

Magellan Charter School

Special Board Meeting

July 9, 2026

8:00am

Board members in attendance: Jessica O'Donovan (non-voting), Jim Nowak, Ailis Monsees, Jessica Leggett, John Esham, Brantley Springett

A special meeting was called to discuss school updates.

The meeting was called to order by J. Leggett at 8:00am. No conflicts of interest relating to the agenda were declared.

School Updates by J. O'Donovan @ 8:02am

Recommendation for Hire:

- Andrew Touchette is being recommended for the full-time 8th Grade Social Studies position. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Master of Arts in Secondary Education, bringing both strong content knowledge and formal training in instructional practice. Although Andrew has spent the past several years serving in a variety of leadership roles within charter schools, he is eager to return to the classroom and reconnect with his core passion—teaching history and engaging students in meaningful social studies learning. His background, experience, and enthusiasm make him a strong fit for this position.
- J. Nowak moved to approve hiring Andrew Touchette, for the full-time 8th Grade Social Studies position. A. Monsees seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

World Cube Association Competition

- The school received a request from an 8th-grade student to host a World Cube Association competition in the MCS gym on January 2nd, with an anticipated attendance of approximately 100 participants. The Board discussed the requirements for external facility use, including payment of the standard rental fee, submission of a certificate of insurance, and adequate adult supervision. Members noted that the event could provide a positive opportunity for interested MCS students to participate or observe.
- J. Esham moved to approve The World Cube Association's use of the school's facility for a World Cube Association competition in January 2027. J. Leggett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4th Grade Voyage to Camp Don Lee

- Administration presented an early release date change request for 4th grade (from April 23 to April 20) related to the Camp Don Lee Voyage for the 2026–2027 school year, due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict based on Camp Don Lee’s availability. The group discussed several alternative options to ensure schedule logistics work effectively for students, parents and staff while maintaining consistent instructional learning time. Members noted the importance of providing parents with advanced notice for any schedule adjustments.
- The Board and Administration would like to consider KeKAY as a potential option to support an early-release structure, so families have options for childcare if needed.
- J. Nowak made a motion to approve a one-time administrative request to implement a half day of instructional learning for 4th Grade on Tuesday, April 20th, with voyage dates April 21-23rd. A. Monsees seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

J. Leggett moved to adjourn, and B. Springett seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:43am.