

**Mansfield Township Board of Education
Minutes Regular Meeting
February 26, 2009**

Call to Order

Mr. Stabile opened the February 26, 2009 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, April 26, 2008 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. John Bell
Ms. Barbara Curto
Ms. Tracey Janowski
Mr. Kenneth Polakowski
Ms. Kari Reyes
Mr. Russell Uhrig
Mr. Richard Young

Absent: Ms. Diane Margolin

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

Communications

The following letters were read by Ms. Roszkowski:

1. Roberta Wohle’s January 28, 2009 letter informing the district that it has been determined by the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs that the “Mansfield Township School District Meets Requirements.”
2. Dr. Brennan’s January 26, 2009 letter informing the district that “a waiver regarding the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)” was granted for the subsequent year because “the district provided reliable evidence that, for the subsequent year, it will have 30 or fewer Medicaid eligible classified students.”

**Special Ed
Programs**

**SEMI Waiver
Granted**

Administrative Report

1. Kindergarten registrants for the 2009/10 school year stand at 66 as of today. We pick up more students as the summer progresses and expect about 90 students.

Kindergarten

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| 2. | Mansfield students won a third place trophy in the Chess Tournament. The participants were thrilled with the achievement. | Chess
Tournament |
| 3. | The Book Fair, sponsored by the PTA, was extremely well attended. They did a great job. | Book Fair |
| 4. | The district is working with Borealis. They have donated computers to the district in the past. Today, we met with two representatives. We are exploring how we could benefit from a conference phone. As Borealis makes polymers for electrical lines, we explored the possibility of presenting lessons and doing experiments with polymers. | Partnership with
Borealis |
| 5. | Governor Corzine sent a notice to schools stating that he is looking for \$75 million. We were not told where he is taking this money from. | School Funding |
| 6. | Computer issue letters were issued to parents. An independent person was brought in to look at the computers. All computers were found to have no inappropriate material. | Computers |

Public Participation

None

Consent Agenda

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| 1. | MOTION by Mr. Bell, second by Ms. Reyes and carried by majority vote that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meeting: | Minutes
Approval |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 12, 2009, Regular Meeting [Abstain: Mr. Polakowski]. | |

Approval Agenda Finance

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| 1. | MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Bell and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following bills list: | Bills List |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 23, 2009, to January 31, 2009, in the amount of \$280,189.19; • February 1, 2009, to February 28, 2009, in the amount of \$1,353,997.60. | |
| 2. | MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Bell and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve Fund 10 transfers in the amount of \$525.00 as listed on the February 26, 2009, report. | Funds
Transfers |

- 3. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Bell** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 12 noon, as the date and time for the drawing of ballot positions for the April 21, 2009, election. **Drawing for Ballot Position**
- 4. **MOTION by Ms. Reyes, second by Mr. Bell** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the February 26, 2009, Travel Report. **Travel**

Public Participation

None

Discussion

- 1, Mr. Bell reported that he contacted the JCP&L Public Relations Department regarding funding for solar panels. No return calls were received. He will call again tomorrow. **Solar Energy**
- 2. Mr. Uhrig said that an email regarding discontinuing the DARE Program was received. In his opinion, DARE is a proven program. He spoke of the importance and value of a program such as this. **DARE**

Other Board Members agreed that this program was valuable and did have a positive impact on children. Mr. Stabile felt that the children should feel comfortable with a police officer in their presence and asked Mr. Kemp to check how many hours and how much money would be needed to continue this program.

Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Curto, seconded by Mr. Bell and carried by all ayes that the February 26, 2009 Regular Meeting be adjourned.

(7:55 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Roszkowski
SBA/Board Secretary

Rich Young
Vice President