

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Borough of Manasquan

*The Regular Open Business Meeting of the Manasquan Board of Education was held in the Manasquan High School Media Center, 167 Broad Street, Manasquan, New Jersey, on Tuesday, December 3, 2013.*

*Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Call to Order

*Mr. Bauer requested that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Roll Call**

Julia Barnes (Brielle)

Linda DiPalma

Michael Shelton

Thomas Bauer

Michael Forrester (SLH)

Katherine Verdi

Jack Campbell

Mark Furey (Belmar)-left at 7:00

James Walsh

Kenneth Clayton

Thomas Pellegrino – left at 7:00

Patricia Walsh

returned at 8:25

Roll Call

*Also Present: Renae LaPrete, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Dominic V. Carrea, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Michael Gross, Board Attorney and Sandi Freeman, Recording Secretary.*

*Mr. Bauer 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.

Mission Statement

**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.

Statement to the Public

*Mr. Bauer opened the Public Comment on Agenda Items 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.

Public  
Comment on  
Agenda Items

*Mr. Bauer closed the Public Comment on Agenda seeing no comments from the public.*

**MANASQUAN/SENDING DISTRICTS**

*Mr. Bauer asked for a motion to approve Manasquan/Sending District Motions – Items #7 through #9.*

Manasquan/  
Sending  
District  
Motions  
Items #7 - #9

**General Items**

7. **Recommend** acceptance of funds in the amount of \$220.10 from the purchase of HS obsolete textbooks by Follett Educational Services.
8. **Recommend** acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$2,746.00 from the MHS Girls' Basketball Team for the purchase of Women's Home and Away Uniforms.
9. **Recommend** approval to purchase the additional service of PUBLICACCESSOnline in the amount of \$395.00 to work in conjunction with the district's online Strauss Esmay service. This represents an addendum to the DistrictOnline Contract-PUBLICACCESSOnline with Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP, Toms River, NJ.

Funds from  
obsolete book  
sale

Donation for  
MHS Girls'  
Basketball  
Uniforms

PUBLICASSESS  
Online –  
Strauss  
Esmay

*Motion was made by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, to approve Manasquan/Sending District Motions – **Items #7 through #9.** (MEB/SDR)*

*Discussion: None*

*Roll Call Vote: Ayes (12), Nays (0) **Motion Carried***

Motion to  
Approve  
Items #7 - #9

*Mr. Bauer asked for a motion to approve Manasquan/Sending District Motion - Item #10.*

Manasquan/  
Sending  
District Motion  
– Item #10

10. **Recommend** approval of the following Meeting Schedule of the Manasquan Board of Education. All meetings will take place at 7:00 P.M. in the Manasquan High School Auditorium unless otherwise noted:

**January 9, 2014 – Annual Reorganization Meeting**

**January 23, 2014 – High School Media Center**

**February 20, 2014**

**March 20, 2014 – Elementary School Cafeteria**

**April 24, 2014**

**May 22, 2014**

**June 26, 2014**

Board Meeting  
Schedule

*Motion was made by Mr. Pellegrino, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, to approve Manasquan/Sending District motion – **Item #10** as revised above. (MEB/SDR)*

*Discussion: It was suggested by Mr. Walsh to approve the January 9<sup>th</sup> Reorganization Meeting and hold off on approving the other meeting dates until further discussion and review by the Board.*

*Mr. Fury asked if the Thursday meeting dates would continue because of the board attorney's*

availability. Mr. Gross said that he had flexibility in his schedule. Motion was revised to only approve the January 9, 2014 – Annual Reorganization Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (12), Nays (0) **Motion Carried**

Mr. Bauer asked for a motion to approve Manasquan/Sending District Motions – Items #11 through #15.

**Personnel**

11. **Recommend** approval for **Lisa Gallo** to work as a Part Time Payroll Clerk, a minimum of 2 days a week, at a daily rate of \$173.91 beginning December 2, 2013.

12. **Recommend** approval of the appointment of **John Driscoll** for the following positions for the 2013-2014 SY on an as needed basis:

**Detention Proctor** – Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday – 2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. - \$31.00/hour

**Saturday Detention Proctor** – 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. - \$31.00/hour

13. **Recommend** approval of the updated steps and salaries of the following faculty and staff:

<b><u>Lou Certo</u></b>	-	Step 8D - \$65,000.00 - employee previously approved on October 17, 2013 at correct step but incorrect dollar amount
<b><u>Laura Harper</u></b>	-	Step 3M - \$20,200.00 pro-rated 40% - employee previously approved on October 17, 2013 at incorrect pro-rated amount
<b><u>Harry Harvey</u></b>	-	Step 11M - \$75,130.00 - employee previously approved on October 17, 2013 at correct dollar amount but at incorrect step
<b><u>Carolyn Treney</u></b>	-	Step 7B - \$57,000.00 - employee previously approved on October 17, 2013 at correct dollar amount but at incorrect step

**Paraprofessionals\***

<b><u>Wendy Bigley</u></b> (Clerical)	-	Step 4 - \$19.88/hour – 7 hours
<b><u>Dorothy Gerlach</u></b> (Clerical)	-	Step 4 - \$19.88/hour – 7 hours
<b><u>Donya Manovill</u></b> (Instructional)	-	Step 4 - \$19.88/hour – 7 hours

