and one trip bus for the 2016-2017 school year. William Watson made the motion. Lynsandra Curry seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed. Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of these buses.

**2015-2016 Lump Sum Bonus**

The Board approved a bonus of \$850 for certified personnel as recommended by the Certified Personnel Policies Committee. The certified staff voted on the following distribution of budgeted bonus funds. The \$850 increase will be a separate check in the November 2015 payroll. This amount is based upon the basic 190-day teacher contract. It has been the policy to pro-rate by the number of days worked for actual amount paid to each employee. For example: If a teacher works 195 days, the formula would be:  $\$850/190 \times 195 = \$872.37$ . William Watson made the motion. Steven Souter seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

Bonus Distribution Schedule:

- \$850 to Bachelor's Degree
- \$850 to Bachelor's +15 Graduate Hours
- \$850 to Master's Degree
- \$850 to Doctorate Degree
- \$425 to Classified Employees
- \$225 to Classified Employees working <30 hours/week

### Purchase of Laptops

The Board approved the bid from K12 Solutions for 861 Lenovo Laptops with new batteries and 33 mobile/lab carts totaling \$306,768.00 to be installed throughout the district and 28 Lenovo M91p Desktops and 28 Lenovo 22" LCD Monitors totaling \$11,312.00 to be installed in the junior high campus business lab. Steven Souter made the motion. William Watson seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

### Furniture Bid

The Board approved the bid from Cousin's Office Furniture in the amount of \$51,493.13 for 400 student desks and 400 stack chairs for the Magnolia Junior High School. Pat Ward made the motion. Steven Souter seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

### Bids for the Sale of School Vehicles/Buses

Chris Hurley, Director of Support Services, presented to the Board bids that were submitted for the following vehicles/buses owned by Magnolia Public Schools:

#### Vehicles

1997 Ford Truck	Minimum Bid Not Met	
2000 Buick Century	Reginald Muldrew	\$ 620.00
2003 Buick LeSabre	Ronnie Huey	\$1,300.00
1994 Ford Truck	Rick Mixon	\$ 675.00

#### Buses

1997 International #18	Reginald Muldrew	\$ 620.00
2000 Chevrolet #53	Ronnie Huey	\$ 650.00
1999 International #34	Mitchell McDill	\$ 950.00
1997 Ford #32	Kenneth Robnett	\$1,079.00
1998 Chevrolet #52	Reginald Muldrew	\$ 620.00
1999 International #13	Ronnie Huey	\$ 650.00

### Facilities Plan and Resolution

The Board approved Magnolia School District's Six Year Master Plan and Partnership Program as presented by Chris Hurley, Director of Support Services. Mr. Hurley presented committed projects and planned projects. William Watson made the motion. Steven Souter seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.


2015-2016	Magnolia High School	Gymnasium Roof Replacement
2016-2017	Magnolia High School	HVAC replacement
2017-2018	Magnolia High School	Roof Upgrade at FACS Building
2017-2018	Magnolia High School	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Academy at High School
2017-2018	Magnolia High School	Administration Annex HVAC and Plumbing Replacement
2018-2019	Magnolia High School	MJHS Science HVAC and Electrical-Café/Band Roof and HVAC
2019-2020	Magnolia High School	HVAC Upgrades to the North End of Campus

### Personnel

The Board approved employment and accepted resignations as follows. Pat Ward made the motion. Steven Souter seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

**Superintendent's Report**

1. Superintendent's Performance Report – Report sent to board members earlier. To clarify some information: this is just a sampling of data for each campus this is not all reports for all campuses. Give board members an opportunity to ask Mr. Ward questions about the report.
2. Board training tomorrow – start serving at 4:45 and meeting will start promptly at 5:30. Members will meet at office at 4:00.
3. Mike Waters - Update – ASBA is responsible for developing a uniform Superintendent Evaluation process. Mr. Ward has volunteered to be a part of the pilot program.



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Mike Waters, President



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Steven Souter, Secretary

Approved December 14, 2015