

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
May 7, 2024

7:30 - Public Budget Hearing

Mansfield Township Board of Education

Constance Quinn, President	Jonathan Lemp	Jonathan Rood
Linda Watters, Vice President	Alison Lorentson	Jennifer Rosenblum
Judy Irwin	Diane Margolin	James J. Winand

Call to Order - Ms. Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Roll Call - Mr. DeAngelo, Board Secretary conducted Roll Call. The following members of the Board of Education were present:

MOTION:					SECOND:				
Name	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Name	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Constance Quinn President	X				Linda Watters Vice President	X			
Judy Irwin	X				Jonathan Rood				X
Jonathan Lemp	X				Jennifer Rosenblum	X			
Alison Lorentson	X				James J. Winand	X			
Diane Margolin	X								

Others in Attendance - Dr. McCartney, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. John Melitsky, Principal. Ms. Diana Mai, (New MTSD CSA effective 7/1/2024) was also in attendance. There was one staff member in attendance, Patti-Jo Raeillo.

First Executive Session - None

Call to Order - Ms. Quinn opened the Public Budget Hearing meeting.

President's Announcement - Ms. Quinn read the Statement of Advance Notice.

Statement of Advance Notice

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, The Mansfield Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the

date, time and place thereof posted in the Mansfield Township Municipal Building and sent to the following newspapers: *The Express Times*.

Pledge of Allegiance - Ms. Quinn conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Report - No Report.

Interim Superintendent Report

Dr. McCartney and Mr. DeAngelo conducted the budget hearing and presented the final 2024-2025 Mansfield Township School District Budget after the Personnel Items were approved by the BOE.

Public Comment - None

Action Items - Consent Agenda

Approval Agenda

Chair: Alison Lorentson

Personnel Committee - Recommended Action(s)

On a Motion by Ms. Lorentson and seconded by Ms. Watters, Items 1 - Personnel was approved by the Mansfield Township Board of Education with an 8-0-0 roll call vote. Ms. Rosenblum asked about the Visitor Center Position for which Dr. McCartney mentioned the position will be restructured in the 2024-2025 School Year.

1. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 staff members, as listed:

Employee Name	Position Title/Subject
Mai, Diana	Superintendent/CSA
Melitsky, John D	Principal
DeAngelo, Paul	Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Heymann, Denise	Confidential Administrative Assistant to Superintendent
Cosme, Mercedes	Confidential Secretary to Principal
Ortiz, Samantha	Visitor's Center Secretary
Teets, Jennifer A	Educational Technology Specialist
Sliker, Megan	Confidential Secretary to CST
Allen, Joshua	Custodian
Kady Iv, Joseph	Custodian
Reber, Danielle	Part-Time Custodian
Allen, Julie	Sub-Custodian
Cocuzza, Dominick	Sub-Custodian
Addison, Lisa A	Teacher/Elementary
Baggerly, Laura	Teacher/Elementary
Baker, Kristin E	Teacher/Elementary
Bennett, Kaylee	Teacher/Elementary

Bridygham, Angela M	Teacher/Special Ed
Burton, Erin A	Teacher/Special Ed
Byrne, Ruth C	Teacher/Art
Cagnassola, Jennifer A	Teacher/Music-Instrumental
Cocuzza, Michele J	Teacher/Special Ed
Codey, Susan B	Teacher/Elementary
Deo, Beth A	Teacher/Special Ed
Diaz, Caitlin	Teacher/Special Ed
Dombroski, Aliana	Teacher/OT/PT
Donaldson, Selena	Teacher/Elementary
Endrizzi, Kristen	Teacher/Elementary
Eresman, Jessica	Teacher/ESL
Favreau, Lauri E	Guidance/Guidance
Florentine, Robin D	Teacher/Elementary
Fontana, Marlene	Teacher/Elementary
Foster-Clarke, Lisa	Teacher/OT/PT
Francisco, Corin J	Teacher/Elementary
Gensheimer, Lizabeth S	Teacher/Special Ed
Gilmartin, Heather	Teacher/Elementary
Hahn, Stephanie A	Teacher/Elementary
Herner, Eric	Teacher/Health/PE
Iaione, Robin J	Teacher/Elementary
Isemann, Joan	School Nurse
Jacoby, Kathleen C	Teacher/Sign Language
Janowski, Tracey L	Teacher/Elementary
Jeppson, Melissa M	Teacher/Health/PE
Kemp, Amy	Teacher/Special Ed
Kent, Kaitlin E	Teacher/Elementary
Linus, Lauren	Teacher/Elementary
Lynott, Andrea	Teacher/Special Ed
Magnuson, Matthew R	Teacher/Speech
Maida, Herminia	Teacher/Special Ed
Margolin, Anne	Teacher/Elementary
Marley, Deboranne V	Teacher/LDTC
Marmorato, Elizabeth T	Teacher/Special Ed
Mattison, Kathleen M	Teacher/Special Ed
Mccrea, Erin	Teacher/Elementary
McPhillips, Donna	Teacher/Elementary
Mele, Karen	Teacher/Elementary
Micucci, Jennifer A	Teacher/Special Ed
Morello, Christina J	Teacher/Elementary
Morgan, Eric J	Teacher/Health/PE
Navas, Monica A	Teacher/Elementary
O'Brien, Laurie A	Teacher/Elementary
Piccione, Tori	Teacher/Elementary
Putignano, Kristi N	Teacher/Special Ed

