

May 27, 2010

**Mansfield Township Board of Education  
Minutes Regular Meeting  
May 27, 2010**

**Call to Order**

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Mr. Bell opened the May 17, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Mansfield Township Board of Education at 7:35 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 4, 2010, 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. John Bell  
Mr. Tim Barlow  
Mr. Jeff Stabile  
Mr. Russell Uhrig  
Mr. Richard Young

Absent: Dr. Clancy  
Ms. Barbara Curto  
Ms. Tracey Janowski  
Ms. Karri Sienna-Reyes

Also Present: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Melitsky, Ms. Roszkowski

Community: Four community and/or staff members were present.

**Communications**

The following letters were read:

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| <p>1. Father Zenon Boczek's May 19, 2010, letter thanking the Board for being such good neighbors and friends and for the kindness and support shown the students of their program. As a token of their gratitude for the Board's thoughtfulness and for extending a helping hand, a \$500 donation was enclosed.</p> | <b>Thank You</b>                                      |
| <p>2. Mayor Ted Tomaszewski's May 14, 2010, letter to Commissioner Schundler requesting reconsideration of the State's decision to withhold \$71,000 in aid to the school was shared.</p>                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Reconsider<br/>Withholding<br/>\$71,000</b></p> |
| <p>3. Parental request to allow children to remain to the end of school year.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Request</b>                                        |

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**Administrative Report**

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

1. Mr. Kemp advised the Board that the bid opening on the windows project was held on May 25, 2010, at 11 a.m.

**Windows  
Project**

Ms. Roszkowski gave the following results of the bid opening:

	<u>Rooms</u>	<u>DeSapio</u>	<u>Panoramic</u>
<b>Base Bid</b>	40, 42, 44, 46	\$137,700	\$125,000
<b>Alt. #1</b>	31, 33, 35	\$ 90,800	\$ 85,000
<b>Alt. #2</b>	30, 32, 34	\$ 87,800	\$83,000
<b>Alt. #3</b>	11, 13, 17, 19	<u>\$171,500</u>	<u>\$158,00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$487,800</u>	<u>\$451,000</u>

Ms. Roszkowski informed the Board that a signed grant agreement still had not been received. If the Board awards a bid tonight, then the Board will forfeit the State's 40% (or \$180,400) toward the project.

The State had been contacted and was told that both the State and the district would gain savings if the agreement were to be expedited. We were told that our application would be placed on top of the 200+ applications currently being considered and should hear from the State within two weeks. A follow-up call will be made next week to check on the status of the application.

A discussion was held with regard to options available to the Board. We currently have enough in the Capital Reserve Account to fund the project entirely; however, the Board was advised against "leaving \$180,400 on the table." There was apprehension whether the State would help themselves to the District's money again.

It usually takes 18 months after the completion of the project to receive the State's 40%.

If the signed agreement comes in within the next week, a Special Meeting could be held to award the bid.

2. The Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at the next Board Meeting

**Awards Night**

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3. There will be no school on June 1. The teachers will be having an in-service that day.
4. Graduation is set for June 18, 2010, at 7 p.m. All Board Members are welcome to attend and were asked to call the office if attending.
5. Race To The Top Application: The Governor has now offered an additional \$100,000 in Title I funds to schools who sign on. The deadline has been extended to Friday, May 28, 2010. The district has the option to sign on conditionally with the right to withdraw. There are 402 out of 600 schools that have signed on for round 2. The NJEA has just come out in support of the RTTT grant.

**Teachers' In-Service**

**Graduation**

**Race To The Top Grant**

Ms. Richardi had the letter of support from the NJEA available and felt confident that there would be support from the local if the Board decided to proceed conditionally. According to the letter all the egregious elements contained in the last round were removed, including tenure was to go back to three years and a day and merit pay would be based on multiple rubrics.

Mr. Uhrig felt that if the Governor is going to make schools do certain things anyway, why give away \$100,000?

It was discovered during the discussion that one page of the application said that the District could withdraw its name at any time while on another page it stated that the District could not.

**MOTION by Mr. Barlow, second by Mr. Uhrig** and failed by one vote that the Board of Education approve the Race to the Top Grant submission under the Conditional Memorandum of Understanding with the option to withdraw at any time.

## **Public Participation**

None

## **Consent Agenda**

1. **MOTION by Mr. Barlow, second by Mr. Uhrig** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings:
  - May 13, 2010, Work Session;
  - May 13, 2010, Executive Session.

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## Approval Agenda Finance

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| <p>1. <b>MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Uhrig</b> and carried by unanimous roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's and Secretary's monthly financial reports as of March 31, 2010, with a balance of \$1,154,221.50 and April 30, 2010, with a balance of \$1,052,646.73.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Secretary/<br/>Treasurer's<br/>Reports</b> |
| <p>2. <b>MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Uhrig</b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">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 months ended March 31, 2010, with a balance of \$1,154,221.50 and April 30, 2010, with a balance of \$1,052,646.73.</p> | <b>Certification</b>                          |
| <p>3. <b>MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Uhrig</b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education approve the following bills lists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 14, 2010, to May 27, 2010, in the amount of \$484,129.40.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Bills List</b>                             |
| <p>4. <b>MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Uhrig</b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education approve the following transfers as noted on the May 14, 2010, Transfer Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund 10: \$27,707.40</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Transfers</b>                              |
| <p>5. <b>MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Uhrig</b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education allow TH and MH to finish their last week of school at Mansfield Township School, as recommended by the Superintendent.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Students to<br/>Finish Year</b>            |
| <p>6. <b>MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Uhrig</b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a Savin copy machine, model #8045e, under State Contract #A-51464 from Atlantic Tomorrow's Office at a cost of \$4,000.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Copier<br/>Purchase</b>                    |
| <p>7. <b>MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Uhrig</b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education approve the disposal of Savin Model #8045 copy machine, Serial No. K9455700917, with \$0 book value.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Copier<br/>Disposal</b>                    |
| <p>8. <b>MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Uhrig</b> and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education approve Accept a donation from St.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Donation</b>                               |

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Theodore's Church in the amount of \$500 for the use of classrooms in the 2009/2010 school year.

9. **MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Uhrig** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board of Education award the gym lighting upgrade contract to pro-tech energy solutions, LLC. of Branchburg, NJ, at a cost of \$7,344.

**Lighting  
Upgrade**

The following quotes were received for this project:

- PowerPro Electric, \$7,375
- GreenTech Energy Services, \$8,273

## Public Participation

None

## Discussion

Mr. Kemp stated that according to plans developed during budgeting, money will be deposited in both the Capital Reserve and Maintenance accounts.

**Deposits to Cap  
Reserve &  
Maintenance  
Accounts**

## Adjournment

**MOTION by Mr. Uhrig, seconded by Mr. Barlow** and carried by all ayes that the May 27, 2010, Regular Meeting be adjourned.

(8:43 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Roszkowski  
SBA/Board Secretary

Richard Young  
Board Member