

Magellan Charter School

Board Meeting

February 23, 2022

6:30 pm

Board members in attendance: Tate Bombard, Mike Lotterhos, Jessica O'Donovan (non-voting), Jessica Oehlich, Deirdre O'Malley, Ali Pulley, Mallory Underwood, Sean Witty.

Visitors: Leigh Ammons, Melissa Goto, Sheri Regan, Gina Riggins

The meeting was called to order by A. Pulley at 6:37 pm. No conflicts of interest relating to the agenda were declared.

The board accepted Larry Cook's written resignation from Magellan's Board of Directors effective 2.22.2022.

Closed Session @ 6:37 pm

- On proper motion by D. O'Malley and seconded by J. Oehlich, the board unanimously approved to enter Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with our attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss material terms of a contract for the acquisition of real property.
- On proper motion by A. Pulley and seconded by M. Lotterhos, the board unanimously approved to leave Closed Session.

Approve Minutes by J. Oehlich @ 7:38 pm

- D. O'Malley moved to approve the 1.25.2022 meeting minutes. M. Lotterhos seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MaP Update @ 7:39 pm

- Provided an update on monthly activities and initiatives.

Booster Update by Lin Harp @ 7:42 pm

- Moffat family is preparing the adjacent land for baseball practice and replacing the fencing that was stolen earlier in the year.

Approve Face Mask Policy (per senate bill 654) by L. Ammons @ 7:43 pm

- L. Ammons recommended Magellan adopt a mask optional policy beginning March 7.

- Over the next week, teachers and staff will prepare students for this change. Discussion will be centered around kindness and respect for others whether they choose to wear a mask or not. The school recognizes this is a family decision and Magellan will continue to support students regardless of mask status.
- Students, staff and families will be required to wear masks in certain circumstances, including after a COVID infection or a household exposure. School guidelines will be updated to reflect the new mask and quarantine rules.
- J. Oehlich moved to make masks recommended but no longer required inside school buildings (except in specific circumstances) on March 7. M. Lotterhos seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Update by M. Goto @ 7:57 pm

- Staff requested the board shift regular meetings to an earlier start time or hold a separate meeting to discuss closed-session items.
- M. Goto read a letter submitted by a staff member.
- Mike Braga, 8th grade ELA teacher, addressed the board regarding middle school lunch and recess. Mr. Braga noted an increase in challenging student behavior at lunch/recess, a reluctance by parent volunteers to monitor and discipline students, and low volunteer participation. Teachers are often pulled from their planning time to handle discipline issues or cover open volunteer spots. Mr. Braga asked for the board's support for new, creative ideas as the middle school teams reimagine lunch and recess coverage in order to serve students in the best way possible.

Financial Update by G. Riggins @ 8:25 pm

- Reviewed January financials

Introduce Suzy Allaire as Board Candidate by A. Pulley @ 8:34 pm

School Update by J. O'Donovan @ 8:37 pm

- 5th grade students initiated a grade-level newspaper and just published the first edition. Teachers are providing guidance during flex time, but students write the articles and publish on their own time.
- Conducted a joint lockdown drill with law enforcement.
- Middle school math committee met to evaluate and redesign the middle school math placement process. Parent information meeting will be held in the spring.

Governance Committee Update @ 8:38 pm

- The committee is continuing to revise the Student and Parent Grievance policy and the Discrimination, Bullying, and Harassment policy. Drafts will be available for review before the March board meeting.

Meeting with Founders by M. Lotterhos @ 8:42 pm

- The Magellan Charter School founders would like to present to the board. Jim Derrickson, founding board member, is spearheading this effort and finalizing a date for the presentation.
- Ali encouraged all board members to be in the school to build and maintain relationships with the staff. Mallory echoed that a strong connection to the staff is important to the board's relationship to the school.

Addressing Meeting Guests by A. Pulley @ 8:53 pm

- A. Pulley addressed the guests in attendance and explained the open meetings law and board by-laws do not allow specifically for public comment. She asked for a show of hands who had come to the meeting intending to speak. Several parents commented they were attending to address the board regarding masks, the 8th grade class schedule, and general observation/interest.

Next board meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 6:30 pm.

J. Oehlich moved to adjourn, and T. Bombard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.