OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAGNOLIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Education of the Magnolia Independent School District met in a Special Session on Monday, September 14, 2026 at the Magnolia ISD Event Center, 11659 FM 1488, Magnolia, Texas 77354, and was called to order by President Gary Blizzard.

Members Present: Gary Blizzard, Dacia Owens, Sonja Ebel, Stacia Norris, Jordan Blake, David McCarty and Quinn Tolbert

Members Absent: None

Administration and Staff: Jason Bullock, Ben King, Erich Morris, Brandon Garza, Denise Meyers, Joe Dives, Sam Bell, Chris Hinkelman, Jennifer Cruz, Kate Hope, Mike Overman, Matt Braun, Kim Weatherby, Amy Locker, Nicole Fielder, Christina Coats, Bob Medina, Kristin Boyd, JD Berna, Megan Baker, John Owens, Katie Fields, Ashley Tornberg, Brooke Owen, TerriAnn Commesso, Cristal Bostain, Dion Rivera, LaTisha Idelbird, Angela Martinez, Matthew Bess, Coni Felinski, Calyn Perkins, Vaughn Hill, John Albritton, Josh Jacobs, Patricia Horrigan, Jim Gassaway, Sheri Cantu, Elizabeth Stairhime, Jordan Petruska, Claudia Leal, Nina Robey, Lizzie Bender, Felicia Parker, Rebecca Stricklin, Lauren Ebert, Tiffany Guasman, and Stacy Fikac, George Kelley, DeWayne Lucius, Jill Vaughn, Bethany Goodman, Amanda Darragh, Kelsey Gomez, Jennifer Harless, Kari Mitchell, Foy Campbell, Amy Locker, Alana Wood, Stefani Kulhanek, Cassi Dugue, and Leah Still.

Invocation/Pledges: Board Secretary Sonja Ebel

Media: Community Impact

Recognitions: Magnolia Elementary 4th Grade student Wesley Morett and Magnolia High School, Senior Andrew Oldham for receiving the September Student of the Month at their campuses. Community partners Whataburger and HEB presented students with an award of appreciation to honor the student recognition.

The Magnolia West High School Floral Design student provided the September floral arrangements and the Magnolia West High School Culinary Arts students provided the homemade pumpkin muffins for the board members.

Dr. Foy Campbell presented a request to the board to officially name the Magnolia High School Show Barn to the Tony and Dolly Gullo Magnolia ISD Livestock Show Barn. For decades the Gullos were the heart and soul of the Magnolia FFA Ag Program. They never missed a single live auction. They donated thousands of dollars directly to students who had invested months of hard work into raising animals, ensuring that every participant's efforts were recognized and rewarded. Tony and Dolly always prioritized giving back to the students of this community. Officially renaming the district show barn to honor Tony and Dolly Gullo signifies Magnolia ISD's deep appreciation for their decades of hard work and unconditional love for students.

Social Studies Director Cassi Duge presented information on Liberty & Legacy, a district-wide initiative aligned with Celebrate Freedom Week and Constitution Day to honor the 250th birthday of America. As part of Liberty and Legacy, the district is also creating a time capsule filled with student-created items, memorabilia, and artifacts representing our district and this historic moment in time, which will remain sealed in the MISD Central Office until 2076, when future generations will have the opportunity to look back at how Magnolia celebrated America's 250th Anniversary.

Break: The board took a 5-minute break so that those parents who wanted to leave could do so.

Superintendent Report:

Bond Update: Tim Bruner presented a Bond 26 Update consisting of :

- High School #3 – Bidding will be in April/May 2027
- High School#3 –Design will be presented at December board meeting
- High School#3 – GMP is scheduled for the February board meeting
- Elementary School #10 – Design development completed by VLK and approved
- Elementary School #10 - 100% Construction documents are scheduled for Dec 2026
- Elementary School #10 – GMP is scheduled for the February board meeting
- Elementary School #11- Building floor plan should be close to the ES #10 plan.
- Elementary School #11 – will bid late fall 2027.
- Elementary School #11 – PBK will be the architect
- Elementary School #10 – Construction documents scheduled for early 2027, with bidding scheduled for Spring 2027.

Accountability Report : Chief Academic Officer Dr. Brandon Garza presented the 2026 TEA Accountability Report stating that the district earned an 87 rating in the 2026 TEA Ratings, the highest rating the district has achieved. Highlights include:

- Eight campuses earned an "A" rating, including both of our comprehensive high schools. This is the highest number of MISD campuses ever to receive the state's highest rating, showing the consistent excellence and strong academic performance across district campuses.
- The majority of our campuses received distinctions. Earning 47 distinctions – up from 26 last year.

