BOARD OF EDUCATION

Borough of Manasquan

The Combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, in the Manasquan High School Charles Raffetto Media Center, 167 Broad Street, Manasquan, New Jersey.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **48-Hour Notice**
   Opening Statement: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-10, notice of this meeting being held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, has been provided by publication in the Asbury Park Press, the Coast Star and posted in the Borough Hall of Manasquan and in the schools within the time limits prescribed by law.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Pollock asked everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Roll Call**

Marion Ahern	William Dibble	Jane Losinger (Avon)
Bruce Bolderman	Rebecca Herbert (Belmar)	Jaime Malone
Eugene Cattani	Alexander Levin	Alexis Pollock
David D'Ambrosio (Brielle)	Joseph Loffredo	Alfred Sorino

Marion Ahern	*William Dibble*	*Jane Losinger (Avon)*
Bruce Bolderman	*Rebecca Herbert (Belmar)- absent*	*Jaime Malone*
Eugene Cattani	*Alexander Levin*	*Alexis Pollock*
David D'Ambrosio (Brielle)	*Joseph Loffredo - absent*	*Alfred Sorino*

Also Present: Mr. Goodall, Superintendent of School; Dr. Pete Crawley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Jesse Place; Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Tara Tholen-Lobel, Assistant Business Administrator; Gabrielle Pettineo, Board Attorney

QUORUM REACHED

Ms. Pollock read the Mission Statement and the Statement to the Public.

5. **Mission Statement**
   Manasquan School District empowers all students by providing a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment where continual growth, perseverance, and rigorous academic standards are balanced with extensive extra-curricular opportunities and rich tradition through partnership with community.

6. **Statement to the Public**

Often times it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases by unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then placed on the agenda at the next Combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Board meeting. The members of the Board work with the administration and the Superintendent of Schools to assure that they fully understand the matter. After discussion during the Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting, the matter is focused on during the Regular Public Board Meeting agenda and presented to the Board of Education for a vote.

Dr. Crawley administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Student Board Representatives.

7. **Student Board Representatives' Report**
   - **Oath of Office**
   - **Elementary School**
     - **Caroline Ahern**
     - **Audrey Stout**
   - **High School**
     - **Rose Healey**
     - **Kettler Robinson**
     - **Findleigh Tuite**
     - **John Visceglia**

The Student Board Representatives provided an update on sports, academics, arts, and student life at Manasquan High School and Elementary School.

8. **Presentations**
   - **Directors' Reports**
     - **Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Jaclyn Puleio**

Ms. Puleio provided an update on summer curriculum work, new courses, personalized professional development, and the Manasquan School District evaluation model 2.0.

     - **Director of School Counseling Services – Lesley Kenney**

Ms. Kenney provided an update on the school counseling department and the CLI and Academy community partnerships.

     - **Director of Special Services – Cindy Cimino**

Ms. Cimino provided updates on the extended school year program, pre school program, special education and related services, SEPAG and Dynamic Learning Maps.

9. **Acceptance of Minutes**

Ms. Pollock asked for a motion to accept and approve the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Sorino, seconded by Ms. Ahern, to accept and approve the minutes as specified in Item #9.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0); Abstain (1) Mr. Bolderman; Absent (2) Mr. Loffredo, Mr. Sorino

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Pollock opened the public forum on agenda items.

Recommend acceptance and approval of the minutes of the Combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Public Meeting and Closed Executive Session of August 18, 2026. Executive Session Minutes will be withheld from disclosure until such time as the reasons for discussing and acting on a matter in closed executive session no longer exists.

