

Mansfield Township Board of Education

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**Extract from the Minutes of a 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 Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting on January 2, 2020 at 7:04 P.M. in the Township of Mansfield New Jersey.

The following Members of the Board of Education were present:

Present:

Ms. Karri Reyes
Ms. Darlene Bertoldi
Mr. Jim Momary
Mr. John Falco (7:22 PM)
Mr. Mark Smith
Mr. Joseph Rodriguez
Ms. Annamarie Lalevee

Absent

Mr. Mike Coombs
Ms. Krysti Mastrolacasa

Also present: Mr. Giordano, Melitsky, DeAngelo, and members from the public.

No Executive Session was held at the beginning of the meeting.

No Public Comment.

RESULTS OF ELECTION

Mr. Rodriguez to appoint Mr. DeAngelo, Board Secretary, as temporary Chair to conduct election of Board President.

The following members of the Board of Education were sworn in and administered oaths:

Mr. Mark Smith Three Years
Mr. Jim Momary Three Years
Ms. Karri Reyes Three Years

Board of Organization

1. *Motion by Ms. LaLavee, seconded by Ms. Bertoldi* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to nominate Karrie Reyes as Board President.
2. *Motion by Ms. LaLavee, seconded by Ms. Bertoldi* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to appoint Karrie Reyes as Board President.
3. *Motion by Ms. LaLavee, seconded by Ms. Bertoldi* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to nominate Jim Momary as Board Vice President.
4. *Motion by Ms. LaLavee, seconded by Ms. Bertoldi* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to appoint Jim momary as Board Vice President.
5. *Motion by Ms. Bertoldi, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to adopt and approve the policies and actions of the previous Mansfield Board of Education.
6. *Motion by Ms. Bertoldi, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to appoint Jim Momary as NJSBA, WCSBA Delegate.
7. *Motion by Ms. Bertoldi, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to appoint Designate the Star Gazette and Express Times as the official newspapers of the district.
8. *Motion by Ms. Bertoldi, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to adopt the District's Chart of Accounts.
9. *Motion by Ms. Bertoldi, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to approve the procurement of goods and services through State Agencies (State Contracts).
10. *Motion by Ms. Bertoldi, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to appoint Authorize the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and the Superintendent to transfer funds between accounts, if necessary, with approval of the Board of Education at the next scheduled meeting.
11. *Motion by Ms. Bertoldi, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez* and carried by 7-0-0 vote to appoint Adopt New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics as follows:
 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 schoolswhich 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 policymaking, 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.

13. *Motion by Mr. Momary, seconded by Ms. Lalavee* and carried by 7-0-0 vote

WHEREAS Paul DeAngelo does not hold a District Qualified Purchasing Agent according to State Statutes 18A:18A-3 (b), NJSA40A:11-3 (c) et seq as recommended by the Superintendent.

WHEREAS, if the non-qualified purchasing agent, the board of education may establish a bid threshold up to \$29,000, and

WHEREAS, the quote threshold is 15% of the bid threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:18A-3

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education designate a bid threshold of \$29,000 and a quote threshold of \$4,350.

14. *Motion by Mr. Momary, seconded by Ms. Lalavee* BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1, authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve the payment of bills between board meetings. Such approval shall be presented to the board at the next meeting for ratification.
15. *Motion by Mr. Momary, seconded by Ms. Lalavee* Approve John Melitsky as Mansfield Township School District's designated School Safety Specialist.
16. *Motion by Mr. Momary, seconded by Ms. Lalavee* Authorize Paul DeAngelo to wire and transfer funds between accounts as needed to conduct school business.
17. *Motion by Mr. Momary, seconded by Ms. Lalavee* Authorize the Superintendent to approve travel and workshops up to a ceiling of \$175 per occurrence before requiring Board of Education approval.
18. *Motion by Mr. Momary, seconded by Ms. Lalavee* Approve the 2020-2021 Mansfield Township Board of Education Meeting Dates as listed.

Motion 5 to 10 and 13 to 18 were approved by one vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. *Motion by Mr. Rodriguez, and second by Mr. Rodriguez* and carried by 6-0-1 vote to approve. Ms Lalavee abstained:
 - December 12, 2019, Regular Session Meeting;
 - December 12, 2019, Executive Session Meeting

APPROVAL AGENDA PERSONNEL

1. *Motion by Mr. Momary, and second by Ms. Bertoldi* and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to Approve the retirement with regret for Georgianne Merlo effective August 31, 2020.
2. *Motion by Mr. Momary, and second by Ms. Bertoldi* and carried by a 7-0-0 vote

to Approve two ASL teachers, Jill Singleton and Melody Moyse, (deaf and hearing) from a school in Jersey City for observation on March 13, 2020, as recommended by the Superintendent.

3. **Motion by Mr. Momary, and second by Ms. Bertoldi** and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to Approve a classroom visit on April 7 or 8, 2020, Harley Rubino, a Jefferson Twp. High School sophomore, as recommended by the Superintendent.
4. **Motion by Mr. Momary, and second by Ms. Bertoldi** and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to Approve Karen Mele, substitute teacher, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Items 1 through 4 were approved by one motion.

APPROVAL AGENDA FINANCE

1. **Motion by Mr. Rodriguez and second by Ms. Bertoldi** and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to app bill list:
 - General Account: December 13, 2019, to December 31, 2019, bills list in the amount of \$780,019.40;
 - Referendum Account: December 13, 2019, to December 31, 2019, in the amount of \$0.00;
 - Cafeteria Account: December 13, 2019, to December 31, 2019, in the amount of \$0.00.
2. **Motion by Mr. Rodriguez and second by Ms. Bertoldi** and carried by a 7-0-0 vote approve Travel and Workshops as listed dated 1/2/20.

Items 1 through 2 were approved with one motion.

No Public Participation.

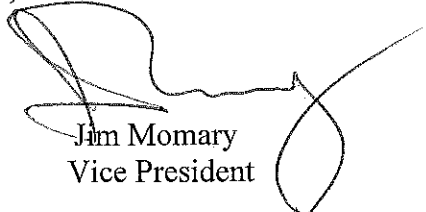
On a motion by Mr. Momary and second by Mr. Rodriguez, the BOE went into Exec Session on Personnel Matters at 7:21 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the Regular BOE meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: Reorganization Meeting February 20, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul DeAngelo
SBA/Board Secretary


Jim Momary
Vice President