

**MAGNOLIA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

May 11, 2022

6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order 6:05 pm
A. Flag Salute

II. Roll Call

x	Mary Kay Klockmann	x	Brett Mamer
x	Cari Augusta	x	Peri Smith
x	Erika Gutierrez	x	Rudy Smith

- III. Approval of [the minutes](#) of the meetings held on April 12, 2022
[Augusta moved to approve, Gutierrez 2nd, unanimously passed.](#)

IV. Business

- A. Public comment
- B. Small School District Association Membership and SSDA Superintendent Summit – Discussion and Action; the Superintendent will recommend that Magnolia Elementary District join the SSDA ([membership](#) and [benefits](#) information), the board will vote; the Superintendent will provide information on the SSDA [Superintendent Summit](#).
[Augusta moved to approve, Mamer 2nd, passed unanimously.](#)
- C. Extending Learning Opportunity Program Plan – Information and Action; the Superintendent will present a plan for use of the \$50K/year program. The board will discuss and vote whether to proceed with the plan. ([sample flyer](#), [program outline](#))
[Discussion of the program and implications. Mamer suggested contacting Christy White for insights on the audit. Any decision postponed until next month.](#)
- D. Portrait/Profile of a Graduate – Discussion; ~~the Superintendent will present a summary of information gathered from parents during the town hall meeting prior to the board meeting.~~
[No discussion of item D took place.](#)
- E. Financing a split of 7-8 grade classes - Discussion; the Superintendent will present information on the costs of splitting the 7-8 grade classes and the board will discuss. No action will be taken ([budget projections](#)).
[Comments included the following:
A family named Cameron that came from town and has made positive contributions over the years. Problems have been caused when students came](#)

from town, fights, etc. leading to an expulsion. Magnolia students and culture tend to be stronger and influence new students for good. Mr. Blaine Smith had no tolerance for poor behavior and that made kids behave. Teachers love being here, we could get a 30% pay raise in town, but we stay. Some teachers will retire in the next few years and it needs to be an inviting place to bring good teachers to replace them. We love being here (as teachers). There is a need to be discerning about the decision to bring kids into the school. This is a community of family and parents, but the teachers are wonderful. Why are we fishing for upper grades. If we want to split classes, it would be better to start at the bottom and build from there. The older kids in town have kids and don't want to come once they get into upper grades. What about the prospect of merging Magnolia and Mulberry schools? Whatever is decided, it will have a 20-year effect, or longer. It will change the school. There is a fine line on losing magnolia. We could lose the multi-purpose room, for example, and so many memories were made there. Mamer raised the question of starting with TK then stopping the program. Superintendent noted that there is a need to make this decision on the basis of what major factors compose the vision of the school, and which of those is a higher priority: 1) Teacher quality and longevity, 2) Admin and staff unity, 3) Students spending two years with a teacher, 4) Students knowing each other, as a small student body in general, and within a combined class, 5) Maintenance of the facilities, 6) Small class sizes.

No decision was made.

- V. Warrants and other financial information for the month of March-April, 2022 will be reviewed and signed.
- VI. Closed Session: Discussion of future staffing needs.
Minutes were kept on the closed session topic.
- VII. Adjournment 8:55 pm