Quinones, Lizette	Teacher/ESL
Salvo, Debra A	Teacher/Elementary
Sassaman, Erin	Teacher/Special Ed
Samuels, Danielle	Guidance/Guidance
Scheiner, Beth H	Teacher/Elementary
Shipley, Jessica	Teacher/Elementary
Slate, Tanya L	Teacher/Music-Vocal
Snyder, Kayte	Teacher/Elementary
Summitt, Rebecca L	Teacher/Elementary
Sylvester, Kaeleen	Teacher/Speech
Tironi, Dawn	Teacher/Elementary
Townsend, Heather L	Teacher/Elementary
Tyson, Marc A	Teacher/Elementary
Urban-Raiello, Patti Jo	Psychologist
VanDien, Richard	Teacher/Elementary
Wilkinson, Michele A	Teacher/Special Ed
Wilson, Gregory J	Teacher/Elementary
Zarro, Erica L	Social Worker
Burrows, Claudia M	Paraprofessional
Cicala, Jennifer	Paraprofessional
Creedon, Donna	Paraprofessional
Cummins, Terri	Paraprofessional
Maze, Barbara	Paraprofessional
Montgomery, Kathleen M	Paraprofessional - Retirement 9/30/2024
Osman, Rebecca C	Paraprofessional
Profita, Michelle L	Paraprofessional
Sylvester, Thomas	Paraprofessional
Thomas, Melissa	Paraprofessional
Valli, Giovanna M	Paraprofessional
Vitale, Yamir	Paraprofessional

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Judy Irwin	X				Jonathan Rood				X
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Alison Lorentson	X				James J. Winand	X			
Diane Margolin	X								

Approval Agenda

Chair: James Winand

Facilities/Finance Committee - Recommended Action(s)

On a Motion by Mr. Winand and seconded by Ms. Lorentson Items 1 and 2 were approved with an 8-0-0 roll call vote.

1. Motion to approve by a Roll Call Vote the Final Budget for School Year 2024-2025 and Budget Resolution

**Mansfield Township Board of Education
Adoption of the Final Budget for School Year 2024-2025**

BE IT RESOLVED that the final budget be approved for the 2024-2025 school year:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024-2025 Total Expenditures	\$11,490,874	\$357,000	\$463,225	\$ 12,311,099
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 5,149,367	\$357,000	\$173,863	\$ 5,680,230
Taxes to be Raised	\$ 6,341,507	\$ 0	\$289,362	\$ 6,630,869

Ms. Lorentson asked about transportation and Salaries of Teachers item 11000 on the Budget, not budgeted in 2023-2024, now budgeted in 2024-2025. Mr. DeAngelo addressed the transportation contractor, Logic 54, who are responsible for maximizing the school buses for reimbursement. Dr. McCartney discussed the length of time a student rides and every student is assigned a seat on the bus, and asked that any bus issues be brought to our attention.

2. Motion to approve by a Roll Call Vote - the amount of district taxes needed to meet the obligations of the Board of Education beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, is \$6,341,507 for General Fund Current Expense and \$289,362 for Debt Service Fund.
Current Expense: Twelve payments of \$528,458.91 on the fifteenth (15th) of every month for a total of \$6,341,507.

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Constance Quinn President	X				Linda Watters Vice President	X			
Judy Irwin	X				Jonathan Rood				X
Jonathan Lemp	X				Jennifer Rosenblum	X			
Alison Lorentson	X				James J. Winand	X			
Diane Margolin	X								

Public Comment

Mr. John Melitsky, Principal, discussed the great things happening at Mansfield Township School.

- Past Friday, May 3rd, Warren Hills Student Enrichment students revisited Mansfield.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, May 8th and 9th - Student Artwork will begin lining the hallways.
- PTA Variety School on Friday, May 10th.
- Police Day is May 13th. A discussion ensued regarding students attending the police event. Dr. McCartney finalized the discussion stating that this program alt not to be decided by the staff. .
- Mother's Day
- 7:00 Band
- PD - Vertical Articulation and Ed Camp Model for professional development.
- Mr. Melitsky discussed the State Assessment presented by Dr. McCartney at the April 16, 2024 BOE meeting included but not limited to Lincoln Quote, School Performance - Improvements, 70% Chronic Absentees, Growth Scores, NJ.com article on student performance at 30%. Warren is 39th and Mansfield is 12th.
- Mr. Melitsky discussed the NJSLA Testing that is occurring at Mansfield Township School District and thanked Ms. Teets. The Testing schedule is:
 - Grades 5th & 6th Testing on April 29th - May 3rd
 - Grades 3rd & 4th Testing on May 6th - May 20th
 - Grades 5th Science Testing on Same week as Grades 3rd & 4th

Ms. Lorentson mentioned the PTA "Bring someone dance."

Ms. Quinn made a motion to close the public comment number two.

New Business - None.

Old Business - None.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

Thursday, May 16, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Second Executive Session - On a motion by Linda Watters and second by Ms. Quinn, the Board of Education adjourned to closed session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the board of education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Mansfield Township Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- 1) Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule
- 2) Pending Litigation

- 3) Personnel Matters
- 4) Matters of Attorney/Client Privilege
- 5) Confidential Student Matters

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mansfield Township Board of Education reserves the right to discuss such other matters rendered confidential by law should the need arise; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Action may be taken.

On a motion by Ms. Quinn, seconded by Ms. Lorentson, the Board of Education adjourned from Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

Recommended Action - Adjournment - On a motion by Ms. Watters and seconded by Ms. Irwin the Board of Education adjourned from the Public Budget Hearing with an 8-0-0 roll call vote at 8:53 p.m.

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Judy Irwin	X				Jonathan Rood				X
Jonathan Lemp	X				Jennifer Rosenblum	X			
Alison Lorentson	X				James J. Winand	X			
Diane Margolin	X								

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Paul DeAngelo
SBA/Board Secretary

Mrs. Linda Watters
Vice-President