

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bell opened the May 13, 2010 Work Session Meeting of the Mansfield Township Board of Education at 7:31 p.m. with the following statement:

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the time, date, and location of this meeting was sent to the Star-Gazette and Express-Times, May 4, 2010, was posted in the municipal building and the school lobby, and is on file with the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. John Bell
Ms. Karri Sienna-Reyes
Mr. Tim Barlow
Dr. Clancy
Ms. Tracey Janowski
Mr. Jeff Stabile
Mr. Russell Uhrig
Mr. Richard Young

Absent: Ms. Barbara Curto

Also present were: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Melitsky, and Ms. Roszkowski.

Community: Approximately 27 community and/or staff members were present.

Executive Session

1. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Uhrig** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board must consider matter(s) involving personnel, individual privacy, negotiations, and acquisition of real property, the disclosure of which could constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy; and

WHEREAS, the deliberation of such considerations may be held in private under the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn to executive session to discuss the above-mentioned matter(s) to the exclusion of all others. Action may be taken.
(7:32 p.m.)

2. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Uhrig** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board return to Regular Session. **Reconvene to Public Session**
(7:58 p.m.)

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was read:

1. Letter from Patricia M. Cericola, Speech/Language Correctionist advising the Board that, after 29 years of service, she has decided to retire effective July 1, 2010. **P. CERICOLA RETIREMENT**
2. Letter from a parent requesting that her two children be allowed to finish out the school year. **PARENT REQUEST**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Kemp reported the following:

1. A pre-bid meeting was held. There were four contractors in attendance and two more indicated an interest in bidding on the job. **WINDOWS PROJECT UPDATE**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Ann Marie Bell read a letter from Mrs. Donaldson in support of the visitors' center. **VISITORS' CENTER**
2. Mr. Wilkinson commented in support of the visitors' center. **VISITORS' CENTER**
3. Kathleen McMorro asked what the district's plans were for replacing the visitors' center. **VISITORS' CENTER**

Mr. Kemp stated that the safety and welfare of the children is of utmost importance to the district. The district's plan is to re-distribute the work to very capable office staff who knows each child on a first name basis. Should a staff member have a question with regard to guardianship, a program is readily available to answer that question.

CONSENT AGENDA

- MOTION by Mr. Barlow, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes of the following meeting: **Minutes**

- April 29, 2010, Regular/Reorganization Meeting.

APPROVAL AGENDA PERSONNEL

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| 1. | <i>MOTION by Ms. Janowski, second by Mr. Uhrig</i> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board accept, with great, great remorse, Patricia M. Cericola's resignation/retirement effective July 1, 2010. | P. Cericola
Resignation/
Retirement |
| 2. | <i>MOTION by Ms. Janowski, second by Mr. Uhrig</i> and carried by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the 2010-2011 Tenured Staff as listed on Schedule A (salaries to be determined upon completion of negotiations), as recommended by the Superintendent. | 2010-2011
Tenured Staff |
| 3. | <i>MOTION by Ms. Janowski, second by Mr. Uhrig</i> and carried by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the 2010-2011 Support Staff/Administration as listed on Schedule B (salaries to be determined upon completion of negotiations), as recommended by the Superintendent. | 2010-2011
Support Staff/
Administration |

CURRICULUM/POLICY/FACILITIES

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| 1 | <i>MOTION by Ms. Clancy, second by Ms. Janowski</i> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the use and payment of/for one of the custodial staff members for the 6 th grade lock-in scheduled for June 4, 2010, into the morning of June 5, 2010. | Lock-in |
| 2. | <i>MOTION by Ms. Clancy, second by Ms. Janowski</i> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board designate June 21, 2010, as the final day of the school year. | Final Day of
School |
| 3. | <i>MOTION by Ms. Clancy, second by Ms. Janowski</i> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board designate June 18, 2010, as Sixth Grade Promotion at 7 p.m. | Sixth Grade
Promotion |
| 4. | <i>MOTION by Ms. Clancy, second by Ms. Janowski</i> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Guidance and Counseling program in accordance to Policy No. 6164.2. | Guidance &
Counseling
Program |
| Note: This is a required item under QSAC. | | |
| 5. | <i>MOTION by Ms. Clancy, second by Ms. Janowski</i> and failed by unanimous roll call vote that the Board authorize the Board President and the superintendent to sign the memorandum of | Race to the Top
Grant |

Understanding between the State of New Jersey and the Mansfield Township School District for the Race to the Top Grant.

A discussion was led by Mr. Stabile who researched what it would mean to the district to sign on to the Race to the Top Grant. It became evident that there were too many unanswered questions and there was a possibility of losing local control over educational decisions if the Board were to sign on.

APPROVAL AGENDA FINANCE

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| 1 | <i>MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski</i> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following bills lists: | Bills List |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 30, 2010, in the amount of \$293,411.33• May 1, to May 13, 2010, in the amount of \$79,719.45. | |
| 2. | <i>MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski</i> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve transfers as noted on the May 13, 2010, Transfer Report: | Transfers |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fund 10: \$23,300.00. | |
| 3. | <i>MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski</i> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve a contract with Children's Therapy Services, Inc. effective July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, to provide physical therapy services at a rate of \$85.00 per hour. | Physical
Therapy
Services 2010-
2011 |
| 4. | <i>MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski</i> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following special education placements (pending receipt of pay to Play Certification): | Special Ed
Placements |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ES: P.G. Chambers School Extended Year Program from on or about July 6, 2010, to on or about August 14, 2010, at a cost of \$9,095.70 plus transportation.• ES: P.G. Chambers School ten-month Multiple Disabilities program commencing on or about September 1, 2010, through on or about June 30, 2011, at a cost of \$54,574.20 plus transportation.• SM: Lake Drive School Extended Year Program from July 6, 2010, to July 30, 2011, at a cost of \$5,815 for a full-day program. | |

- DM: The Children's Home Extended Year Program from on or about July 1, 2010, to August 11, 2010, at a cost of \$288.98 per day or \$8,669.40.
5. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve Workshops/Travel per May 13, 2010, Request, attached. **Workshops**
 6. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Dr. Clancy** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board authorize the Business Administrator to write a letter of agreement to the Township Committee allowing substitution/exchange of one piece of land by the junk yard for another piece equal in size and contiguous to the land currently held/to be held by the school district. **Land**
 7. **MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Ms. Reyes** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve SH and PH's attendance at Mansfield School through June 21, 2010 as recommended by the Superintendent. **Students**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Amy Richardi read a letter authored by P. J. Raiello congratulating Patricia Cericola on her retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the May 13, 2010 Work Session ended at 8:50 p.m. on **motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Clancy** and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Roszkowski
SBA/Board Secretary

Karri Reyes
Vice President