

Magellan Charter School Board Meeting (Virtual)

March 3, 2021

6:30 pm

Board members in attendance: Tate Bombard, Jay Bowman, Marcia Davis, Mary Griffin (non-voting), Jessica Oehlich, Mike Lotterhos, Ali Pulley, Mallory Underwood.

Visitors: Gina Riggins, Sheri Regan, Teresa Taylor, Deirdre O'Malley

The meeting was called to order by M. Underwood at 6:33 pm. Attendance was taken by roll call. No conflicts of interest relating to the agenda were declared.

Approve Minutes by J. Oehlich @ 6:34 pm

- A. Pulley moved to approve the 2.4.2021, 2.10.2021, 2.22.2021 meeting minutes. M. Lotterhos seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MaP Update by N. McCurdy @ 6:35 pm

- The Nominating Committee is recruiting MaP executive officer positions with specific focus on the MaP President role.
- MaP is looking ahead to fill committee chair roles for 2021-2022.
- Replacing Orgs Online with Charter Pay to process lunch payments.
- Upcoming events: Staff Appreciation Week (Mar 1 - 5), Spring Cleanup Day (Mar 17), Virtual Cultural Arts for various grade levels

Staff Update by T. Taylor @ 6:38 pm

- No update.

Monthly Financial Update by G. Riggins @ 6:39 pm

- Reviewed February budget results.
- Do not expect a decline in state revenue in the 2021-2022 school year because federal COVID related funding is tied to the state maintaining funding levels.

Booster Update by M. Lotterhos @ 6:43 pm

- Keith Moffat is preparing the land next door to use as a baseball field; planning to create the infield in the next few weeks.

Approve Contracts for 2021/2022 School Year by M. Griffin @ 6:45 pm

- Seeking approval for teacher contracts for the 2021-2022 school year for 25 classroom teachers, 3 exceptional children teachers, and 2 counselors.
- M. Davis moved to approve the contract renewals outlined by M. Griffin. J. Oehlrich seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Revisit Tele-work Policy by M. Griffin @ 6:48 pm

- Proposed changing the wording in the telework policy to read, “*This is a temporary policy that is only applicable during the 2020-2021 school year.*”
- A. Pulley moved to adopt the revised tele-work policy. J. Bowman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Results of Staff/Parent “Looking Forward” Surveys; Present Proposal re Next Steps @ 6:50 pm

- All public school units, including charter schools, must follow the guidelines in NC Safe Schools Toolkit where middle school is required to remain in Plan B and maintain 6 ft of social distancing. Elementary can reduce social distancing to 3ft but must be 6ft apart whenever possible and when eating.
- Magellan is in the unique position to serve elementary and middle schools which can now be in two different plans. Currently, we are not permitted to move the entire school to Plan A.
- Families and staff were surveyed, and administration presented and discussed the results. Both groups expressed appreciation that the school was considering Plan A and asked for input. They also recognized that Magellan is operating successfully under Plan B.
- The staff would like to see children back in school as much as possible. Depends on a number of factors:
 - Requirements for Plan A and B
 - Vaccine distribution timeline
 - Transportation needs of our families
 - Impact of potential increase in remote learners
- Current proposal: 3rd grade will further explore bringing children to school under Plan A. Grades 4 and 5 will continue with Plan B. Grades 6 - 8 must remain in Plan B for now.
- M. Griffin will send an update to the community.

Board Recruitment: Introduce Board Candidate by Ali Pulley @ 7:18 pm

- Presentation of Deirdre O’Malley as a board candidate.

Capital Campaign by J. Oehlich @ 7:43 pm

- The campaign will be presented completely online this year. Working with the staff, parents, and alumni to create a virtual kick-off video event. Families new to Magellan in 2020-2021 and 2019-2020 will be invited to participate. Fundraising to replace all 19 HVAC units over the course of the next several years and fund the obsolescence reserve fund.

Closed Session @ 8:03 pm

- On proper motion by M. Underwood and seconded by J. Oehlich, the board unanimously approved to enter Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter and the acquisition of real property.
- On proper motion by M. Underwood and seconded by M. Lotterhos, the board unanimously approved to leave Closed Session.

A. Pulley moved to invite Deirdre O'Malley to the board. M. Davis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on April 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

M. Davis moved to adjourn, and J. Oehlich seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.