10. **Public Forum on Agenda Items**
    Time may be allocated for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker may be allotted a limited time when recognized by the presiding officer. In the event it appears the public comment portion of the meeting may exceed 45 minutes, the presiding officer may limit each statement made by a participant to 3-5 minutes duration. Individuals wishing to address the Board shall be recognized by the presiding officer and shall give their names, addresses and the group, if any, that they represent. Although the Board encourages public participation, it reserves the right, through its presiding officer, to terminate remarks to and/or by any individual not keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. In order to ensure all members of the public who wish to participate are afforded a timely and orderly opportunity to do so, the Board may not answer questions posed by those making comments. The Board may address questions posed during this period once all members of the public wishing to speak have done so. The Board will not respond to questions from the public involving employment, appointment, termination of employment, negotiations, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific or prospective or current employee. This public forum is limited to comment on items included in this agenda only.

Ms. Pollock closed the public forum on agenda items, seeing no comments from the public. Ms. Pollock opened the second public forum on any topic on the agenda or otherwise.

11. **Public Forum**

Ms. Pollock closed the second public forum.

12. **Discussion Items September 15, 2026 (*Denotes Action Item on This Agenda)**

- **Education, Curriculum, & Technology**
  - **Curriculum Committee Report – Jaime Malone**

Ms. Malone provided an update on the Curriculum Committee meeting.

- **Personnel – To be Discussed in Executive Session***

Mr. Goodall stated that personnel will be discussed in executive session.

- **Finance**
  - **Opening of School**

- **2027 BOE Meeting Schedule**

- Peter Crawley, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the Manasquan Public School District, certifies that no line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

  Peter Crawley
  School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dr. Crawley provided a brief update on facilities and the proposed 2027 BOE meeting calendar.

13. Superintendent's Report & Information Items

Recommend approval of the following resolution to designate October 23rd through October 31st as "School Violence Awareness Week/Red Ribbon Weeks"

WHEREAS, the Manasquan Board of Education values the health and safety of all of our students, and;

WHEREAS, substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers – accidents, homicides, and suicides, and;

WHEREAS, it is the goal of School Violence Awareness Week/Red Ribbon Weeks and the Manasquan School District to involve families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign and establishes an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug and alcohol use, and;

WHEREAS, the School Violence Awareness Week/Red Ribbon Weeks Campaign theme promotes family and individual responsibilities for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles, without illegal drugs and alcohol or the illegal use of drugs and alcohol, and;

WHEREAS, the Manasquan School District shall plan activities in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week Campaign which supports awareness, education and promoting a healthy lifestyle for the students and families of the Manasquan School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Manasquan Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 23rd to 31st 2026 as "Red Ribbon Week."

- **School Violence Awareness Week** – Since 2003, schools and districts have been observing School Violence Awareness Week during the week beginning with the third Monday in October, which is October 19-23, 2026, as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1. To help school districts, charter schools and approved private schools for students with disabilities comply with the requirements for School Violence Awareness Week, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has provided guidance that is available online at: http://www.nj.gov/education/students/safety/sandp/climate

- **Week of Respect** – Additionally, the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L.2010, c.122) requires that the week beginning with the first Monday in October (October 5-9 in 2026) of each year be designated as a "Week of Respect" in New Jersey. School districts and charter schools (but not approved private schools for students with disabilities), in order to recognize the importance of character education, are required to observe the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing harassment, intimidation or bullying (HIB). Several resources were provided by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).

- **Enrollment - As of September 11, 2026 – Document A**
  - **Total Enrollment — 1,274**
    High School: 793
    Elementary School: 481

Mr. Goodall reported on the enrollment for the month.

- **Attendance Comparison, Fire Drill Reports, Bus Evacuation Reports, Suspensions & Tardy Reports– Document B**
  - **High School/CLI:**
    August 13th — Shelter in Place Drill
    August 20th — Fire Drill

  - **Elementary School: (N/A)**

Mr. Goodall reported that we have met all mandated state requirements for bus evacuations and fire and safety drills.

- **HIB Monthly Report – (N/A)**
  - **High School: No Report for the Month**
  - **Elementary School: No Report for the Month**

Mr. Goodall reported that there were no HIB reports in high school or elementary school.

