

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

January 20, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Board of Education was held in the Media Center at the Mansfield Township Elementary School, 200 Mansfield Road East, Columbus, New Jersey on Monday, January 20, 2015 at 6:36 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marcial Mojena, Board President.

The secretary recorded the roll and announced a quorum present.

Members present: Mr. Marcial Mojena, President
Mrs. Stacey Nicosia
Mrs. Beverly Pencak
Mrs. Alison Perrone
Mrs. Deborah Regi

Members absent: Mr. Broski, Vice President
Mr. Ramy Reddy
Mr. Jared Fantasia

Others present: Mrs. Diane Bacher, Superintendent
Mrs. Joyce A. Goode, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Mojena led the board and the public in the flag salute.

Mr. Mojena read the Open Public Meetings statement as follows:

STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Mansfield Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof communicated to the Burlington County Times on January 14, 2015 and the Trenton Times on January 14, 2015.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Interview Board Candidates

Motion by Mrs. Regi, second by, Mrs. Nicosia to recess to Executive Session. The Board Convened into closed session at 6:46 pm.

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Mansfield ("Board of Education") has deemed it necessary to go into

closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Board of Education will reconvene following the end of the closed session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reasons outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Board Candidate Interviews/ Discuss matters of Personnel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that is discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at a time when the Board of Education Attorney advised the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the school district or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

Motion by Mrs. Regi, second by Mrs. Perrone to close the Executive session and reconvene to open session at 7:56 pm.

Voice Vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Regi, second by, Mrs. Nicosia to approve the following minutes.

MINUTES

January 5, 2015

The vote:	Mr. Broski	Absent	Mr. Fantasia	Absent	Mr. Mojena	Yes
	Mrs. Nicosia	Yes	Mrs. Pencak	Yes	Mrs. Perrone	Yes
	Mr. Reddy	Absent	Mrs. Regi	Yes		

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of providing an opportunity to the public to express themselves on school-related matters of concern to the residents of Mansfield Township. To allow for a fair and orderly public comment period and in accordance with Board Policy no. 1120, individual comments are limited to two minutes and the total time for the public comment session will be thirty minutes. To protect the privacy of all students and staff, concerns regarding individual students and staff members should generally be addressed by first meeting with the appropriate administrative staff.

At times, it may appear to members of our audience that the board of education takes action with very little, if any, comment and, in many cases, a unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter and is satisfied that it is ready to be presented to the board of education. The matter may have been previously discussed at the work session meeting. Board members preview the agenda items and discuss questionable items with the Superintendent or Business Administrator so that when they attend the meeting, there is usually no further need to question the issue. Only then is it voted upon as an action item at a public meeting.

COLUMBUS HOME AND SCHOOL

No report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Motion by Mrs. Perrone, second by, Mrs. Pencak to approve the Board Reports.

REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

- Principal JHES
- Principal MTES
- Nurse JHES
- Nurse MTES
- Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Interim Supervisor of Student Services
- Facilities Manager
- Director of Food Services
- JHES Fire Drill – 12/1/2014
- Lock Down Drill – 12/22/2014
- MTES Fire Drill – 12/1/2014
- Lock Down Drill – 12/22/2014

The vote: Mr. Broski Absent Mr. Fantasia Absent Mr. Mojena Yes
 Mrs. Nicosia Yes Mrs. Pencak Yes Mrs. Perrone Yes
 Mr. Reddy Absent Mrs. Regi Yes

Motion by, Mrs. Pencak, second by, Mrs. Regi to approve the following Action items.

Action Items

- Resolve to approve Ariel Wainwright as a volunteer in the Mansfield Village Program (MVP) for the balance of the 2014-2015 school year.
- Resolve to approve Lauren Ward as part-time Instructional Aide for the balance of the 14-15 school year, upon successful completion of a criminal history review. Hourly rate of \$12.24 applies per the current negotiated agreement.
- Resolve to approve Corrienne R. Aviad as a Special Education Teacher at JHES, Step 1 MA, at the prorated salary of \$53,337, upon successful completion of a criminal history review.
- Resolve to approve Michele Machion as replacement teacher for 4th grade LOA effective February 23, 2015 through June 19, 2015. Position will follow previously approved Substitute Teachers Policy File Code: 4121.
- Resolve to rescind the previous board approval of Samantha Rapos as a substitute instructional aide.
- Resolve to approve Kelly Walsh as substitute instructional aide for the balance of the 14-15 school year.
- Resolve to approve the assignment of Meghan Grosse, 1st Grade Teacher, as professional mentor to Colleen Wood, 1st Grade Replacement Teacher.
- Resolve to approve increase of hours for Telma Bill-Smith, Instructional Aide, from part time to full time, effective January 21, 2015. Hourly rate of \$13.50 remains per existing contract.
- Resolve to approve the following Professional Visitation Applications:

Workshop / Seminar	Attendee	Date(s)	Cost
Legal Issues for School Nurse	Grace Porrini	2/11/2015	\$49.00

- Resolve to approve the following Facility Use Applications:

Name of Organization	Facility	Date (s)	Time
CHAS	MTES	1/30/2015	6:15 - 9:00 pm
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- Resolve to approve the following Field trips:

Destination of Trip	Grade	Date (s)	Cost
Palmyra Cove	6	4/24/2015	\$970

The vote: Mr. Broski Absent Mr. Fantasia Absent Mr. Mojena Yes
 Mrs. Nicosia Yes Mrs. Pencak Yes Mrs. Perrone Yes
 Mr. Reddy Absent Mrs. Regi Yes

Motion by Mrs. Perrone, second by, Mrs. Regi to approve the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Report.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

ACTION ITEMS

- Resolve, to approve the January 2015 Bills and Claims.

- a. Batch: 50 \$480,463.21
- b. Batch: 51 \$ 16,780.85
- c. Batch: 52 \$ 20,774.00
- d. Batch: 52 \$ 7,510.71 December 2014

- RESOLVED that the Board appoint Real Regional Enrichment & Learning Center, LLC to provide Homebound Instruction at the following fees:

- e. \$60.00 per hour per student for Homebound Instruction
- f. \$10.00 per day per teacher for travel

- Tuition Rates

RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following tuition rates for 2015-2016:

Integrated Preschool Program \$ 3,500

Mr. Broski Absent Mr. Fantasia Absent Mr. Mojena Yes
 Mrs. Nicosia Yes Mrs. Pencak Yes Mrs. Perrone Yes
 Mr. Reddy Absent Mrs. Regi Yes

Motion by Mrs. Regi, second by, Mrs. Perrone to approve the following resolution.

- Resolve to appoint Scott Shumway to the Mansfield Township Board of Education February 9, 2015 thru December 31, 2015, pending completion of criminal history report.

The vote: Mr. Broski Absent Mr. Fantasia Absent Mr. Mojena Yes
 Mrs. Nicosia Yes Mrs. Pencak Yes Mrs. Perrone Yes
 Mr. Reddy Absent Mrs. Regi Yes

- Old Business: Matrix, Board will discuss at the March 9, 2015 workshop meeting.

- New Business: None.
- Public Comment: None.

Motion by Mrs. Regi, second by, Mrs. Perrone to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.
Adjournment

The vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.