

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 9, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Uhrig opened the June 9, 2011 Work Session Meeting of the Mansfield Township Board of Education at 7:02 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 20, 2011 and June 4, 2011, 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. Russell Uhrig  
Ms. Karri Sienna-Reyes  
Mr. John Bell  
Mr. Tim Barlow  
Ms. Tracey Janowski  
Mr. Jeff Stabile  
Mr. Jason Winch

Absent: Dr. Clancy  
Ms. Barbara Curto

Also present were: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Melitsky, and Ms. Roszkowski.  
Community: Approximately 100 community and/or staff members were present.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Kemp, Superintendent welcomed everyone to the Awards Night. The following Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr. Young, who served as a board member from 1998 to 2011:

*In sincere recognition of your years of dedicated service  
to the  
Mansfield Township School District  
as a board member and former vice president.*

## *We will miss:*

### **Your calm, thoughtful demeanor**

When faced with crucial issues, you were the one who could be relied upon to shift into attentive listening mode. You had the uncanny ability to intently process the arguments presented by both sides and to patiently sort through the facts before rendering a carefully reasoned opinion.

### **Your contributions**

As a key member of the personnel committee, negotiations team, and the facilities committee, your guidance was instrumental in maintaining fiscal responsibility, promoting staff morale, and foreseeing the need for the building expansion project to advance educational excellence in the Mansfield School District.

### **Your advocacy of special education**

Through the hours you dedicated to serving on the board of education, your participation in the Mansfield special education parent group, and your current endeavors with the Special Education Advisory Council, you have been the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. You have ensured that our students with special needs received the programs and staffing necessary for a beneficial educational experience. We could always count on you to be there to support the students, the parents, and the staff.

### **Thank you for leaving your unique fingerprint on Mansfield Elementary.**

The program was then handed over to Mr. Melitsky, Principal, who 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:                                                                                                                                                      | <b>STAFF RECOGNITION</b>        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elodie Kearny – Teacher of the Year.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                   |                                 |
| 2. Mr. Melitsky announced that this year’s Spelling Bee winner is Timothy Lemasters.                                                                                                                       | <b>SPELLING BEE<br/>WINNER</b>  |
| 3. Mr. Melitsky announced that this year’s Geography Bee winner is Russell Uhrig.                                                                                                                          | <b>GEOGRAPHY BEE<br/>WINNER</b> |
| 4. 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 <i>they</i> have | <b>PEER MEDIATORS</b>           |

the power to talk through their conflicts and solve things on their own, with a little help from their peers.

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, and it is such a pleasure working with these students every week.”

Mrs. Favreau encouraged all her “Mansfield Peer Mediators to continue on their journey as a mediator and become involved in the mediation program at the middle school next year.”

Mrs. Favreau thanked “all the Peer Mediators for their hard work this year and told them that she would miss all of them.”

The following students were this year’s peer mediators:

- Kristen Ahman
- Erin Barry
- Dana Croce
- Amanda Kelly
- Catherine O'Hagan
- Jeo Orais
- Anna Osadtsia
- Vladamir Ramirez
- Nia Shaw
- Todd Spender
- Matthew Valli
- Justin Watt
- Kinnley Youmans

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

**Grade 5:**

- Dylan Barlow
- Matthew Bautista
- Amanda Hicks
- Ryan Janowski
- Jack Knowles
- Mason Kurre

**JUNIOR NATIONAL  
YOUNG  
LEADER CONFERENCE  
NOMINEES**

- Sydney Lawrence
- Kate Peacock
- Parker Tilley
- Stephanie Veneziano
- Savana Uhrig
- Kylie Wester
- Katie Winch
- Saige Ziadie

**Grade 6**

- Kristen Ahman
- Matthew Fluta
- Sara Fontana
- Haley Jensen
- Kyle McShea
- Jonathan Rosenblum
- Todd Spender
- Sarvani Sutaria
- Samuel Teets
- Russell Uhrig
- Justin Watt
- Luciana Soares

6. Ms. Baker stated that “Wordmasters Challenge is the year-long program of word study that builds vocabulary and analogous reasoning skills. This year we taught Wordmasters in classes in second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, with over 150 students 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.” Several students have achieved national recognition.

