

Mansfield Township Board of Education



October 7, 2024

7:00 p.m. Executive Session

7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Call to Order - Mrs. Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call - Ms. Morris, Acting Business Administrator, conducted Roll Call. The following members of the Board of Education were present:

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

Others in Attendance

Ms. Diana Mai, Superintendent,

Ms. Kelly Morris, Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary,

There were community members in attendance.

First Executive Session

On a motion by Ms. Watters and seconded by Ms. Quinn, the Board of Education adjourned to closed session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss personnel and attorney/client privileged matters.

Voice Vote. All Yes.

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. *Personnel Matters*

2. *Attorney/Client Privileged 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 and seconded by Ms. Lorentson, the Board of Education returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

Voice Vote. All Yes.

Call to Order - *Ms. Quinn opened the public BOE meeting at 7:30 p.m.*

President's Announcement

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, on the District website, and on the front door of the school on October 3, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance - Constance Quinn

Communications and Petitions (If required) – *None*

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only - *None*

Public comments are invited on matters pertaining only to the agenda action items at this time. All participants shall be given three (3) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or his designee. Please let the record reflect that the BOE does not endorse your comments nor will the BOE be held liable for comments you make about a staff member, or other person, which the staff member, or other person, may consider defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you. The Board will hear all public comments and then close the public comment session and respond if appropriate.

Approval Agenda

Chair: Alison Lorentson

Personnel Committee - Recommended Action(s)

1. Motion to accept the resignation of John Melitsky, Principal, with an effective date of November 30, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.
2. Motion to accept the resignation of Eric Herner, Teacher, with an effective date of October 11, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ms. Watters asked if a replacement will be hired for Mr. Herner. Ms. Mai replied that a search for a replacement will be done.

3. Motion to approve the appointment of the below Substitute Teachers, as presented, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Alexis DeLeon	Effective immediately; pending paperwork
Rosa-Marie Solomon	Effective immediately; pending paperwork

On a Motion by Ms. Lorentson, seconded by Mr. Rood, the above Personnel Items were approved as presented by the Mansfield Township Board of Education with a 7-0-0 roll call vote.

Public Comment - None

Public comments are invited on matters pertaining to the district at this time. All participants shall be given three (3) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or his designee.

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Future Board Meeting Dates:

Thursday, October 17, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Recommended Action - Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Rood and seconded by Ms. Rosenblum, the Board of Education adjourned from the Regular Meeting at 7:34 pm. Voice Vote. All Yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Morris
Acting Board Secretary