

March 18, 2010

Mansfield Township Board of Education
Minutes Regular Meeting
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Call to Order

Mr. Stabile opened the March 18, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Mansfield Township Board of Education at 7:38 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, March 14, 2010, was posted in the municipal building and the school lobby, and is on file with the Township Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Jeff Stabile
 Mr. Richard Young
 Mr. John Bell
 Dr. Clancy
 Ms. Barbara Curto
 Ms. Tracey Janowski
 Mr. Kenneth Polakowski
 Ms. Kari Reyes
 Mr. Russell Uhrig

Absent:

Mr. Kemp, Ms. Roszkowski and nine community and/or staff members were present.

Communications

A letter from the Department of Agriculture was read regarding "Proposed State budget Cuts for School Lunch and Breakfast Programs for Fiscal Year 2011.

**Budget Cuts
 School Lunch &
 Breakfast
 Programs**

Administrative Report

Mr. Kemp reported on the status of the following items:

1. State aid was reduced \$430,000 and the budget is up by \$329,000. The 4% decrease was not based on the state aid figure from the previous year, but rather on total budget. The district actually lost 14% of state aid. We are faced with cutting \$565,000 from the budget. Cuts being considered are loss of staff, reduction of programs. There are lots of people suffering.

**State Aid
 Cuts/Budget**

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2. We are looking forward to moving on the windows replacement project. Quotes have been received for the removal of asbestos from the worksite and that result is on the agenda this evening.

**Windows
Project**

Public Participation

Miss Amy Richardi thanked Messrs. Kemp and Melitsky for meeting with staff earlier today regarding the budget. Staff appreciated the openness of the discussion with regard to state aid shortfalls and how it will affect their lives. Miss Richardi invited interested board members to join and work together with a willing staff to do everything possible to get the vote out.

**Working
together on
getting the vote
out**

Approval Agenda Personnel

1. **MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Bell** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education approve Kathleen Arat as a substitute teacher (criminal history check completed), as recommended by the Superintendent.

**K. Arat
Sub Roster**

Approval Agenda Finance

1. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Bell** and carried by unanimous roll call vote that the Board of Education approve FY 2010/2011 school district budget for submission to the County Office of Education and voters as follows:

**Budget
Submission**

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
General Fund	\$8,402,153	\$4,811,606
Special Revenue Fund	248,792	
Debt Service Fund	<u>429,963</u>	343,226
Total Base Budget	\$9,080,908	

*Included in the budget is a \$354,750 Capital Reserve Withdrawal for the purpose of replacing windows per State Project #2970-050-1002 and also SDA Project # 2970-050-09-00BN.

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2. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Bell** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution: **Award Asbestos Removal Contract**

Whereas, the Mansfield Township Board of Education has taken action to authorize execution and delivery of Grant Agreement SDA #2970-050-09-OOBN to New Jersey School Development Authority for Phase II, Windows Project; and

Whereas, the Mansfield Township Board of Education recognizes that asbestos must be removed prior to the commencement of the windows replacement project;

Whereas, the Mansfield Township Board of Education had solicited quotes for asbestos abatement in nineteen classrooms (identified as Area 1: 7 rooms, 1 work areas; Area 2: 7 rooms, 3 work areas; and Area 3: 4 rooms, 1 work area) and had received the following quotes:

- Greenwood: \$21,800
- B&G: \$28,500
- BAKO: \$36,240
- Netrix: \$69,000

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mansfield Township Board of Education award Greenwood Abatement of Butler, NJ, the contract for asbestos removal in 19 classrooms as per their quote in the amount of \$21,800.

3. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Bell** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education award a contract to RK Occupational & Environmental Analysis, Inc., Phillipsburg, NJ, for Professional Services in conjunction with Asbestos Abatement Specification and Project Management Services, in the amount of \$7,360. **RK Occupational & Environmental**

Public Participation

Ms. Kearney suggested that although she doesn't know what an Educational Showcase is, that she agreed holding one as we are in this thing together as we need to get good participation at the budget meeting. **Public Hearing on Budget**

Discussion

Mr. Stabile suggested that the March 25, 2010, meeting be cancelled; however, would like to have the Budget Committee meet with administration. **Meeting Cancellation**

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Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Curto, seconded by Mr. Bell and carried by all ayes that the March 18, 2010, Regular Meeting be adjourned.

(8:07 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Roszkowski
SBA/Board Secretary

Rich Young
Vice President