**WORDMASTERS****Grade 6:**

- Jeo Orais - third place
- Jonathan Rosenblum - second place/National Honorable Mention
- Sam Teets – first place/National High Honors

**Grade 5:**

- Shannon Sloan – third place
- Spencer Leahy – second place/National Honorable Mention
- Kate Peacock – first place/National High Honors

**Grade 4:**

- Ryan Stabile and Amanda Kilyk – third place
- Braedon Laffan – second place
- Jason Teets – first place/National Honorable Mention

**Grades 2 and 3:**

- Melissa Carvalho and Kaitlyn Marsh – third place/National Honorable Mention
- Jordan Haytaian – second place/National Honorable Mention
- Madison Brady – first place/National Honorable Mention

This year our Mansfield Wordmasters Champion is a student who scored in the top eighteen students across the entire country, at her grade level – and she did this while actually working **above** her grade level, a second grader competing with the third grade division:

***National Highest Honors go to Sadie Pozarycki***

This year's medals for Outstanding Achievement in the Wordmasters Challenge go to our three students who received National High and Highest Honors:

- Sam Teets
- Kate Peacock
- Sadie Pozarycki

7. According to Ms. Baker, “In Continental Mathematics League contests, as with Wordmasters, each participant competes using grade-appropriate materials. In some grades we have only six participants, and in others we have as many as 30. 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. In grade levels where there were uneven numbers, some worked in groups of three.

**CONTINENTAL MATH  
LEAGUE**

Our younger groups rotated partners throughout the year; their scores represent their accumulated points across various pairs. The winners I will announce are all being recognized for school-wide competition, against all Continental Math League participants at all grade levels.”

**Third Place:**

- **PAIRS**          Nick Haffner & Spencer Leahy  
Braedon Laffan & Bryce Katstra  
Danielle Marzigliano, Anju Felix,  
& Shannon Vitale  
and  
C.J. Pettie & Andrew Reasor
- **SOLO**            Sydney Lawrence  
and  
Derek Farrell

**Second Place:**

- **PAIRS, we have a tie between the teams of:**  
Jason Tran & Justin Watt  
Tim Lemasters & Taylor Hoover  
And  
Amanda Hicks & Dayna Sansevere
- **SOLO, another tie between:**  
Michael Bogert  
And  
Julian Hame

**First Place:**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> place winners this year will each receive a medal for Outstanding Achievement in the Continental Mathematics League, and these individuals are:

- **PAIRS**          Luciana Soares and Sarvani Sutaria
- **SOLO**            Jason Teets

8. Ms. Baker, stated that “Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade debate team participated in the Annual Tournament held by the Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment. This year’s topic was Resolved: The consumption of bottled water should be discouraged.

**DEBATE TEAM**

I am proud of the outstanding performance of every one of our debaters. Other judges commented on their organization and preparedness, as every single one of our debaters earned county recognition. They won trophies in a competition against not just 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, but 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.”

Our negative team, arguing against the resolution, won third place:

- Michael Bogert
- Jack Andreas
- Taylor Hoover

Our affirmative team, supporting the resolution, won second place for the affirmative side.

- Luciana Soares
- Justin Watt
- Sam Teets

9. Mrs. Baker said, “I’m going to handle this one a little differently, by first calling up my guys and then telling their story:

**CHESS CLUB**

- Jonathan Rosenblum
- Michael Bogert
- Jason Tran
- Sam Teets
- Jason Teets
- Justin Watt

Mansfield Elementary has sent chess teams to the Warren County Consortium Tournament every year for the past eleven years. If you were here last year you may recall my saying they had surprised me with third place two years ago. Then last year I warned them not to get their hopes up, then they went on to win second place. Well, if you are seeing a pattern, so were they. I warned them that certain teams could not be beaten, that second is a good strong place to be – but they didn’t listen, which is a terrific thing because in February our Mansfield Masters of Chess won the Warren County Championship - **FIRST PLACE**.

After this victory they spent the next month not boasting or lording it over our younger players – instead they spent practice after practice coaching our less experienced players, so we could maintain the strength of the program as so many of these leaders are leaving us for middle school.

Then we had the opportunity to compete again, in a broader playing field. Last week, five of these young gentlemen called themselves the Mansfield Kings and competed in the NW NJ K-8 Chess Championship. There were 46 teams, with nearly 200 students participating, across two age division. In the 5th through 8th grade division, the Mansfield Kings came in fifth! Congratulations to Jonathan, Michael, Jason, Jason, and Sam!

Also, special congratulations to Michael Bogert, who individually was recognized as winning second place among the second-seated players.”

10. Ms. Baker stated, “Mansfield Elementary School hosted the 5th Annual Phabulous Physics Tournament for the Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment. For this event, third and fourth grade students study 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 ...

- Xander Reyes
- Braedon Laffaan
- Jason Teets

Our fifth and sixth grade students have a different challenge: They learn about the Four Forces of Aerodynamics: Lift, Gravity, Thrust, and Drag; then they design and construct paper airplanes to compete in various specific challenges. This year, we were represented by two different teams:

- The team of Sydney Lawrence, Chris Auer, and Mat Davis won third place in the event of maximum time aloft.
- The team of Amanda Hicks, Spencer Leahy, and Kate Peacock won first place in two different events, the events of target accuracy and greatest distance.”

