

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bell opened the June 10, 2010 Work Session Meeting of the Mansfield Township Board of Education at 7:32 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. John Bell Ms. Karri Sienna-Reyes Mr. Tim Barlow (arrived 7:40 p.m.) Dr. Clancy Ms. Barbara Curto Ms. Tracey Janowski Mr. Jeff Stabile Mr. Russell Uhrig Mr. Richard Young	Absent:
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Also present were: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Melitsky, and Ms. Roszkowski.

Community: Approximately 100 community and/or staff members were present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Melitsky, Principal, served as Master of Ceremonies for the Awards presentation this evening. He told us that he would be giving out some of the recognitions, but would turn the program over to the teachers who were directly involved with the students.

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| 1. Mr. Melitsky announced the following staff awards: | STAFF
RECOGNITION |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Cericola was recognized for 28 years of service at Mansfield Township School. She will be missed. • Laura Baggerly – Teacher of the Year. | |
| 2. Mr. Melitsky announced that this year’s Spelling Bee winner is Samantha Thompson, and the County Spelling Bee Winner is Jeo O’rais. | SPELLING BEE
WINNERS |

3. The PTA Reflections Winner is Arshdeep Singh. **PTA REFLECTIONS**
4. Mrs. Iaione told us about the “Change for Change” project. The participants receiving a Humanitarian Service Certificate for the 2009/2010 school year were: **CHANGE FOR CHANGE**
- Christopher Auer
 - Lauren Bell
 - Matt Davis
 - Erin DiGiovanni
 - Zoe Fasillis
 - Luke Fournier
 - Robert Grosinski
 - Nick Haffner
 - Amanda Hicks
 - Sydney Lawrence
 - Spencer Leahy
 - Salvatore Messina
 - Kate Peacock
 - Brian Rogalsky
 - Dayna Sansevere
 - Milena Sudarikov
 - Savana Uhrig
 - Kylie Wester
 - Kiana Wiggins
5. Mrs. Iaione told us that awards for the Newsletter Club are by peer nomination. The following students participants will receive a \$5 gift certificate from Cold Stone: **NEWSLETTER CLUB**
- T. J. Berens
 - Cassie DiSessa
 - Victoria Stabile
 - Justin Westley
6. Ms. Santa, moderator of grades 3 and 4 “Battle of the Books”, introduced participants in the 2009/2010 program: **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS – GRADES 3 AND 4**
- Braedon Laffan
 - Jeanne Gabrielle Riano
 - Jason Teets
 - Hayden VanSolkema
 - Emily Watts

7. Ms. Baggerly, moderator of grades 5 and 6 “Battle of the Books”, introduced participants in the 2009/2010 program:

**BATTLE OF
THE BOOKS
– GRADES
5 AND 6**

- Jason Tran
- Tim Lemasters
- Sarah Fontana
- Kinnley Youmans
- Kasey DiSessa
- Lauren Janowski
- Jackie deRaimes
- Taralyn Ordemann
- Kasey DiSessa
- Kaitlin Andreas

8. Mrs. Favreau told the audience that the Peer Mediation Program “allows problems and conflicts to be solved by fellow students instead of by adults. This program teaches students that *they* have the power to talk through their conflicts and solve things on their own, with a little help from their peers.

**PEER
MEDIATORS**

Mansfield peer mediators are unique sixth graders that are fully trained in a six step problem-solving method. These sixth grade students are nominated by their peers and teachers to become mediators because of their ability to help others and solve problems. It is truly an honor to be chosen to be a mediator.

Not only do the Mansfield mediators conduct mediations between their fellow peers, but they also are a huge part of the “Ride with Character” bus incentive program. A key component to this program is to award an individual on an “incident free” bus a weekly bus reward. Each Monday, it is the peer mediator’s responsibility to come to my office at the end of the day, choose a name out of their assigned bus container, and deliver the reward to the person chosen. It took dedication and responsibility to remember to do this task every week. Thank you mediators for all your help this year.

The mediators were also called upon to deliver a weekly character education message over the PA system to the entire school. The messages correspond to our monthly character traits that we focused on as a school.”

The following students were this year’s peer mediators:

- Jack Antley
- Connor Havrisko
- Emily Wainen

- Abby Cuff
- Victoria Stabile
- Jhesenia Quintero
- Liz Risko
- Mike Carrattini
- Samantha Hom
- Dillon Lemasters
- Collin Diedhiou
- Anthony Veneziano
- Brittany Grosinski
- Tara Tierney
- Kim Crammer
- Faviola Flores

9. Ms. Hogan gave a synopsis of the MathFax Program and announced the following recipients of awards:

MATHFAX

- Michael Bogert
- Nicole Duda
- C.J. Knorr (Division 3, 1st place trophy winner)
- Jason Tran
- Justin Watt
- Justin Westley (Division 3, 4th place).

