

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Stabile, Board President, opened the May 8, 2008 Work Session at 7:00 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. Richard Young
Mr. John Bell
Ms. Barbara Curto
Ms. Tracey Janowski
Mr. Kenneth Polakowski
Ms. Karri Sienna-Reyes (left 7:29 p.m., returned 7:35 p.m.)
Mr. Russell Uhrig

Absent: Ms. Diane Margolin

Also present were: Dr. Seipp, Mr. Kemp and Ms. Roszkowski.
Community: Three community and/or staff members were present.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Seipp reported that:

- 1. The district will be featured in Atlantic City at the NJASA Spring Conference on May 15. This year’s conference theme is “Leadership and the Age of Accountability.” Ms. Roszkowski will be co-presenting a session entitled “Making the Most of Debt Service Aid.” **PRESENTATION**
- 2. The Spring Concert is scheduled for May 15, 2008 at 7 p.m. Dr. Seipp invited all Board Members to attend. **SPRING CONCERT**

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3. A Kindergarten Orientation meeting will be held on May 14, 2008 in the school with parents and children in attendance. **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**
4. The DARE graduation will be hold on May 23. **DARE**
5. Appreciation and a thank you were extended to the PTA for supplying food during Staff Appreciation Week. They did a wonderful job. **STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

Dr. Seipp noted that she does not like to call this celebration Teacher Appreciation Week; however, likes to call this "Staff Appreciation Week" as every one is needed to make the school run.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Bell, second by Ms. Reyes and carried by majority vote [with Ms. Curto abstaining] that the Board approve the minutes of the April 24, 2008 Re-Organization/Regular Meeting. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

APPROVAL AGENDA PERSONNEL

1. *MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Ms. Reyes* and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve D. Gizis as long-term sub for B. Summit effective May 12, 2008 through June 30, 2008, at a rate of \$75 per day for the first twenty consecutive days and then, on the 21st consecutive day, on the first step of the guide, as recommended by the Superintendent. **D. GIZIS LONG TERM SUB**
2. *MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Bell* and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve non teaching staff members as per Schedule A, attached. **NON TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS**

PRESENTATION - LAND

Mr. Kemp gave background information with regard to the how and why the district was given approximately 22 acres of land by the town; what steps had been taken to date to secure the land and what steps still need to be taken beyond the acquisition. A recommendation was made to purchase title insurance which

would cost approximately \$800. The newly-acquired land would be insured under the school's umbrella policy for liability issues. The insurance agent indicated that there would be no additional cost to add on the tract of land.

It was noted that Mr. Kemp and Mr. Wanous walked the entire property and found all the points mentioned in the environmental study. An inquiry was made as to the cost to remove two abandoned 500 gallon oil tanks if they are, in fact, on the district's side of its property. People are using the property for dumping garbage and there is evidence of parties being held on the property.

An agreement was drafted by the Board Attorney. Both the Township Attorney and the Board Attorney worked on same. The Township has already signed the Agreement. The Board already invested approximately \$20,000 to date on environmental studies, surveys, legal advice, title searches. It was recommended that the acquisition be finalized. The property will be purchased for \$1. If some Board at a later date decides that the property would not be used, then ownership would revert back to the Township.

A question and answer period followed. Mr. Kemp will be checking with a Township Official as to whether the two trailers parked in the vicinity of the property are owners of the nearby property.

PUBLIC

1. Ms. Kearney remarked that it was an expensive \$1 purchase. LAND
2. Ms. Richardi mentioned the wonderful Resources Fair recently held at the school. It was well attended and should be held again in a few years as she heard positive commentary. RESOURCES FAIR

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Bell** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board must consider matter(s) involving personnel and individual privacy the disclosure of which could constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy; and

WHEREAS, the deliberation of such considerations may be held in private under the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn to executive session to discuss the above-mentioned matter(s) to the exclusion of all others. If an action results, it will be taken following re-entry into regular session.

(Time: 7:38 p.m.)

- 2. **MOTION by Mr. Young, second by Ms. Reyes** and carried by unanimous vote that the Board return to Regular Session. (8:06 p.m.) **Reconvene to Public Session**
- 3. **MOTION by Mr. Uhrig, second by Mr. Bell** that the Board accept Dr. Seipp's resignation as Superintendent effective August 31, 2008. **Dr. Seipp Resignation**

Mr. Young requested that the motion be amended as follows:

Accept Dr. Seipp's resignation as Superintendent with extreme regret, fond memories, and wishes for a happy retirement effective August 31, 2008.

Messrs. Uhrig and Bell agreed to the revision. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further business to discuss, the May 8, 2008 Work Session ended at 8:10 p.m. on *motion by Ms. Curto, seconded by Mr. Bell* and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Roszkowski
SBA/Board Secretary

Mr. Young
Vice President