- **Class of 2026 Graduation Pathways (Report pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.2(f))**

Category	Students
Total Graduated	220
Graduated by successfully completing the statewide assessment tests	169
Graduated under the substitute competency test process	20
Graduated under the portfolio appeals process	29
Received State-endorsed high school diplomas as a result of meeting any alternate requirements for graduation as specified in their IEPs	2
Denied graduation from the 12th grade class	0
Denied graduation from the 12th grade class solely because of failure to pass the high school assessments, substitute competency tests, or portfolio appeals process.	0

- **Report of Acts of Violence, Vandalism, and Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying; Reporting Period January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46, as per Document C.**

- **Board of Education & District Goals, 2026-2027**

  - **Goal #1 – MHS Student Attendance**
    Board Goal:
    The Manasquan Board of Education, in collaboration with the Superintendent and High School Principal, will support the implementation of strategies to improve student attendance during the 2026–2027 school year, with a focus on reducing chronic absenteeism for all students. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #2, Objective 5.)
    Superintendent's Goal:
    The Superintendent of Schools, with the High School Principal and appropriate district and school-based staff, will implement and monitor strategies to improve student attendance during the 2026–2027 school year. The focus will be on reducing chronic absenteeism for all students below 10%, using attendance data, early outreach, individualized attendance supports, family engagement, and interventions designed to promote consistent school attendance. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #2, Objective 5.)
  - **Goal #2 – MHS Athletics & Activities Culture**
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    The Manasquan Board of Education, in collaboration with the Superintendent, High School Principal, and Supervisor of Athletics, will support efforts to strengthen a positive and supportive culture across athletics and extracurricular activities during the 2026–2027 school year, with a focus on student participation, leadership, belonging, and contribution to the school community. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #1, Objective 2.)
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    The Manasquan Board of Education will support the implementation at Manasquan Elementary School of a targeted attendance initiative aimed at reducing chronic absenteeism across the grade levels. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #2, Objective 5.)
    Superintendent's Goal:
    The Superintendent, with the school leadership of Manasquan Elementary School, will reduce chronic absenteeism during the 2026-2027 school year to under 9% for daily attendance. The administrative team will collaborate with nursing and counseling staff to address any barriers and provide ongoing monitoring and problem-solving to assist in meeting this goal. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #2, Objective 5.)
  - **Goal #2 – MES Communication**
    Board Goal:
    The Manasquan Board of Education will support the staff of the Manasquan Elementary

School in the goal of improving communication with the school community and transitions for key grade levels. This will include increasing the frequency, timeliness, and quality of communications as well as development of transition programs for grades 5 and 6. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #5, Objective 1.)

- **Superintendent's Goal:**
  The Superintendent, with the school leadership of Manasquan Elementary School, will establish a communication plan that includes scheduled weekly updates and a more comprehensive monthly newsletter with information regarding academics, athletics, arts, and other programs. These communications will be targeted to the informational needs of the elementary school community as well as designed to promote positive events at the school for transparency. The school will also provide presentations to assist students in transitioning to middle school in both grades 5 and 6. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #5, Objective 1.)
- **Goal #3 – Capital Initiatives & Project Closeout**
  Board Goal:
  The Manasquan Board of Education will support the district administration in facilitating the final closeout phase of the capital initiatives funded by the January 2023 bond referendum and the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP). The Board, in collaboration with administration, counsel and construction professionals, will ensure regulatory compliance and the successful legal and financial closeout of all related projects and accounts. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #4, Objective 2.)
  Superintendent's Goal:
  The Superintendent, with the Business Administrator and construction team, will coordinate to bring renovations and upgrades related to the 2023 bond referendum and Energy Savings Improvement Plan projects to a formal end. This will involve carrying out all necessary steps to manage and oversee remaining contractual obligations, complete detailed financial reconciliation, and navigate the necessary legal processes to close out all projects and related accounts. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #4, Objective 2.)
- **Goal #4 – Technology**
  Board Goal:
  The Manasquan Board of Education is committed to ensuring that our schools provide students and staff with access to high-quality digital instructional resources that support teaching and learning while promoting fiscal responsibility. As the district continues to expand the use of digital instructional tools, software platforms, and online subscriptions, it is important to ensure that these resources are effectively utilized, aligned with instructional goals, and managed efficiently. The Board of Education, in collaboration with the administration, will conduct an inventory and analysis of instructional software titles, digital platforms, and subscription-based resources currently used throughout the district. This review will identify patterns of use, evaluate the effectiveness and value of existing resources, and inform future purchasing decisions by reducing unnecessary duplication and ensuring that technology investments support district instructional priorities. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #3, Objective 3.)
  Superintendent's Goal:

The Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Technology Coordinator, and building administrators will lead the effort to conduct a district-wide inventory of instructional software applications, digital learning platforms, and subscription-based instructional resources utilized by students and staff. This inventory will identify the purpose, grade levels served, licensing information, and level of utilization for each resource. Usage data and stakeholder input will be analyzed to determine whether resources are being effectively implemented, underutilized, or duplicated across departments or schools. Based on this analysis, the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Technology Coordinator will develop recommendations for consolidating resources where appropriate, eliminating redundant or low-use subscriptions, and establishing a sustainable process for evaluating future software purchases and renewals to maximize instructional impact and fiscal efficiency. (Aligned with Strategic Plan Goal Area #3, Objective 3.)

Mr. Goodall, Dr. Crawley and Mr. Place provided a brief update on the 2026/2027 Board and District goals.

Recommend approval and acceptance of the Superintendent's Report.

Ms. Pollock asked for a motion to approve the Superintendent's Report.

Motion was made by Mr. Levin, seconded by Mr. D'Ambrosio, to approve and accept the Superintendent's Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (10); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (2) Ms. Herbert, Mr. Loffredo

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Pollock asked if anyone needed anything separated out on Manasquan General Items #14 - #20.

Motion was made by Mr. Bolderman, seconded by Mr. Sorino, to approve and accept the Manasquan General Items #14 - #20

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (8); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (1) Mr. Loffredo

MOTION CARRIED

MANASQUAN
General Items

14. **Recommend** approval of the acceptance of the following parent paid tuition student in the Integrated Pre-K 4 Program, at the yearly tuition rate established by the Board of Education for the 2026/2027 school year. Tuition contracts are on file in the business office.
    Student ID# 6262487970

15. **Recommend** approval of MOESC to conduct a Bilingual Speech/Language Evaluation of Elementary School special education student #426709 at a rate of $695 per evaluation.

Professional Days

16. **Recommend** approval of the **attendance** of staff members at conferences/workshops, as per **Document 1.**

Student Action

Field Trips

17. **Recommend** approval of the field trips, as per **Document 2.**

Placement of Students on Home Instruction

18. **Recommend** that the following student(s) be placed on home instruction, as requested by Guidance or the Child Study Team and approved by the school physician: **None for the Month**

Placement of Students Out of District

19. **Recommen**d approval of the revised 2026-2027 External Placement list that reflects tuition and transportation costs, as per **Document 3.**

20. **Recommend acceptance** of the following **Elementary School Central Funds Report** for the month ending **AUGUST 31, 2026**, as per **Document 4.**

Ms. Pollock asked if anyone needed anything separated out on the Manasquan Sending District Items #21- #41.

Ms. Pollock asked for a motion for Manasquan/Sending District Items #21- #41.

Motion was made by Mrs. Malone, seconded by Ms. Losinger, to approve the Manasquan/Sending District Items #21- #41.

Roll Call Votes: Ayes (10); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (2) Ms. Herbert, Mr. Loffredo

MOTION CARRIED

MANASQUAN/SENDING DISTRICTS

General Items

Secretary's Report/Financials

21. **Recommend acceptance** of the following **Financial Reports**, **High School Central Funds Report, Purchase Orders and Payment** and **Confirmation of Bills (Current Expense) and (Capital Expense).**

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of **AUGUST 2026** no budgetary appropriations account has obligations and payments, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education of the Borough of Manasquan.