11. Ms. Baker said, “For the past several years, our sixth graders have had the opportunity to participate in a unit on video production. This year, the following students worked together to create a video for the New Jersey Middle School Association on the theme: **Why teachers should believe in me.**

## VIDEO PRODUCTION TEAM



They had some challenges, with all the competing interests and projects and priorities of sixth grade, and pulling it together was a cumbersome process. Months later, we received a letter from Mark Majeski, the President of NJMSA:

‘The students at Mansfield Twp Elementary School did an outstanding job in relating their concerns as middle level students as well as demonstrating their technology skills. The administration and teachers at Mansfield Township Elementary School should be extremely proud of the accomplishments of these students.’ “

Ms. Baker presented certificates for Honorable Mention in the NJMSA Video Contest to:

- Jason Tran
- Luciana Soares
- Michael Bogert
- Taylor Hoover
- Sam Teets
- Jack Andrea
- Zak Salter

12. Ms. Baker stated, “This is the fourth year we have undertaken this challenge, which requires students to use the four digits in the year 2-0-1-1, and compose mathematically accurate expressions for every whole number from 1 to 100. For example, 11 can be represented by 10 plus 2 to the zero power.

**MATHEMATICS GAME  
2011**

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. We invited other schools across the county to compete with us, but honestly, they didn’t have a chance! Many teams showed excellent creativity in their computational skills, and all of our competitors expanded their understanding of algebraic procedures.

We will now recognize those teams who found solutions to at least 40 different numbers:

- Amanda Hicks and Allison Weissman, with 40 solutions
- Christopher Auer, competing solo, who found 41 solutions
- Sam Teets and Michael Bogert, who found 51 solutions

And, the medals for this year’s champions go to:

- Braedon Laffan and Jason Teets, with 56 solutions.”

13. Mr. Melitsky: “For the past several years, Mansfield School has recognized those students who have achieved perfect scores of 300 on the NJASK/PASS tests. These standardized tests are administered in grades 2 through 6.

**NJ ASSESSMENT OF  
SKILLS &  
KNOWLEDGE**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (NJ Pass 2 Math):**

- Kaitlyn Marsh

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (NJ ASK 3 Math):**

- Danielle Marzigliano
- Jason Teets

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade (NJ ASK 4 Math):**

- Amanda Hicks
- Sydney Lawrence
- Spencer Leahy
- Brian Rogalsky
- Allison Weissman

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade (NJ ASK 5 Math):**

- Michael Bogert
- Luciana Soares

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade (NJ ASK 6 Math):**

- CJ Knorr
- Samantha Thompson
- Justin Westley

**AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AWARDS CEREMONY, MR. UHRIG CALLED FOR A FIFTEEN-MINUTE RECESS. (7:45 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.).**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION by Mr. Winch, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by majority vote [with Mr. Stabile abstaining] that the Board approve the minutes of the following meetings:

**Minutes**

- May 26, 2011, Regular Meeting;
- May 26, 2011, Executive Session

**APPROVAL AGENDA****PERSONNEL**

1. **MOTION by Mr. Barlow, second by Ms. Janowski** 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**

<b>Preschool Teacher</b>	Marion Kelley (19 days) Debbie Shoremount (11 days) Michelle Zappula (19 days)	\$97.50/ day
<b>Paraprofessionals</b>	Heidi Noctor (15 days) Yamir Vitale (4 days)	\$37.50/ day \$35.00/ day
<b>Speech Therapist</b>	Debbie Shoremount (8 days)	\$97.50/ day
<b>OT</b>	Lisa Foster-Clark (8 days)	\$97.50/ day
<b>Physical Therapy</b> (max 8 hours)	To be contracted out at approximately	\$85.00 per hr.
<b>Nurse</b>	Colleen Hurley (19 days)	\$97.50/ day

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

<b>Leslie Fulmer Cook</b>	3 days	\$367.08/ day
<b>Debra Stenvall</b>	3 days	\$367.08/ day
<b>P. J. Raiello</b>	3 days	\$376.30/ day
<b>Deboranne Marley</b>	3 days	\$367.08/ Day
<b>Lisa Foster-Clark</b>	2 days	\$354.45/ day
<b>Faye Collins</b>	7 days	\$203.01/ day

3. **MOTION by Mr. Barlow, second by Ms. Janowski** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following CST Summer Eligibility/IEP Meeting personnel as recommended by the Superintendent: **CST Summer Eligibility Meetings**

<b>Leslie Cook</b>	2 days	\$367.08/ day
<b>Deboranne Marley</b>	2 days	\$367.08/ day
<b>Deboranne Marley</b>	9 hours (to attend meetings)	\$32.50/ hour
<b>Patti Jo Raiello</b>	No Cost	
<b>Speech Correctionist</b>	12 hours (to attend meetings)	\$32.50/ hour
<b>General Ed Teacher</b>	19 hours (to attend meetings)	\$32.50/ hour
<b>Special Ed Teacher</b>	19 hours (to attend meetings)	\$32.50/ Hour

- 4. **MOTION by Mr. Barlow, second by Ms. Janowski**, and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following salary adjustments for Faye Collins, effective September 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, as recommended by the Superintendent:

**Salary Adjustment**

- Longevity from \$250 to \$500 for a new contract total of \$41,256.00.

