

# Magellan Charter School

## Board Meeting

May 25, 2021

7:13 pm

*Board members in attendance:* Tate Bombard, Jay Bowman, Marcia Davis, Mary Griffin (non-voting), Jessica Oehlrich, Deirdre O'Malley, Mike Lotterhos, Ali Pulley, Mallory Underwood.

*Visitors:* Gina Riggins, Sheri Regan, Teresa Taylor, Sean Witty, Larry Cook

The meeting was called to order by M. Underwood at 7:13 pm. No conflicts of interest relating to the agenda were declared.

*Introduce Prospective Board Members @ 7:15 pm*

- A. Pulley introduced prospective board members Larry Cook and Sean Witty.

*Approve Minutes by J. Oehlrich @ 7:32 pm*

- M. Davis moved to approve the 3.3.2021, 3.24.2021, 3.30.2021, 4.7.2021, 4.12.2021, 4.14.2021, 4.15.2021, 4.22.2021, 4.27.2021, and 5.13.2021 meeting minutes. M. Lotterhos seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

*Staff Update by T. Taylor @ 7:35 pm*

- Expressed the staff's appreciation for the end-of-year team meetings with the board. Many recognize this opportunity is not typically available to teachers. Although this year's conversations were difficult, teachers were grateful for the chance to give honest feedback.
- This has been quite a year. Feel like they are waiting for the next thing. Appreciate your support and we are ready for summer.

*MaP Update by N. McCurdy @ 7:40 pm*

- Staff luncheon on June 3rd at 12 PM.

*Approve End of Year Bonus by G. Riggins @ 7:44 pm*

- The board previously approved the second installment of the 2020-2021 teacher bonus. The Finance Committee would like to provide an increase for certain staff

for exceptional performance. Finance committee recommends we approve the bonuses at a level at \$10K above the budgeted amount.

- J. Bowman moved to approve the end-of-year teacher bonuses at \$10,000 above the budgeted amount, M. Davis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

*Booster Update by M. Lotterhos @ 7:45 pm*

- No update

*Discuss/Approve New Positions by M. Griffin @ 7:47 pm*

- Presented a job description for an Arts Integration Specialist. The role of the Arts Integration Specialist is to support Magellan staff in integrating visual art, music, theater, dance, and/or media arts across the content areas in order to deepen student learning, increase engagement, promote student voice and choice, and foster creativity and critical thinking. In addition to managing the Makerspace, the AIS will collaborate with all grade level teams to build experiential learning opportunities for students that extend the voyages with integrated personal projects of reflections and connection. The AIS will also collaborate with teachers to lead the development of a capstone project that every eighth grade student will complete and present as a culmination of their journey through Magellan.
- The board discussed the impact of creating a new full-time role at the school, specifically how it might affect the school's ability to meet additional academic support needs without yet understanding the full impact of COVID. Teacher input was gathered and indicated this role would support classroom instruction.
- Recommended hiring a half-time teacher assistant to support grades 6-8. Teacher assistants are used completely for instructional purposes in the classroom to meet specific student needs. This is a year-to-year position.
- A. Pulley moved to establish a 20-hour per week teacher assistant position to serve the middle school. D. O'Malley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- A. Pulley moved to establish an Arts Integration Specialist position to begin in Fall 2021. Deirdre seconded, and the motion passed 7-1.

*Academic Excellence Committee by M. Davis @ 8:22 pm*

- Reviewed the Academic Excellence Committee charter responsibilities and recommended the following:
  - Complete a Comprehensive School Survey annually or biannually.
  - Add the following responsibilities to the Academic Excellence Committee charter: track the number of charter school applications to Magellan and maintain a list of voyages and experiential days

- Deirdre O'Malley will replace Marcia Davis as chair of the Academic Excellence Committee.

*Update on Status of Rezoning/annexation adjacent land by M. Lotterhos @ 8:38 pm*

- The preliminary rezoning application for the adjacent land was completed by the land use attorney. Neighbors within a 500 ft radius of the project will be invited to a virtual Neighborhood Meeting on June 9 from 6:30 - 8 pm.

*Closed Session @ 9:04 pm*

- On proper motion by M. Underwood and seconded by D. O'Malley, the board unanimously approved to enter Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter.
- On proper motion by M. Underwood and seconded by J. Oehlrich, the board unanimously approved to leave Closed Session.

J. Bowman moved to elect Sean Witty and Larry Cook to the Magellan Board of Directors. M. Davis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15 2021 at 6:30 pm.

A. Pulley moved to adjourn, and J. Oehlrich seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.