

Mansfield Township Board of Education

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Extract from the Minutes of a Special 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 Special Meeting Meeting April 7, 2022 at 7:02 P.M. in the Township of Mansfield New Jersey.

The following Members of the Board of Education were present:

Present:

Ms. Krysti Mastrolacasa - President

Mr. Jim Momary

Ms. Constance Quinn

Mr. Joseph Rodriguez

Mr. Mark Smith - Vice President

Ms. Linda Watters

Absent:

Ms. Annamaria Lalevee

Ms. Karri Reyes

Ms. Diane Margolin

Also Present:

Administration:

Dr. Anthony Giordano, Superintendent

Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator and Board Secretary

Mr. John Melitsky, Principal

Mr. Marc Zitomer, Board Attorney

Others in Attendance: Ms. Fraumeni

Superintendent Report

Dr. Giordano discussed the 2022/2023 calendar and the 2023/2024 calendar and that he was going to distribute it to the staff before he finalizes the calendar.

Ms. Mastrolacasa introduced Kathleen Helewa from NJSBA who provided Training on Strategic Planning.

Ms. Mastrolacasa asked how to best go about the process. Ms. Quinn asked when and the cost of the strategic plan. Ms. Mastrolacasa asked how to best communicate the Strategic Planning process. Mr. Smith asked if the best time was in the Fall which Ms. Helewa responded that the best time is usually September or October. Ms. Helewa mentioned the cost was \$4K and that most districts start in October. Ms. Helewa asked the Superintendent's thoughts on the strategic plan for which Dr. Giordano endorsed the need for a strategic plan because it aligns your goals with your programs.

Communications and Petitions - None

Executive Session - None

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda

None

Facilities/Green Team Agenda - Ms. Lalavee

None

Calendar/Education/Policy Agenda

None

Personnel/Culture Climate Committee Agenda

None

Township Agenda

None

Finance Committee Agenda

Ms. Quinn, Finance Chair, discussed the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier this week to discuss the additional 1% or \$70K that Mansfield could have raised taxes above the 2%. The Finance Committee decided that since the budget was established with a 2% tax levy that we are being fiscally responsible to leave the budget as presented. Ms. Quinn also mentioned that she reached out to Ms. Dillon to meet on the preliminary 2022/2023 budget. The meeting was scheduled for Monday April 11, 2022; however, the meeting was canceled due to the unavailability of the Township CFO. When the CFO is available and at that point, we will reschedule the meeting.

Public Comment - None

New Business:

Ms. Mastrolacasa mentioned the board asked the board attorney to review the School District's legal position regarding the dump. The board attorney, Marc Zitomer, will prepare a resolution for the next BOE meeting. Transportation, bus stops, children riding bikes are all concerns with the number of trucks proposed. The Consensus was to have the attorney write a letter on behalf of the school. Ms. Quinn mentioned they are bypassing the Township and going straight to the County Land Use Board. Ms. Watters mentioned that it is separate from the Township Committee.

Mr. Smith discussed the WCSBA meeting. The initial meeting discussed mask mandates and COVID-19 protocols. Mr. Smith mentioned the teacher shortage whereas Phillipburg has Thirty anticipated openings and Washington had Two teacher leave this year. Some Universities are letting the teachers graduate early. The morale for education is not good. Mr. Smith thanked the teaching staff regarding the basketball game.

Ms. Quinn mentioned the preliminary 2022/2023 budget passed the county and will be posted on the district website tomorrow morning. She thanked Dr. Giordano and Mr. DeAngelo. Ms.

Mastrolacasa followed up by thanking Dr. Giordano, Mr. DeAngelo, and the Finance Committee for meeting to discuss the budget process.

Old Business - None

Executive Session: On a motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez the BOE adjourned to executive session for legal and personnel with no anticipated action at this time. Executive sessions occurred from 7:56 P.M. to 8:22 P.M. Ms. Mastrolacasa made a motion seconded by Ms. Watters and approved by unanimous vote to close out the executive session.

Future BOE Meeting Dates:

April 28, 2022 - Public Budget Hearing Meeting

May 19, 2022 - Regular Meeting and Budget (if required) Dr. Giordano mentioned a potential conflict for him for May 19, 2022. Ms. Mastrolacasa will check Ms. Helewa's schedule since she was scheduled for more NJSBA training.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ms. Mastrolacasa and seconded by Ms. Watters, the BOE approved adjournment at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Paul DeAngelo
SBA/Board Secretary


Mark Smith
Vice President