MANASQUAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Borough of Manasquan

The Special Action Meeting of the Manasquan Board of Education was held in the Manasquan High School Media Center, 167 Broad Street, Manasquan, New Jersey, on Thursday, March 13, 2014.

Mr. Pellegrino called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the Opening Statement.

1. Call to Order

Opening Statement: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-10, notice of this meeting 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.

Mr. Pellegrino requested that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Donna BossoneMichael Forrester (SLH)Alfred Sorino - absentJack CampbellMark Furey (Belmar)Tedd Vitale (Brielle)Kenneth Clayton - absentHeather Garrett-MulyJames Walsh - absentLinda DiPalmaThomas PellegrinoPatricia Walsh

Also Present: Renae LaPrete, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Michael Gross, Board Attorney; Sandi Freeman, Recording Secretary

Mr. Pellegrino noted for the record that Mr. Clayton and Mr. Walsh are traveling and Mr. Sorino is expected to arrive shortly.

Mr. Pellegrino read the Mission Statement and Statement to the Public.

4. Mission Statement

Manasquan School District's mission is to empower students to reach their potential and become life-long learners. We strive to ensure that students play an active role in their education, are guided by rigorous academic standards aligned with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and function within the community that regards student, educators, and parents as full participants in the educational process. We dedicate ourselves to the realization of a supportive learning environment that nurtures growth, personal integrity and mutual respect.

5. 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 referred to the appropriate Board committee. The members of the Board committee work with the administration and the Superintendent of Schools to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the committee is satisfied with the matter, it is presented to the Board of Education for discussion before any final action is taken. Only then is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting. In rare instances, matters are presented to the Board of Education for discussion at the same meeting that final action may be taken.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mission Statement

Statement to the Public Mr. Pellegrino opened the Public Comment on Agenda and read the following statement.

6. Public Comment on Agenda

Time may be allocated for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker may be allotted a limited time when recognized by the presiding officer. 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. During the public participation portions of this meeting, 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.

Mr. Pellegrino closed the Public Comment on Agenda, seeing no comments from the public.

Mr. Pellegrino asked to group Manasquan Motions – Item #7 and #8.

Motion was made by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Bossone, to approve Manasquan Motions – Items #7 and #8.

<u>Discussion</u>: Mrs. Walsh asked that an explanation be given for the benefit of the public as to why the district is purchasing these items. Ms. LaPrete explained the Non-Public Technology process and funding received by the district that is used for the purchase of material and equipment for the eligible non-public schools in the district.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (6); Nays (0); Absent (3) Mr. Clayton, Mr. Sorino and Mr. Walsh MOTION CARRIED

General Items

Recommend approval of the following item to be purchased from CDWG by Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission for Hill & Dale School, 6 Osborne Avenue, Manasquan, NJ under the N.J. Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program:

 (1) HP CLJ Pro 400 M451DN Printer Item #2608562
 \$394.01

8. Recommend approval of the following items to be purchased from Apple Inc. by Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission for St. Denis School, 119 Virginia Ave., Manasquan, NJ, under the N.J. Nonpublic Technology Initiative Program:

H9139VC/A Kanex ATV Pro HDMI to VCA Adapter with Audio Support \$59.95 MD199LL/A Apple TV \$99.00 Total \$158.95

Mr. Pellegrino asked to group Manasquan/Sending District Motions – Items #9 through #12.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiPalma, seconded by Mrs. Bossone, to approve Manasquan/Sending District Motions – Items #9 through #12.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0); Absent (3) – Mr. Clayton, Mr. Sorino and Mr. Walsh MOTION CARRIED

General Items

9. Recommend approval to request a waiver of compliance with respect to the Manasquan School District's participation in the Special Education Medicaid (SEMI) Program for the 2014-2015 school year. (Participation would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2014-2015 budget.)

Public Comment on Agenda (continued)

Manasquan Motions – Items #7 and #8

Non-Public Technology Purchase Hill & Dale School

Non-Public Technology Purchase St. Denis School

Manasquan/ Sending District Motions #9 through #12

2014-2015 SEMI Waiver Request

- 10. Recommend approval to rescind the resignation on Dominic Carrea, Interim Business Administrator.
- 11. Recommend approval of Jesse Place as the Custodian of Public Records beginning March 3, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

Personnel

12. Recommend approval to pay Jesse Place a stipend of \$6,000.00 as the Custodian of Public Records beginning March 3, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

Mr. Pellegrino opened the second Public Forum.

13. Public Forum

Michelle LaSala, 44 Parker Avenue, Manasquan, commented on behalf of the Concerned Manasquan Taxpayers and asked for confirmation that the state approval is for the design of the plan only and that the funding is not yet in place for the entire plan.

Mrs. LaSala spoke on behalf of herself and referred to her previous requests to the Board to investigate unauthorized directives given to hire professionals to perform services.

- Mr. Pellegrino said that the budget would be discussed at the March 27th meeting.
- Mr. Pellegrino closed the Public Forum seeing no additional comments from the public.
- Mr. Pellegrino read the following statement prior to the Board entering into Executive Session.

14. Executive Sessions

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 may 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 at 7:45 p.m., to discuss matters that are permissible for discussion in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be ninety minutes to two hours after which the public meeting of the Board shall not reconvene and not 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:

Confidential Matters per Statute on Court Order
 Impact Rights to Receive Federal Funds
 Numarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy
 Acquisition of Real Property or Investment of Fund
 Rublic Safety Procedures
 Litigation or Contract Matters or Att./Client Privilege
 Resonnel Matters
 Imposition of Penalties Upon an Individual

Rescind Resignation D. Carrea

J. Place – Custodian of Public Records

J. Place – Stipend for Cust. of Public Records

Public Forum

Executive Session

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

Mr. Pellegrino said the Board would not be returning to take further action after the Executive Session and there would be no additional Public Forum.

15. Public Forum

Motion was made by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Forrester, and approved by voice vote of all those present to enter into Executive Session.

16. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Executive Session (continued)

Motion to Enter Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Renae LaPrete

Interim Superintendent of Schools