

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, September 10, 2018. Board members present were Mr. Mike Waters, president; Mr. William Watson, vice-president; Mr. Steven Souter, secretary; and Ms. Lynsandra Curry. Mr. Roger Loper was not present. Mr. John D. Ward, superintendent, was present. The President of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following business was transacted:

Board Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the August 13, 2018, Board Minutes and the August 27, 2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

August 2018 Financial Report

Carol Longino, business manager, reviewed the August 2018 Financial Report.

2018-2019 Budget including Special Education

The Board approved the proposed 2018-19 Budget including Special Education, as presented by Carol Longino. The Budget is required to be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education by September 15, 2018.

Report from Principals on Opening of 2018-2019 School Year

Natasha Coleman, Walker Pre-K Principal, presented an update to the Board. There are currently 115 ABC Funded students enrolled at Walker Pre-K and five tuition based students. Current capacity is 120 students. There are six applications on the waiting list. New staff members at Walker Pre-K this year include Ashley Coleman, Family Services Manager; Demetrica Green, Instructional Aide; Allison Spruell, Classroom Teacher; and Sheila Waller, Classroom Teacher. Seven cameras have been installed on the campus. There is a 65" TV and a laptop in every classroom. Staff training included Exploring ADD/ADHD, The Tough Kid,

CDELS-Frameworks, Straight Out of Read Alouds and Theater in Every Classroom. Upcoming events for Walker Pre-K students include Fair Field Trip, Smoke House Visit, Picture Day, Parent/Teacher Conferences and Flu Shot Clinic. Mrs. Coleman distributed a flyer about Walker Pre-K to each board member.

Jill Rader, East Side Elementary and Kindergarten Center Principal presented an update to the Board. There are currently 209 students enrolled in first grade, 192 students in second grade, 197 students in third grade and 230 students in kindergarten for a total of 827 students this year. There are 11 regular education classrooms at kindergarten center, 10 first grade classrooms, 9 second grade classrooms and 10 regular education classrooms in third grade. New personnel include: Miya Lewis, kindergarten teacher; Kaitlin Moore, kindergarten teacher; Ashley Henderson, first grade; Sheffield Coulter, third grade; Brooke Bowden, third grade; Alesha Miller,

school nurse; Holly Bunner, speech language pathologist; Anee Turner, secretary; Terri Guess, Literacy Coach; Vivian Graham, art. New Parmetheon boards have been installed in all classrooms. Parent meetings have been very well attended. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for September 20. Second grade and third grade classrooms are now co-teaching. Intervention teachers are pushing in the classroom this year instead of pulling students out. Positive gains were made in all testing areas last year. STAR testing has started. Upcoming events include Constitution Day, a pep rally will be held on the first Friday of the month, book fair, picture day, flu shot clinic, magic show, field trips and FFA fair day for ALE and special education students.

Kim Wyrick reported on Central Elementary. Current enrollment is 686. There are 248 fourth graders, 228 fifth graders and 210 sixth grade students. There are 38 new students at Central. New staff members: Laura Caskey, special education; Kylie Gallegos, fifth grade; Eric Cisneros, sixth grade; Annie Robinson, sixth grade; Nicole Rutherford, sixth grade; Trevor Maltbia, PE/Health; Khaila Melson, instructional aide; and Shantell Williams, instructional aide. This is the third year of middle school literacy initiative (MSLI). Central will continue to work with Generation Ready consultant, Lois Sandusky. Central implemented guided reading groups across all of the content areas during the 2017-2018 school year and will be continued into this school year. Central also implemented student growth conversations. This encourages students to continue their reading growth. Beginner band has an enrollment of 123 students. Two robotics camps will be held through the school year. Each camp will be able to serve 24 students. Americas Battle of the Books is a reading incentive for students in third through twelfth grade. Kathy Loper, literacy coach, and Shelly Snider, media specialist, are working to incorporate this program with a small group of students at Central with plans for expansion.

Gwen Carter, Magnolia Junior High School Principal, presented an update to the Board. Parent visitation was held on August 17. There were 764 parents that signed in at the different classrooms on campus. New and reassigned staff include Liz Bullock, media specialist and yearbook advisor; Lantz Castleman, 8th grade science; Wendell Colen, Algebra I; Heather Creech, 8th grade literacy; Bridgette Glover, special education; Kynnedi Gordon, 7th grade English; Deena Hardin, intervention; Ariana King, 8th grade social studies; Adrian Knapper, world history; Eli Lester, athletics; Texas Long, 8th grade math; Carissa Owen, oral communications and Sondag; Merina Powell, head volleyball and head girls basketball coach; Dione Smith, PAP Geometry; Lindsay Walters, special education; Katie Wright, assistant choral director; Camella Walton, attendance secretary; Norma Castillo, school social worker. There is a new look at MJHS, that includes wall graphics by two MJHS cheerleaders, Katie Adcock and Brianna Brummet. New plants provided by Ms. Cindy Harrell.