Audience Participation:

Karen McDaniel regarding sexual misconduct

No. 6238
Consent Agenda Items A-F
Approved
September 14, 2026

Motion by Stacia Norris, seconded by Jordan Blake to approve Consent Agenda Items A-F as follows:

A. Minutes	Minutes for Board Workshop of August 10; Regular meeting of August 10 and Regular minutes of August 24, 2026.
B. Monthly Check Register & Investment Report	Approved the monthly Check Register and Investment Report for the August 2026.
C. OOD Transfers	Approved Out of District Transfer students
D. Off Campus PE Providers	Approved the 2026-2027 Off-Campus PE Providers
E. School Safety Audit Report Review	Reviewed the School Safety Audit Report
F. Reschedule October Mtg.	Approved to reschedule the October 12 regular board meeting to October 26, 2026 due to Fall Break.
G. Three Member Grievance Committee	Excluded/removed item Creating a designated three-member Board Grievance Committee to hear and decide Level 3 Grievances.

For/Against Votes:

Gary Blizzard: For
Sonja Ebel: For
Jordan Blake: For
Quinn Tolbert: For
Dacia Owens: For
Stacia Norris: For
David McCarty: For

No. 6239
Naming of MHS AG Barn
Approved
September 14, 2026

Motion by Sonja Ebel, seconded by Quinn Tolbert to approve to name the Magnolia High School Show Barn as the Tony and Dolly Gullo Magnolia ISD Livestock Show Barn.

For/Against Votes:

Gary Blizzard: For
Sonja Ebel: For
Jordan Blake: For
Quinn Tolbert: For
Dacia Owens: For
Stacia Norris: For
David McCarty: For

No. 6240
FIRST Report
September 14, 2026

Dr. Erich Morris presented the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Report. Out of a possible total score of 100, Magnolia ISD scored 100, earning the highest available rating of "Superior" with a letter grade of an A.

No motion needed. This was for presentation purposes only

No. 6241
PUBLIC HEARING for FIRST Report

A Public Hearing was conducted at 7:39 p.m. regarding the Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST) Report.

There were not comments.

The Hearing concluded at 7:40 p.m.

No. 6242
End of Year Fiscal Budget Amendments
Approved
September 14, 20206

Motion by Stacia Norris, seconded by David McCarty to approve the Preliminary End-of-Fiscal Year Budget Amendments.

For/Against Votes:

Gary Blizzard: For
Sonja Ebel: For
Jordan Blake: For
Quinn Tolbert: For
Dacia Owens: For
Stacia Norris: For
David McCarty: For

No. 6243
B&C Constructors, Inc. Contract
Approved
September 14, 2026

Motion by David McCarty, seconded by Jordan Blake to approve the Contracts for B&C Constructors, Inc. for the construction of Elementary School #10 and Elementary School #11as part of the 2026 Bond; A133-0219-Owner-CMAR Agreement, A201-2017-General Conditions, and Exhibit 1 Prevailing Wage Rates as presented.

For/Against Votes:

Gary Blizzard: For
Sonja Ebel: For
Jordan Blake: For
Quinn Tolbert: For
Dacia Owens: For
Stacia Norris: For
David McCarty: For

No. 6244
Stewart Builders, Inc. Contract
Approved
September 14, 2026

Motion by Quinn Tolbert, seconded by Dacia Owens to approve the Contracts for Stewart Builders, Inc. for the construction of High School #3, and the Additions to Magnolia High School and Magnolia West High School as part of the 2026 Bond; A133-0219-Owner-CMAR Agreement, A201-2017 General Conditions and Exhibit 1 Prevailing Wage Rate.

For/Against Votes:

Gary Blizzard: For
Sonja Ebel: For
Jordan Blake: For
Quinn Tolbert: For
Dacia Owens: For
Stacia Norris: For
David McCarty: For

No. 6245
Certification of Compliance
Approved
September 14, 2026

Motion by Stacia Norris, seconded by Jordan Blake to approve the Magnolia ISD Certification of Compliance under Texas Education Code 39.008 that will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency as required by Senate Bill 12. Notice for this item was posted on the District website on Friday, September 4, which fulfills the mandatory seven-calendar day state notice requirement.

No. 6246 PUBLIC HEARING
For Certification of Compliance
September 14, 2026

A Public Hearing was conducted at 7:57 p.m. regarding the Annual Certification of Compliance agenda item.

There were no comments

The Hearing concluded at 7:58 p.m.

No. 6247
Recess/Executive Session
September 14, 2026

The Board recessed to go into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. for purposes permitted by:

A. Consultation with Attorney, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.071
B. Discussion of Purchase, Sale, Exchange, or Value of Real Property, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.072
C. Personnel Discussion(s)/Recommendation(s), pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.74

No. 6248
Adjourn
September14, 2026

The Board returned at 9:50 p.m.

Motion by Stacia Norris , seconded by Jordan Blake to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

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We affirm that these minutes are official, complete, and correct.

President _____ Secretary Sonja Elsel

Date Minutes Approved: 10/26/26 Date Minutes Signed by Officers: 10/26/26