Be it Resolved; that the amount of district taxes, excluding debt services requirements, needed to meet the obligations of this Board for the next eight weeks is **$3,316,606.00** and that Manasquan Borough Council is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys that amount within the 30 days in accordance with the statutes relating thereto.

Be It Resolved: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c)3 the Board of Education of the Borough of Manasquan accepts the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's certification as of **AUGUST, 2026** that no budgetary appropriations account has obligations and payments, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the borough of Manasquan Board of Education.

Recommend acceptance of the Secretary's Financial & Investment Report and the Treasurer's Report, for the month ending **AUGUST 31, 2026**, as per **Document D**. (The Treasurer of School Moneys Report for the month of AUGUST 2026 is on file in the Business Office and is in balance with the Secretary's Report).

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, we the members of the Board of Education of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, after having reviewed the Report of the Secretary and upon consultation with the appropriate officials, certify that as of **August 31, 2026**, it is to the best of our knowledge that no major account fund has been expanded and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and that the Board of Education further approves the transfers made with line item accounts of the current expense portion of the 2026-2027 budget for **AUGUST** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, as per **Document D**.

Purchase Orders for the month of **AUGUST 2026** be approved**,** as per **Document E.**

Recommend acceptance of the **Cafeteria Reports, as per Document F (N/A) – No Report for the Month**

(C) Be it Resolved: that the **Bills (Current Expense)** in the amount of **$3,122,185.15** for the month of **SEPTEMBER, 2026** be approved. Record of checks **(#59608** through **#59725)**, and distributions are on file in the Business Office.

Confirmation of **Bills (Current Expense)** for **AUGUST, 2026** at **$1,980,570.14** and checks **(#59471** through **#59607)**.

22. **Recommend** acceptance of the following High School Central Funds Report for the month ending **AUGUST 31, 2026**, as per **Document G**.

23. **Recommend** approval of the following 2026-2027 Monmouth Vocational School District placements:

Students	Tuition/ Student	Placement	Total Cost
Student ID# 6149352425	$3,568	Shared-Time Regular Programs	$3,568

24. **Recommend** approval of the continued acceptance of the following Wall Township Board of Education resident student in Manasquan High School for the 2026-2027 school year, previously approved as a shared-time tuition student, at the per pupil tuition rate of $23,663.00, in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act:
    - Student ID: 4866867012 – Grade 10

25. **Recommend** approval of the 2027 Board of Education meeting schedule, as per **Document H**.

26. **Recommend** approval to join the Title III Consortium run by lead district Belmar Elementary School.

27. **Recommend** approval of the Agreement for the Provisions of Education Services for the 2026-2027 school year with MOESC, as per **Document I**.

28. **Recommend** approval of the donation of a portable treatment table in the amount of $473.01, donated by the Manasquan Gridiron Club.

29. **Recommend** approval of the donation of an end zone camera system for the Manasquan High School football program, with a total purchase cost of $5,810.00. Donated by Mr. Mark Herrmann, Mr. Greg Kapalko, Manasquan Gridiron Club.

30. **Recommend** approval of the agreement with Noble Productions for the MHS Junior Prom, as per **Document J**.

31. **Recommend** approval to use the services of **Dr. Rajeswari Muthuswamy of Center for Behavior health,** licensed Psychiatrist, to conduct psychiatric evaluations at a rate of $700 per evaluation**.**

32. **Recommend** approval to use the services of **Dr. Richard Worth**, licensed Psychiatrist, to conduct psychiatric evaluations at a rate of $700 per evaluation**.**

33. **Recommend** approval of the following donations to the Manasquan Schools Development Fund for the yearly banner fundraiser:

School Craft	$800
Spirit of 76	$800

34. **Recommend** approval to submit the application to the New Jersey Department of Education for participation in the Systems for Tiered Reading and Ongoing Growth in Early Reading (STRONG-ER) initiative.

