

# Magellan Charter School

## Board Meeting

June 15, 2021

6:30 pm

*Board members in attendance:* Tate Bombard, Jay Bowman, Larry Cook, Marcia Davis, Jessica Oehrich, Deirdre O'Malley, Mike Lotterhos, Ali Pulley, Mallory Underwood.

*Absent:* Sean Witty

*Visitors:* Melanie Biddell, Sheri Regan, Gina Riggins

The meeting was called to order by M. Underwood at 6:35 pm. No conflicts of interest relating to the agenda were declared.

*Approve MCS Mental Health Plan by M. Biddell @ 6:36 pm*

- In June of 2020, Session Law 2020-7 was approved by the North Carolina General Assembly. It is an act to require the state board of education to adopt a school-based mental health policy and to require k-12 school units to adopt and to implement a school-based mental health plan that includes a mental health training program and a suicide risk referral protocol. A plan must be submitted to DPI by July 1, 2021.
- Melanie Biddle presented Magellan's Mental Health Plan which included:
  - Improvement Plan for Social-Emotional Learning and Student Mental Health
  - Memorandum of Understanding between MCS and Alliance Health
  - Suicide Risk Referral Protocols (including Assessment, Parent Notification, Coping Plan, Support Plan, Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe)
  - School Mental Health Training Program (for teachers and staff).

With the exception of an MOU, the Magellan Counselors are already using the practices and procedures outlined in the plan.

- The Mental Health Plan is ongoing. Submitted to DPI annually by September 15, and is reviewed by the local governing board every 5 years.
- The MOU with Alliance Health will be finalized in the fall. As our partner, Alliance Health serves students who are on Medicaid or uninsured that need mental health services. They can also serve as a resource for the school in times of crisis and will help us to efficiently connect care to our students in need. There is a contract for coordination of care but there is no fee.

- The school may incur an additional expense depending on the assessment tool chosen. An assessment tool will be selected by August 2021. We already have a curriculum for Social-Emotional Learning.
- A. Pulley moved to approve the MCS Mental Health Plan. D. O'Malley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

*Approve Minutes by J. Oehlich @ 6:54 pm*

- A. Pulley suggested the 5.25.2021 minutes reflect that teacher input was gathered and indicated the Arts Integration Specialist role would support classroom instruction. Minutes were updated.
- M. Lotterhos moved to approve the 5.25.2021 meeting minutes. J. Bowman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

*Financial Update by G. Riggins @ 6:55 pm*

- Reviewed monthly budget results.
- Reviewed the proposed 2021-2022 budget. State and local allotment revenue assumes the school will be at full capacity and funded at 2020-2021 levels. Expenses reflect the staffing changes approved at the end of the school year. Recommended the board adopt the proposed budget.
- J. Bowman moved to approve the proposed 2021-2022 budget. A. Pulley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- A. Pulley moved to approve the annual audit contract with Batchelor, Tillery and Roberts for \$16,000. D. O'Malley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

*Booster Update by M. Lotterhos @ 7:15 pm*

- M. Lotterhos would like to transition the Booster board liaison responsibility to another board member. Entails meeting with the Athletic Director and Booster President monthly. L. Cook will meet with M. Lotterhos to discuss.

*Approve Recommendation to Hire Arts Integration Specialist by S. Regan @ 7:19 pm*

- Presented final candidate for and requested board approval to hire the Arts Integration Specialist.
- J. Oehlich moved to hire Nicole Ahn for the Arts Integration Specialist position. M. Davis seconded, and the motion passed with 7 yeses and 1 abstain.

*Update on Adjacent Land Re-Zoning Process by M. Lotterhos @ 7:25 pm*

- Approximately 85 people attended the rezoning community meeting on June 9, 2021. There was significant opposition to the apartment development, but the limited comments about the Magellan development were focused on the traffic issues carpool can create on Baileywick Rd. Magellan's future development will

improve this issue, not make it worse. These are two separate rezoning cases, two separate public hearings, and two separate votes.

- A rezoning application will be submitted in the coming weeks that will incorporate comments from the community meeting. The application will go to the city planning commission and staff, followed by a second community meeting.

*Update on Administrator Position by M. Underwood @ 7:43 pm*

- The transition team continues to meet regularly to ensure a smooth transition for the new administrator.

*Closed Session @ 7:47 pm*

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

Next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13 2021 at 6:30 pm.

J. Oehrich moved to adjourn, and M. Davis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.