- 5. **MOTION by Ms. Janowski, second by Ms. Reyes**, and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve payment to Deboranne Marley for additional services provided to the CST Department on April 13, 2011, April 27, 2011, and May 25, 2011, at a per diem rate of \$339.67 for a total of \$1,019.01, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**Additional CST Work**

**Note:** The LD/TC position was cut from 5 days to 4. The days worked are over and above the contracted time allotted.

**APPROVAL AGENDA  
CURRICULUM/FACILITIES/POLICY**

- 1 **MOTION by Ms. Janowski, second by Mr. Bell** and carried by majority vote [Mr. Stabile, “No”] that the Board adopt the following resolution:

**Bills List**

**WHEREAS,** Assembly Bill 444, signed into law on May 26, 2011, disqualifies members of boards of education or members of charter school boards of trustees from serving in office if they have been convicted of certain crimes; and

**WHEREAS,** The statute also requires members to undergo criminal history background checks and to pay the cost of such investigations; and

**WHEREAS,** Assembly Bill 444 permits local boards of education to reimburse individual members for the cost of criminal history background investigations; and

**WHEREAS,** State law (N.J.S.A. 18A:12-4) prohibits the compensation of local board of education members; and

**WHEREAS,** Members of the Mansfield Twp. Board of Education devote significant time and substantial effort to the governance of the district’s public schools; and

**WHEREAS,** The Mansfield Twp. Board of Education believes that individual school board members, who are uncompensated, should be reimbursed for the cost the criminal history background investigations, which are necessary to continue serving in office. So, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Mansfield Twp. Board of Education authorizes reimbursement of individual members for the cost of the criminal history background investigations required by Assembly Bill 444; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Mansfield Twp Board of Education through its policy adoption process will add the following language to its Bylaws at File Code 9111, "Qualifications and Requirements of Board Members," Clause I:

- I. He/she has not been disqualified due to the conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1. In order to fulfill this requirement:
  1. Each member of the board of education, within 30 days of the election or appointment to the board shall undergo a criminal history background check investigation for the purpose of ensuring that the member is not disqualified for membership due to a conviction of a crime or offense pursuant to the statute listed above; and
  2. The board shall reimburse the member for the cost of the criminal history record check, including all costs for administering and processing the check.

And be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of Bylaws File Code 9111 as proposed be attached to this resolution.

2. **MOTION** by Ms. Janowski, second by Mr. Bell and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the first reading of the following policy:

**First Reading Policy  
9111**

- Policy 9111, “*Qualifications and Requirements of Board Members*”.

**APPROVAL AGENDA  
FINANCE**

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| 1. | <p><b><i>MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski</i></b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Treasurer’s and Secretary’s monthly financial reports as of April 30, 2011, with a balance of \$1,035,025.11.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Secretary/<br/>Treasurer’s<br/>Report</b> |
| 2. | <p><b><i>MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski</i></b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board adopt the following resolution:</p> <p>Resolve that after review of the Secretary’s Monthly Financial Report (appropriations section) and consultation of the appropriate district officials, this Board of Education certifies that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(b) for the month ended April 30, 2011, with a balance of \$1,035,025.11.</p> | <b>Certification</b>                         |
| 3. | <p><b><i>MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski</i></b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following bills lists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 27 to May 31, 2011, in the amount of \$270,209.80.</li> <li>• June 1, 2011 to June 9, 2011, in the amount of \$51,839.76.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Bills Lists</b>                           |
| 4. | <p><b><i>MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski</i></b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the June 9, 2011, Funds transfer report in the following amount/(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund 10        \$82,535.00</li> <li>• Fund 20        \$ 1,997.92</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Transfers</b>                             |
| 5. | <p><b><i>MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski</i></b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve Travel/Workshops per the June 9, 2011, Workshop Request.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Travel/<br/>Workshops</b>                 |
| 6. | <p><b><i>MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Ms. Janowski</i></b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve a contract with EarthSpec, LLC., for the 2011/2012 school year in the amount of \$11,488 for Transportation Consulting Services.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>EarthSpec, LLC.</b>                       |

**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.**

**DISCUSSION AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the June 9, 2011 Work Session ended at 8:13 p.m. on *motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Barlow* and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Roszkowski  
SBA/Board Secretary

Karri Reyes  
Vice President