

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Agenda

February 9, 2015

Minutes

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, February 9, 2015 at 6:36 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mojena, Board President.

The secretary recorded the roll and announced a quorum present.

Members present: Mr. Marcial Mojena, Board President
Mr. Joseph Broski, Vice President
Mr. Jared Fantasia
Mrs. Stacey Nicosia
Mrs. Alison Perrone
Mr. Ramy Reddy
Mrs. Deborah Regi
Mr. Scott Shumway

Members absent: Mrs. Beverly Pencak

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Scott D. Shumway – Term of office February 9, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Frank Cavallo, Jr. Parker McCay P.A. Ethic Training and Legal Update

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

MINUTES

January 20, 2015 Regular session minutes
January 20, 2015 Executive session minutes

Voice Vote:	Mr. Broski	Abstain	Mr. Fantasia	Abstain	Mr. Mojena	Yes
	Mrs. Nicosia	Yes	Mrs. Pencak	Absent	Mrs. Perrone	Yes
	Mr. Reddy	Yes	Mrs. Regi	Yes	Mr. Shumway	
Abstain						

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.

No Public Comment

COLUMBUS HOME AND SCHOOL

Mrs. Perrone informed the Board of the following upcoming events; movie night, fun night, the annual Bingo fundraiser, the spring breakfast and the first 5K run.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Broski, second by Mr. Fantasia to approve the following 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 – 1/29/2015
- Lock Down Drill – 1/28/2015
- MTES Fire Drill – 1/30/2015
- Lock Down Drill – 1/29/2015

VOICE VOTE: Mr. Broski Yes Mr. Fantasia Yes Mr. Mojena Yes
 Mrs. Nicosia Yes Mrs. Pencak Absent Mrs. Perrone Yes
 Mr. Reddy Yes Mrs. Regi Yes Mr. Shumway Yes

Motion by Mr. Broski, second by Mr. Reddy to approve the following action items.

Action Items

- Resolve to approve Paul Kovac as volunteer in the MVP program for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.
- Resolve to approve Beth Friedberg as Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.
- Resolve to approve tutoring services for MVP students at MTES by the Northern Burlington County Regional Middle School "Giving Club". The service organization would like to provide tutoring on February 26 and March 12, 2015 from 3:20 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Resolve to approve the following Professional Visitation Applications:

Workshop / Seminar	Attendee	Date(s)	Cost
Cooper in Schools	Christine Flasser	3/17/2015	\$40.00
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program	Joyce A. Goode	2/19/2015	\$-0-

- Resolve to approve the following Facility Use Applications:

Name of Organization	Facility	Date (s)	Time
CHAS	MTES	2/6/2015	6:15 pm-8:30 pm
Girl Scouts	MTES	2/10/2015	6:15 pm-9:00 pm
Girl Scouts	MTES	2/27/2015	6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ Council	MTES	3/10/2015	6:15 pm-9:00 pm

CHAS	MTES	3/4,11,18&20/2015	6:15 pm-9:00 pm
CHAS	MTES	3/13/2015	6:15 pm-8:00 pm
JHES	MTES	5/20/2015	2:00 pm-3:00 pm
JHES	MTES	5/21/2015	9:00 am-11:00 am

- Resolve to approve the following Field trips:

Destination of Trip	Grade	Date (s)	Cost
MTES	2 nd	5/21/2015	\$-0-
Franklin Institute	5 th	6/2/2015	\$1,176.50
The Academy of Natural Sciences	3 rd	6/10/2015	\$1,486.00

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Broski Yes Mr. Fantasia Yes Mr. Mojena Yes
 Mrs. Nicosia Yes Mrs. Pencak Absent Mrs. Perrone Yes
 Mr. Reddy Yes Mrs. Regi Yes Mr. Shumway Yes
 *****Mrs. Perrone Abstained on the Facility Use Application Resolution*****

Motion by Mr. Broski, second by Mrs. Nicosia to approve the Business Administrator’s report.

- BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

- A. ACTION ITEMS

- Resolve, to approve the Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification of Line Item Status and the Board of Education’s Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account funds Status:
 - a. Board Secretary’s Monthly Certification Budgetary Line Item Status: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, I certify that as of December 2014, no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total, exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. A: 23-11(a).
 - b. Board of Education’s Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status: Pursuance to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, we certify that as of December 2014 the review of the secretary’s and treasurer’s monthly financial reports, in the minutes of the board each month, that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b).
- Resolve, to approve the February 2015 Bills and Claims.
 - a. Batch: 50 \$362,947.85
 - b. Batch: 51 \$ 14,431.57
 - c. Batch: 53 \$ 7,185.16

- Resolve to approve the out of district placement for student J.S. to attend Burlington County Special Services School District, January 13, 2015 – June 17, 2015 at the prorated tuition of \$37,345.

- **BOARD LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS**

Negotiation Committee

Name: Mr. Marcial

Name: Mr. Reddy

Name: Mr. Fantasia

Alternate: Mrs. Nicosia

- **Resolution 13-0020
Waiver of Requirements
Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program**

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2015-2016, and

Whereas, the Mansfield Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that the district projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students and would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2015-2016 budget year,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Mansfield Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Burlington an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2015-2016 school year.

- Resolve to approve the following Facility Use Applications:

Name of Organization	Facility	Date (s)	Time
Mansfield Township School District	MTES CCSS/PARCC information night	2/24/2015	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

- Resolve to approve the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits State Health Benefits Program School Employees' Health Benefits Program.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Broski	Yes	Mr. Fantasia	Yes	Mr. Mojena	Yes
	Mrs. Nicosia	Yes	Mrs. Pencak	Absent	Mrs. Perrone	Yes
	Mr. Reddy	Yes	Mrs. Regi	Yes	Mr. Shumway	Yes

- Old Business: None

- New Business: None

- Public Comment: None

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Broski, second by Mr. Fantasia to recess to Executive session. The Board convened into closed session at 7:24 pm.

The Vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

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:

Contracted Service and Health Insurance

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that the 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 Mr. Broski, second by Mr. Fantasia to close the Executive session and reconvene to open session at 9:21 pm.

Voice Vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Broski, second by, Mr. Fantasia, to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm.

The Vote: Unanimously carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce A. Goode
Board Secretary / Business Administrator