

# Mansfield Township School District

## Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2020

### I. Meeting Started 6:37pm

#### Open Public Meeting Statement

*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.*

*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.*

#### Salute to the Flag

#### Roll Call of Board Members

Frank Armenante	<i>Absent</i>	Ramy Reddy	<i>Present</i>
Abbey True Harris	<i>Absent</i>	Lisa Willever	<i>Present</i>
Leila Davis	<i>Present</i>	Stephen Thomas	<i>Present</i>
Stacey Nicosia	<i>Present</i>	Jared Fantasia	<i>Present</i>
Alison Perrone	<i>Absent</i>		

**Administrators**

Tiffany Moutis, Superintendent	<i>Present</i>	Glenn Kershner, MTES Principal	<i>Absent</i>
Danielle Morolda, Business Adm/Bd Sec	<i>Present</i>	Stacy Cullari, JHES Principal	<i>Absent</i>
Fred Knaak, Facilities Manager	<i>Absent</i>	Kelly Gamez, Curr. & Inst. Supervisor	<i>Absent</i>
Jason Shainline, Sup. of Special Services	<i>Absent</i>		

**II. Public Comment 1**

*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.*

*None*

**III. Superintendent of Schools – Public Presentations**

**Review of 2020-2021 Budget**

**IV. Executive Session**

**Motion to Open Executive Session at 6:40pm**

Moved by: *Stacey Nicosia*

Seconded by: *Lisa Willever*

Frank Armenante	<i>Absent</i>	Ramy Reddy	<i>Aye</i>
Abbey True Harris	<i>Absent</i>	Lisa Willever	<i>Aye</i>
Leila Davis	<i>Aye</i>	Stephen Thomas	<i>Aye</i>
Stacey Nicosia	<i>Aye</i>	Jared Fantasia	<i>Aye</i>
Alison Perrone	<i>Absent</i>		

N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq provides that a public body may hold a closed session under certain statutory exceptions to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act with a general description of the exceptions being as follows:

1. Items forbidden by specific legal action
2. Right to receive federal funds
3. Invasion of individual privacy
4. Collective bargaining negotiations
5. Purchase/lease/acquisition of real property

- 6. Items where immediate disclosure would impair public safety
- 7. Any matter anticipating litigation or contract negotiation
- 8. Terms and conditions of employment/personnel matters
- 9. Penalty or loss of license to an individual

The President of the Board of Education has determined that such a circumstance exists which warrants a closed executive session under **item(s) #3, #7 and #8** as above indicated and that the conducting of a closed executive session was duly authorized by the adoption of this Resolution. The subject to be discussed is as follows:

- 3. Invasion of individual privacy**
- 7. Any matter anticipating litigation or contract negotiation**
- 8. Terms and conditions of employment/personnel matters**

**Motion to Adjourn Executive Session at 7:26pm**

Moved by: *Stacey Nicosia*

Seconded by: *Lisa Willever*

Frank Armenante	<i>Absent</i>	Ramy Reddy	<i>Aye</i>
Abbey True Harris	<i>Absent</i>	Lisa Willever	<i>Aye</i>
Leila Davis	<i>Aye</i>	Stephen Thomas	<i>Aye</i>
Stacey Nicosia	<i>Aye</i>	Jared Fantasia	<i>Aye</i>
Alison Perrone	<i>Absent</i>		

**V. Superintendent's Recommendations**

The following items are presented for approval as recommendations by the Superintendent of Schools.

**A. Approval of HIB**

- 1. Resolve to approve HIB cases 206804\_MTE\_01162020 and 206477\_MTE\_01072020.

Moved by: *Stacey Nicosia*

Seconded by: *Lisa Willever*

Frank Armenante	<i>Absent</i>	Ramy Reddy	<i>Aye</i>
Abbey True Harris	<i>Absent</i>	Lisa Willever	<i>Aye</i>
Leila Davis	<i>Aye</i>	Stephen Thomas	<i>Aye</i>
Stacey Nicosia	<i>Aye</i>	Jared Fantasia	<i>Abstain</i>
Alison Perrone	<i>Absent</i>		

**B. Personnel and Administration**

1. Resolve to approve the termination of employee # 4817.
2. Resolve to approve the hire of Diane Grappone as a part-time Regular Education Aide at John Hydock Elementary School at the salary of \$13,940.75, AIDE.GEN.030.04.
3. Resolve to authorize the BOE of Mansfield Township School District to give the Board Attorney the right to file for OPRA litigation.

**Motion to Move Items**

Moved by: *Stacey Nicosia*

Seconded by: *Lisa Willever*

Frank Armenante	<i>Absent</i>	Ramy Reddy	<i>Aye</i>
Abbey True Harris	<i>Absent</i>	Lisa Willever	<i>Aye</i>
Leila Davis	<i>Aye</i>	Stephen Thomas	<i>Aye</i>
Stacey Nicosia	<i>Aye</i>	Jared Fantasia	<i>Aye</i>
Alison Perrone	<i>Absent</i>		

**VI. Good of the Order**

*Board discussed the vacant position and the arrangements for interviewing candidates. It was also suggested that the Board invites Jessie James from NJSBA to present an Ethics Training.*

**VII. Adjournment**

WHEREAS, there being no further business of the Mansfield Township Board of Education to attend to on this 13th day of February, 2020; now, therefore, be it  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the February 13, 2020 meeting of the Mansfield Township Board of Education be and is hereby adjourned at 8:36pm.

Moved by: *Stacey Nicosia*

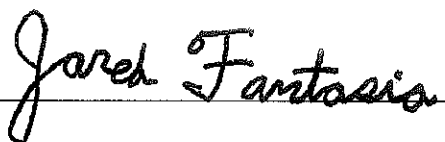
Seconded by: *Leila Davis*

Frank Armenante	<i>Absent</i>	Ramy Reddy	<i>Aye</i>
Abbey True Harris	<i>Absent</i>	Lisa Willever	<i>Aye</i>
Leila Davis	<i>Aye</i>	Stephen Thomas	<i>Aye</i>
Stacey Nicosia	<i>Aye</i>	Jared Fantasia	<i>Aye</i>
Alison Perrone	<i>Absent</i>		

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Jared Fantasia, BOE President



Danielle Morolda, Secretary to the Board

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*CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY*

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