10. Mr. Melitsky announced the Junior National Young Leaders Conference Nominees for each of the following grades:

**JUNIOR
NATIONAL
YOUNG
LEADER
CONFERENCE
NOMINEES**

Grade 5:

- Luciana Soares
- Jonathan Rosenblum
- Todd Spender
- Michael Bogert
- Russel Uhrig
- Catherine O'Hagan
- Dana Croce
- Andrew Seredyuk
- Haley Jensen
- Sarah Fontana
- Samuel Teets
- Rachyl Valentine
- Taylor Hoover

Grade 6:

- Anthony Veneziano
- Justin Westley
- Victoria Stabile
- Lauren Janowski
- Nneka Pilgrim
- Kasey DiSessa
- Kaitlyn Sargent
- Mark Szewczuk

11. Ms. Baggerly presented awards on behalf of Ms. Baker this evening. According to Ms. Baker, “Mansfield Elementary School hosted the 4th Annual Phabulous Physics Tournament for the Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment. For this event, second and third grade students apply Newton’s Laws of Motion in order to design and construct rollercoaster systems where marbles roll on tracks of foam pipe insulation. The challenge is to balance the energy and all the forces acting on the marble perfectly, in order for it to stop by itself as close to the end of the track as possible.

**PHABULOUS
PHYSICS**

Mansfield was represented by the team of **Spencer Leahy, Matthew Davis, and Hayden Van Solkema**, who came in 2nd in the county – congratulations!”

At this same event, our fifth and sixth grade students worked with Four Forces of Aerodynamics, exploring the relationships between Thrust and Drag, Gravity and Lift.

Mansfield’s team included **Sam Teets, Taylor Hoover, Tim Lemasters, and Victoria Stabile**, who also came in first in the county – Congratulations!

12. Ms. Yaremczak, on behalf of Ms. Baker, stated that “Our 6th grade debate team participated in the Annual Tournament held by the Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment. This year’s topic was ***Resolved: English should be the official language of the United States.***”

DEBATE TEAM

The following students were recognized:

- Kaitlin Andreas
- Kasey DiSessa
- Nicole Duda
- Luke Hamill
- Lauren Janowski
- Taralyn Ordemann

- Alyssa Reese
- Kaitlyn Sargent
- Jonathan Soares
- Victoria Stabile
- Justin Westley
- Sarah Wilchuck

13. Ms. Baggerly, on behalf of Ms. Baker, stated that, “Last year, we recognized the strongest chess team Mansfield had ever sent to the Warren County Tournament, where they had surprised everyone by coming in third. This year, with many of those same they surpassed themselves by coming in second.” Recognitions were given to the players for their success:

CHESS CLUB

- Jonathan Rosenblum
- Luke Hamill
- Michael Bogert
- C.J. Knorr
- Taylor Hoover
- Jason Teets

14. Mr. Melitsky stated: “This is the second year we have undertaken this challenge, which requires students to use the four digits in the year 2-0-1-0, and compose mathematically accurate expressions for every whole number from 1 to 100. For example, 36 can be represented by factorial of the quantity one plus zero factorial plus zero factorial, quantity squared. Students had the option of working on this challenge individually or in teams; the students tracked the solutions found by each team on a wiki, where we competed against Washington Township, Brass Castle, students. The students who found the greatest number of solutions for this year are the teams of:

**MATHEMATICS
GAME 2010**

- Victoria Stabile and Jonathan Soares
- Mark Szewczuk and Justin Westley.

Also, this year we had a team who submitted solutions to the Drexel University math Forum, where they were accepted for publication. Congratulations to:

- Michael Bogert
- Jason Tran”

15. According to Mr. Melitsky and Ms. Baggerly, “In Continental Mathematics League contests, each participant competes using grade-appropriate materials. In some grades we have only a few participants,

**CONTINENTAL
MATH
LEAGUE**

and in others as many as 24. Some students participate as partner pairs, and others fly solo. The final results are based on the cumulative scores across all rounds for the school year, giving all students an equal opportunity to excel regardless of the number of students participating at their grade level. The winners are all being recognized for school-wide competition, against all Continental Math League participants at all grade levels.”

