

Mansfield Township Board of Education

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Extract from the Minutes of a Reorganization Meeting of the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY, N.J. as recorded in the

The Board of Education of the Township of Mansfield in the County of Warren, N.J. convened the Regular Meeting on January 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Township of Mansfield New Jersey.

The following Members of the Board of Education were present:

Present:

Ms. Annamaria Lalevee
Ms. Diane Margolin
Ms. Krysti Mastrolacasa
Ms. Constance Quinn
Mr. Joseph Rodriguez
Ms. Linda Watters

Absent:

Also Present:

Administration:

Dr. Anthony Giordano, Superintendent
Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator and Board Secretary
Mr. John Melitsky, Principal
Ms. Caryn Coscia, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Joseph Roselle, School Attorney

Others in Attendance: Members of the staff were present, namely Donna McPhillips, Patti Jo Raeillo, Robin Florentine, and Kate Mattison.

Oath of Office - Newly Elected Members - The Board Attorney, Mr. Joseph Roselle, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected members of the Board of Education. The oaths of office were signed, notarized, and held by the Board Secretary in the Board of Education Office.

Ms. Alison Lorentson - Majority of votes cast, Three Years

Mr. Jonathan Rood - Majority of votes cast, Three Years

Mr. James J. Winand - Majority of votes cast, Three Years

Reorganization Agenda - Board Organization

Temporary Chair Appointment to Conduct Election of Board President

Mr. Joseph Rodriguez

1. Mr. Rodriguez made a motion and seconded by Ms. Quinn to appoint Paul DeAngelo, Board Secretary, as temporary Chair, to conduct election of Board President.

Board Organization - Board Secretary

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS THE BOARD SECRETARY CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT:

Mr. DeAngelo, Temporary Chair, took nominations for President.

1. Ms. Lalavee made a motion to nominate Ms. Mastrolacasa as President which was seconded by Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Rood made a motion to nominate Ms. Quinn as President which was seconded by Ms. Lorentson. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Mr. DeAngelo closed nominations for President.
2. Ms. Constance Quinn was appointed as Mansfield Township School District Board President by a 6-3-0 roll call vote.

Mr. DeAngelo, Temporary Chair, turned the meeting over to the newly elected President, Ms. Constance Quinn.

Ms. Quinn called for nominations for Vice President.

1. Ms. Lorentson nominated Ms. Linda Watters as Vice President and Ms. Lalevee nominated Ms. Margolin as Vice President. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Ms Quinn closed nominations for Vice President.
2. Ms. Linda Watters was appointed as Vice President as Mansfield Township School District Board Vice President by a 5-4-0 roll call vote.
3. On a Motion by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez carried by 9-0-0 roll call vote to adopt the Code of Ethics - Resolved that the Board of Education adopts the New Jersey School Boards Association Code of Ethics as listed; Be It Further Resolved each Board of Education Member will sign the documentation that he/she has received a copy of the code and it is understood.

CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.

3. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

4. I will behave toward my fellow board members with the respect due their office-demonstrating courtesy, decorum and fair play at all public meetings and in all public statements.

5. I will refrain from inappropriate conduct in public meetings and in making public statements, refraining from any disparagement of my fellow board members or others on a personal, social, racial or religious basis.

6. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.

7. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.

8. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

9. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.

10. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief school administrator.

11. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

12. I will refer all complaints to the chief school administrator and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

4. On a Motion by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez carried by 9-0-0 roll call vote to approve the Parliamentary Procedures Resolved, to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the official parliamentary procedure manual to be used to conduct meetings and to appoint the board secretary and board attorney to act as the parliamentarians until the next Reorganization Meeting on January 4, 2024.

5. On a Motion by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez carried by 9-0-0 roll call vote to approve the 2023-2024 Mansfield Township Board of Education Meeting dates with the change for July 21, 2023 to July 20, 2023.
6. On a Motion by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez carried by 9-0-0 roll call vote to readopt the Policy Manual Resolved, to readopt all current written policies, by-laws and rules/regulations of the Mansfield Township School District for the period from the date of this Reorganization Meeting until the Reorganization Meeting in the next calendar year unless modified by the Board of Education in accordance with those applicable policies, by-laws and/or rules/regulations.
7. On a Motion by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez carried by 9-0-0 roll call vote to appoint the Delegates and Representatives and further resolved, to appoint the following delegates/representatives:

Warren County Educational Services Commission - Ms. Lorentson
Warren County School Boards Association - Ms. Lalavee
New Jersey School Boards Association - Ms. Margolin
Township Committee Liaison - Ms. Watters

8. On a Motion by Ms. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez carried by 9-0-0 roll call vote to designate the Official Newspapers/Meeting Schedule Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of NJ (1975) known as, and hereinafter designated as, the "Open Public Meetings Act" requires notification of meetings of public bodies, as therein defined, in the manner therein set forth, now therefore be it Resolved, that for purposes of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act the Mansfield Township Board of Education hereby makes the following designations: The Star-Gazette and (primary) and The Express Times (secondary) are hereby designated as the two newspapers to receive notification of meetings as required by any and all sections of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notices of meetings shall be posted on the bulletin boards in the main entrance of the schools, on the district website, and sent to the Township Clerk. Be it Further Resolved, to approve the annual board meeting calendar as follows: The regular monthly meetings of the Mansfield Township Board of Education in Warren County will be held at 7:00 p.m. and Regular Meeting will be held in the All Purpose Room at Mansfield Township Elementary School located at 50 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865 and are open to the public.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Anthony Giordano

Ethics Training was provided to the Board of Education and Administration by the School Attorney, Mr. Joseph Roselle.

Public Comment: Ms. Desiree Mora Dillon congratulated the new BOE members and thanked the existing BOE members for all their hard work.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Future BOE Meeting Dates:

January 19, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting
February 2, 2023 - Board Retreat
February 16, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting
March 23, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session - Executive session was held on a motion made by Ms. Quinn and second by Mr. Rodriguez for Legal at 7:55 p.m. Estimated time (15) minutes with no actionable items. On a motion by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Quinn the Board adjourned from executive session.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Quinn, the BOE approved the adjournment of the BOE meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Paul DeAngelo
SBA/Board Secretary



Linda Watters
Vice President