35. **Recommend** approval of the contracted services agreement with BDO Consulting Services LLC to provide professional development for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost not to exceed $4,300.00.

36. **Recommend** approval of the contracted services agreement with Go Teach Consultants LLC to provide professional development for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost not to exceed $14,400.00.

37. **Recommend** approval of acceptance of a donation to the Manasquan High School Fishing Club in memory of Robert S. Wood from the following:
    - Waltsak Family - $100.00

38. **Recommend** approval of the following 2026-2027 Manasquan Board of Education and Superintendent Goals:

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Professional Days

39. **Recommend** approval of the **attendance** of staff members at conferences/workshops, as per **Document K**.

Student Action

Field Trips

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Placement of Students on Home Instruction

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Ms. Pollock asked if there was any old or new business they would like to bring before the Board.

42. **Old Business/New Business**

Ms. Pollock asked for a motion to enter executive session.

Motion was made by Mr. Bolderman, seconded by Ms. Ahern, and approved by voice vote for all those present in favor to enter executive session at 6:59pm.

43. **Executive Session**

WHEREAS, the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A*. 10:4-6, *et seq*., (the "Act") provides that the Manasquan Board of Education hold an "Executive Session" from which the public is excluded to discuss matters that are confidential or are one of the nine (9) subject matters listed in Section 12(b) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Superintendent that the Manasquan Board of Education go into Executive Session on this date in Manasquan, New Jersey, to discuss matters that are permissible for discussion in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be thirty (30) minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business; and

WHEREAS, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the following subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Manasquan Board of Education that the Board shall go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

_X_ 1. Confidential Matters per Statute or Court Order (Special Education Student Matter)
___ 2. Impact Rights to Receive Federal Funds
___ 3. Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy
___ 4. Collective Bargaining
___ 5. Acquisition of Real Property or Investment of Fund
___ 6. Public Safety Procedures
_X_ 7. Litigation or Contract Matters or Att./Client (OCR Complaint)
_X_ 8. Personnel Matters (Hiring, Resignation)
___ 9. Imposition of Penalties Upon an Individual

ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL RESULT IN BOARD ACTION WHEN THE BOARD RECONVENES TO PUBLIC SESSION.

Ms. Pollock asked for a motion to reconvene.

Motion was made by Mrs. Malone, seconded by Mr. Dibble, to reconvene the meeting at 7:21pm and approved by voice vote by all those in favor to reconvene the meeting.

44. **Roll Call**

Marion Ahern	*William Dibble*	*Jane Losinger (Avon)*
Bruce Bolderman - absent	*Rebecca Herbert (Belmar)*	*Jaime Malone*
Eugene Cattani	*Alexander Levin*	*Alexis Pollock*
David D'Ambrosio (Brielle)	*Joseph Loffredo- absent*	*Alfred Sorino*

QUORUM REACHED

Ms. Pollock asked for a motion to approve the Manasquan Personnel Item #45

Motion was made by Mr. Sorino, seconded by Mrs. Ahern, to approve the Manasquan Personnel Item #45

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (8); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (1) Mr. Loffredo

MOTION CARRIED

MANASQUAN
Personnel

45. **Recommend** approval of the Elementary School personnel as per **Document 5.**

Ms. Pollock asked for a motion to approve the Manasquan/Sending District Personnel Item #45.

Motion was made by Mr. D'Ambrosio, seconded by Mr. Levin, to approve the Manasquan/Sending District Item #46..

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (10); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (2) Ms. Herbert, Mr. Loffredo

MOTION CARRIED

MANASQUAN/SENDING DISTRICTS
Personnel

46. **Recommend** approval of the High School personnel as per **Document M**.

Ms. Pollock asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Mr. Dibble, seconded by Mrs, Malone, and approved by voice vote for all those present in favor to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm.

47. <u>Adjournment</u>
Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Pete Crawley, Ed.D Board Secretary