3rd Place Winners are

- Pairs – we have a tie between the teams of Kate Peacock and Amanda Hicks and Gavin Galloza and Justin Westley.
- Solo – Christopher Auer

2nd Place Winners are

- Pairs – Nicole Duda and Sarah Wilchuck
- Solo – Sydney Lawrence

1st Place Winners are

- Pairs – C. J. Knorr and Jonathan Soares
- Solo – Jason Teets

Jason Teets scored a perfect 6 in every round, which makes him not only a Mansfield winner but a national winner. He is receiving the Euclidean Division National Award.

16. Ms. Yaremczak and Ms. Iaione presented awards on behalf of Ms. We were told us that “Wordmasters Challenge is the year-long program of word study that builds vocabulary and analogous reasoning skills. This year we taught Wordmasters in second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, with over 150 children participating. Competitions are held three times during the year, with each round increasing in difficulty. Across the nation, over a quarter of a million students compete, from grades 3 through 8.”

WORDMASTERS

Grade 6:

- Victoria Stabile and Kasey DiSessa – 3rd place
- Gavin Galloza – 2nd place, National Honorable Mention
- Justin Westley – 1st place, National High Honors

Grade 5:

- Luciana Soares and Kristen Ahman – 4th Place and National Honorable Mention
- Maykayla Weatherspoon – 3rd place and National Honorable Mention
- Sam Teets, Sarah Fontana and Michael Bogert – 2nd Place and National High Honors Mention
- Jonathan Rosenblum – 1st Place and National High Honors

Grade 4:

- Matthew Davis – 3rd Place and National Honorable Mention
- Kate Peacock – 2nd Place and National High Honors
- Spencer Leahy – 1st Place and National High Honors

Grade 3:

- Xander Reyes and Emily Watts – 4th Place and National Honorable Mention
- Braedon Laffan – 3rd Place and National High Honors
- Amanda Kilyk – 2nd Place and National High Honors
- Jason Teets – 1st Place and National High Honors

Grade 2:

Our second graders work above grade level, using 3rd grade materials because there are none published for second graders. One of those students still managed to achieve a cumulative score within two points of the national honorable mention for third graders. Justin Coombs was recognized as being the “high scoring second grader.”

Medals for outstanding achievement in the Wordmasters Challenge were awarded to five students who achieved National High Honors:

- Justin Westley
- Jonathan Rosenblum
- Jason Teets
- Braedon Laffan
- Amanda Kilyk

17. Mr. Melitsky: “For the past several years, Mansfield School has recognized those students who have achieved perfect scores of 300 on the NJASK test. This standardized test is administered in grades 3 through 6.

**NJ ASSESSMENT
OF SKILLS &
KNOWLEDGE**

This year we have students who achieved this distinction in **mathematics** at each of these grade levels:

4th Grade:

- Christopher Auer
- Ryan Janowski
- Spencer Leahy
- Allison Weissman

5th Grade:

- Michael Bogert
- Justin Watt

6th Grade:

- Victoria Stabile
- Justin Westley

18. Mr. Melitsky stated that there is someone he would like to honor for the hard work in producing these awards: Mrs. Heymann.

**THANK YOU
MRS. HEYMANN**

19. Mrs. General, PTA, stated that there were 139 students who participated in this year's Variety Show. They all did an outstanding job. This year's "Spotlight Award" is going to **Brenda Furtuoso** for selfless acts of kindness to all.

**MANSFIELD TWP
SPOTLIGHT
AWARD**

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AWARDS CEREMONY, MR. BELL CALLED FOR A TEN-MINUTE RECESS. (8:25 P.M. TO 8:35 P.M.).

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by ***Mr. Barlow***, ***second*** by ***Ms. Reyes*** and carried by majority vote [with Ms. Curto, Ms. Janowski, Ms. Reyes, and Ms.

Minutes

Clancy abstaining] that the Board approve the minutes of the following meeting:

- May 27, 2010, Regular Meeting.

**APPROVAL AGENDA
PERSONNEL**

1. **MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Ms. Reyes** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following staff for the Special Ed Extended School Year Program as recommended by the Superintendent:

**Special Ed
Extended Year
Program**

Preschool Teacher	Marion Collazzo (19 days) Theresa Lucas (19 days)	\$90/day
Autistic Class Teacher	Deborah Shoremount (19 days)	\$90/day
Paraprofessionals	Heidi Noctor (19 days) Michelle Zappula (19 days)	\$35/day \$50/day
Speech Correctionist	Patricia Cericola (3 days) Deborah Shoremount (8 days)	\$90/day
OT	Lisa Clarke (8 days)	\$90/day
Physical Therapy (max 8 hours)	To be contracted out at approximately	\$85/hr.
Nurse	Colleen Hurley (14 days) Kathleen Ference (5 days)	\$90/day

2. **MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Ms. Reyes** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve CST personnel for summer evaluation work as recommended by the Superintendent:

**CST Summer
Evals**

Note: 3 preschoolers have been referred and will need to be assessed.

