

**MAGNOLIA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2022
6:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order
A. Flag Salute [6:05 pm](#)

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 [September 13, 2022 minutes](#).

IV. Public Comment

V. Business

- A. Approval of the 2022-23 LCAP - Action Item: the 2023 School-Year Local Control and Accountability Plan will be presented to the board for final approval ([link](#)).
[Superintendent reviewed the LCAP, which was passed by the board, unanimously.](#)
- B. Williams Quarterly Report - Action Item: the Williams Quarterly Report will be reviewed and approved.
[Superintendent shared the current Williams Quarterly Report, which shows no complaints have been filed. The board approved unanimously.](#)
- C. Medications Policy - Action Item: The Board will review and vote on policy regarding administration of medications, including Epinephrine and Naloxone ([link](#)).
[The superintendent shared the new policy, linked above. The board briefly discussed and then passed the policy unanimously.](#)

Public Comment:

[Mr. Chilcott inquired why there is not a full-time school nurse on campus and how the decision was made to take 8th-grade students to Washington, Dc.](#)

[Mr. Layaye noted that his donation of \\$2,500 last year was intended for the school in general and not the 8th-grade trip and shared his opinion that the destination of Washington, DC is too far away and too expensive for an 8th-grade trip. The superintendent gave assurances that \\$2,500 from the trip account would be moved into the general budget.](#)

Mrs. Escalera voiced discontent with the destination of Washington, DC for an 8th-grade trip, citing the distance as a factor, and voiced discontent with the position she had been placed in, whether to allow her child to attend or not.

Mrs. Callens disagreed with having four chaperones for the trip and that chaperones would have their costs paid out of funds raised by students, that parents had not been asked to attend the trip, that other options had not been looked at, that perhaps 8th-grade students would be failed by their teacher if they missed a whole week of school for the 8th-grade trip and that students need a reward and should be allowed to be kids.

Mrs. Santos expressed that for her son to go to Washington, DC is an opportunity that he would not otherwise have, that it is a great opportunity and very educational.

Caleb Buckner, student in 8th-grade class, stated that he believed that a trip to Washington, DC was a great opportunity for students and he would not want to miss it because he might not get another chance like this.

- D. 8th-Grade Trip Summary fundraising and expenses- Information Item: the costs of the 2022 8th-grade trip will be shared ([link](#), [link](#)).

The superintendent spoke from the perspective of school principal and clarified that when he suggested restarting the tradition of the 8th-grade trip last year it was with the intention that the trip be a unique learning and growth experience for the students, one they will not have otherwise, and that the intent was always to have it be a school-sponsored trip rather than sponsored by parents or community. He noted that other middle schools in the Valley take their students to Washington, DC and that the trip to the same destination last year was successful and had the intended positive impact on students.

Speaking as teacher of 8th-grade class and trip organizer he affirmed that a parent meeting regarding the trip had been held, and that prior to the parent meeting 8th-grade parents were asked to bring their ideas for trip destinations. He noted that at that meeting two destinations were put forward and fully discussed, Catalina Island and Washington, DC. He noted that after a full discussion of the two destinations all in attendance agreed that the trip this year would be to one of those two destinations and that it would be decided by a vote, with one vote per student/family in the 8th-grade class. He also affirmed that the outcome of said vote was 8-4 in favor of Washington, DC, with two families choosing to not vote.

Speaking as the superintendent he noted that the school attorney did not find anything concerning in taking students to Washington, DC, and that the attorney stated such a trip required only an open discussion regarding 1) its educational value, 2) costs, and 3) ability for financial aid (in the form of fundraising).

Mrs. Peri Smith voiced preference that a destination be found which would suit the purposes of the trip and allow all students to attend and that fundraising not cover trip expenses of chaperones, as is done with Astrocamp.

Mr. Mamer expressed the opinion that it be left to the class or students to decide the destination and Mrs. Klockmann concurred.

The board requested word from the insurance company regarding coverage in taking students to Washington, DC. Mr. Mamer stated that he did not wish to arbitrarily limit the range of possible destinations.

- E. Field Trip Approval - Action Item: the Board will determine parameters by which the Superintendent may and may not authorize field trips without Board approval ([link](#)).

Discussion revolved around whether the board in giving the superintendent authority to approve field trips within 100 miles of the school also gives permission for trips across the California-Arizona state line.

The board approved by unanimous vote that the superintendent has the authority to approve field trips within 100 miles of the school, including crossing the California-Arizona border.

- VI. Warrants and other financial information for months of August and September, 2022 will be reviewed and signed – requires Board action: the superintendent will point out which items have been paid already and which have not been, the board will review and sign approval of remaining to-be-paid items.

The superintendent shared financial information and board members signed warrants to be paid and also reviewed payments that had already been sent.

- VII. Close session - discussion of an employee's position and performance.

The closed session took place and the employee in question was notified of the outcome of the discussion.

- VIII. Adjournment 8:00 pm