Current enrollment includes 187 seventh graders, 206 eighth graders and 217 ninth graders for a total enrollment of 610 students. Class offerings include 9th grade Spanish, 12 PAP literacy classes, 3 accelerated science classes, 1 PAP biology, 9 PAP science, 12 PAP social studies, 10 PAP mathematics, 5 co-teaching classes and 2 Sondag classes that service students. Fifty-one percent of MJHS students are in PAP or accelerated classes. This summer MJHS had a voluntary reading club. Each Monday in June students would meet at the junior high. There were approximately 30 students that participated. They read *The Giver* and participated in activities that followed

along with the book. Participants went to The Escape Room in Hot Springs at the end of the program. This is the fourth year for MJHS to participate in middle school literacy initiative (MSLI).

Chris Carter, Magnolia High School Principal, presented an update to the board. Current enrollment includes 180 sophomores, 200 juniors and 204 seniors totaling 584 students. New staff members include: Libby Nepivoda, English; Morgan Smith, English; Kate Stover, literacy intervention; Misty Ward, literacy coach; Taylor Williams, science; Melanie Neill, science; Greg Rodrigue, social studies; Amy Jones, social studies; LaTunya Talley, special education; Emily Alexander, EAST lab; Lisa Beard, nursing. Very proud of some of the projects students have participated in, especially the panther on the front of the school. MHS partnered with SAU on blue and gold day. There were four clothing items on display at the meeting that were designed by students and will be sold in the new school store "Panther Plaza". The store should be open by October. Student council sponsored a campus clean-up day before school started. Over 100 MHS students participated. Panther tracks to success is a new sophomore orientation. Sophomore students spent the day on campus. One hundred fifty-five sophomore students voluntarily attended the orientation. 1:1 has been rolled out. Only three students have not picked up their backpacks and laptops. Many thanks to Jon Ed Rowe and his staff. Blue Ribbon project is new to the MHS and MJHS campuses. It is an anti-bullying program that all students will eventually participate in. The AAIMS assembly is tentatively scheduled for September 24 at 9:15 in the arena.

Annual Report to the Public

The Magnolia School District Annual Report to the Public was given by Carol Longino, Business Manager for the district, at the monthly school board meeting held Monday, September 10, 2018. Accreditation status for the schools for the 2017-18 school year include East Side, Central, Magnolia Junior High and Magnolia High School as accredited. East Side has two teachers with long-term substitute waiver and one administrator with an Administrator Licensure Completion Plan (ALCP). Central has one teacher with long-term substitute waiver. Junior High has two teachers with Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) and one teacher with long-term substitute waiver. High School has two teachers with long term substitute waiver and one teacher with and Additional Licensure Plan (ALP). The district currently has seven long-term substitute waivers and four Additional Licensure Plans (ALP). The goal for January 2019 is to have two long term substitute waivers and one Additional Licensure Plan.

Enrollment for 2015-16 was 2871 students, 2016-17 was 2773 students and currently for 2017-18 is 2781 students.

The district receives the following federal funds: Title I funds are used for increasing academic standards; Title I A are school improvement funds; Title II-A funds are used for improving teacher quality; Title IV funds are used for student support and enrichment; and Title V funds are innovative grant funds.

Gifted and talented updates include a yearly program approval submitted online that requires different information/documentation depending on the monitoring cycle. Technical Assistance

visit will occur December 6, 2018. The district submitted a statement of assurances and additional part-time GT person was hired. Cassidy Smith is the K-12 GT Coordinator.

Each school provides various activities to increase parent involvement and encourage parents to participate in their child's education. The schools expect parents to work with the school by attending parent conferences, supporting the school through participation in school activities and helping their child with school work at home.

The district provides support in various ways including setting high academic standards, encouraging the use of research based strategies, allocating resources to support school staff and instructional improvement, requiring data analysis to target student needs and provide interventions, incorporating a team structure district wide and monitoring and adjusting progress accordingly.

ADE Statement of Assurances for Programs Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, As Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act

The Board approved the ADE Statement of Assurances.

Board Policy Updates

The Board approved new and revised Board policies.

Personnel

The Board accepted resignations and approved employment.

Superintendent's Report

The Board heard the Superintendent's Report.