Leslie Fulmer Cook	3 days	\$321.73/ day
Deb Shoremount	3 days	\$358.33/ day

Or

Debra Stenvall		\$361.95/ day
Patti Jo Raiello	3 days	\$329.93/ day
Lisa Foster	1 day	\$349.33/ day
Faye Collins	4 days	\$200.03/ day

3. **MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Ms. Reyes** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve

CST Summer Eligibility Meetings

Leslie Fulmer Cook	3 days	\$321.73/ day
P. J. Raiello		No Cost
Speech Correctionist	7 hours	\$30/hr.
General Ed Teacher	7 hours	\$30/hr.
Special Ed Teacher	7 hours	\$30/hr.

4. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Young**, and carried by unanimous vote that the Board adopt the following Resolution in honor of Ken Polakowski’s retirement from the Board:

Thank You Mr. Polakowski

WHEREAS, your personal commitment to quality education, your valued participation in establishing effective policies and your readiness to render services in seeking educational excellence have contributed immeasurable to the progress of our school system;

BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of your colleagues, teachers and students, we thank you for your dedicated services and wish you good health and happiness in your years to come.

**APPROVAL AGENDA
FINANCE**

- 1 **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following bills lists:

Bills List

- May 28 to May 31, 2010, in the amount of \$288,389.96
 - June 1, 2010, to June 10, 2010, in the amount of \$76,535.63.
2. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve transfers as noted on the June 10, 2010, Transfer Report:
 - Fund 10: \$52,822.37.

Transfers
 3. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve a 2009/2010 Parental Contract for Student Transportation with Jean A. Mirsky, Route No. P-LSDS1, effective April 16, 2010, to June 30, 2010, for a total contract amount of \$1,494.00 (\$33.20/day).

Parental Transportation Contract
 4. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve a 2010/2011 Parental Contract for Student Transportation with Jean A. Mirsky, Route No. P-LSDS1, effective July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2010, for a total contract amount of \$6,972.00 (\$33.20/day).

Parental Transportation Contract
 5. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve a contract with Developmental Services, Budd Lake, NJ, for services to be rendered to TR at a cost of for 16 hours at \$70/hr (or a total of \$1,120.00) effective July 1, 2010, to August 31, 2010.

Developmental Services Contract
 6. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve a contract with EarthSpec, LLC., for the 2010/2011 school year in the amount of \$10,000 for Transportation Consulting Services.

EarthSpec, LLC.

Note: This is the firm that coordinates all the routes for the school as well as the day-to-day coordination of student placements on routes.
 7. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the replacement of a walk-in freezer compressor at an approximate cost of \$5,200.00.

Walk-In Freezer Compressor
 8. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve a “Cooperative Pricing Agreement” between Hunterdon County Education Services Commission (HC ESC) and Mansfield Township Board of

Hunterdon ESC Agreement

Education to provide services and/or goods available at a discounted price.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Ms. Roszkowski gave a status report on the Windows Project – specifically, that the State had been contacted several times over the course of the past two weeks. According to the Grant Specialist at the School Development Authority, the District’s grant is in the pipeline to be signed within the next two weeks. A followup call will be made the week of the next Board Meeting to receive an updated status report. **SDA Grant –
Windows
Project**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mr. Roy Smith, Diamond Hill, inquired about the Transportation Consultant contract, their duties, and whether it is something that can be done in-house. **EarthSpec, LLC.**

Ms. Roszkowski responded to the questions.

Executive Session

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

WHEREAS, the Board must consider matter(s) involving negotiations, 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. (8:50 p.m.)

2. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Uhrig** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board return to Regular Session. (8:59 p.m.). **Reconvene to
Public Session**
3. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Uhrig** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve a sidebar agreement between the board of Education of Mansfield Township and the **Teacher Pay
Freeze
Agreement**

Mansfield Township Education Association outlining a teacher pay freeze for the 2010-2011 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the June 10, 2010 Work Session ended at 9:01 p.m. on *motion by Mr. Uhrig, seconded by Ms. Reyes* and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Roszkowski
SBA/Board Secretary

Karri Reyes
Vice President