\*The updated hourly rates reflect no change in the approved 2013-2014 total salaries

14. **Recommend** approval of the appointment of **Elizabeth Walling**, PLR.HS.LTRP.01.01, as an Instructional Paraprofessional, long term replacement, beginning December 9, 2013 (or sooner) through February 20, 2014 at Step 1 - \$18.23/hour for 7 hours each day. (Pending criminal history approval)

15. **Recommend** approval of Dr. Pamela Puryear to provide Special Ed. Services to student #172093 as per recommendation of sending district, 2 x 30 min. per wk., from 9/9/13 to 11/11/13, @ \$35.00 per hour. (Sea Girt responsible for payment)

Motion was made by Mr. Shelton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve Manasquan/Sending District Motions – **Items #11 through #15.** (MEB/SDR)

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Items #11 - #13 & #15 – Ayes (12), Nays (0)

Item #14 – Ayes (10), Nays (0), Abstain (2) Mr. Bauer and Mrs. Verdi

**Motion Carried**

Board Meeting  
Schedule  
(continued)

Manasquan/  
Sending  
District –  
Item #11 - #15

P.T. Payroll  
Clerk  
L. Gallo

Detention  
Proctor –  
J. Driscoll

Updated Steps  
& Salaries

Instr. Para-  
Professional  
E. Walling

Special Ed.  
Services  
Dr. Puryear

Motion to  
approve Items  
#11 - #15

Mr. Bauer asked for a motion to approve Manasquan/Sending District Motion – Item #16.

**Athletics**

**16. Recommend** approval of the following non-paid volunteer(s) for the 2013-2014 SY:

- Michael Crann** - Assistant Wrestling Coach
- John Menafr** - Assistant Wrestling Coach
- David Hallion** - Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- Jackie Bauer** - Assistant Swim Coach - (pending criminal history background check and substitute certification)

Motion was made by Mr. Pellegrino, seconded by Mr. Furey, to approve Manasquan/Sending District Motion – **Item #16.** (MEB/SDR)

**Discussion:**

Mrs. Verdi questioned Jackie Bauer's appointment to the Assistant Swim Coach volunteer position and the substitute certification. Mr. Bauer reported the certification was received today. Ms. LaPrete provided details of the appointment and the requirements being met by Ms. Bauer.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes (11), Nays (0), Abstain (1) Mr. Bauer

Abstain (1) Mrs. Walsh on Jackie Bauer only based on her disagreement with the policy that permits parents to coach teams participated in by their children. **Motion Carried**

Mr. Bauer asked for a motion to approve Manasquan/Sending District Motions – Items #17 through #21.

**17. Professional Days**

**Recommend** approval of the **attendance** of staff members at conferences/workshops indicated below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Sub</u>	<u>Cost</u>
October 25, 2013 and March 14, 2014	Lauren Gilbert	Rutgers Univ., Scotch Plains	Teacher meetings	Yes	None
November 13, 2013	Barbara Kerensky	Monroe	PARCC Workshop	No	\$149 registration
December 6, 2013	Jesse Place	Eatontown	NJDOE Presentation on STEM	No	\$149 registration \$6.88 mileage
December 6, 2013	Margaret Polak Robert Kehoe	New Road School, Lakewood	Treatment of common childhood psychiatric disorders	No	\$6.93 mileage
December 11, 2013	Dina Elms, Lauren Gilbert, Alicia Narucki	The Culinary Ed Center, Asbury Park	Presentation on programs and admission procedures for the vocational programs	No	None
December 16, 2013	Jesse Place	Hamilton	PARCC Technology Readiness Regional meeting	No	\$21.89 mileage

Manasquan/  
Sending  
District Motion  
#16

Non-Paid  
Coaching  
Volunteers

Motion to  
Approve  
Item # 16

Manasquan/  
Sending  
District Motion  
Items #17 –  
Items #21

H.S.  
Professional  
Days

**Student Action****18. Field Trips**

H.S. Field Trips

**Recommend** approval of the field trips listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Sub</u>	<u>Other Board Costs</u>	<u>Other Fund</u>
October 26, 2013	Lisa Crowning	Academic Team	Monsignor Donovan High School	To participate in a National History Bowl	No	\$300 transportation	None
November 15, 2013	Jill Santucci	Peer Leaders	First Presbyterian Church, Manasquan	MHS peer leaders will train 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade peer leaders	Yes	None	None
November 27, 2013	Alan Abraham	Band	Mallard Park	Annual Bonfire Parade Performance	No	\$200 transportation	None
December 4 & 11, 2013	Lisa Crowning	Academic Team	Biotech High School	To compete in an academic tournament	No	\$300 transportation each trip	None
January 9, February 20, March 13, April 10, 2014	James Freda	Science	Jackson Liberty High School	NJ Science League tests in Chemistry & Physics	No	\$450 transportation	None
February 22 & 23, 2014	James Fagen	Model UN	Seton Hall Univ.	Model UN Conference	No	\$600 transportation each day	School Acct.
March 2, 2014	Alan Abraham	Band	Belmar	St. Patrick Day Parade	No	\$472 transportation	None
March 8, 2014	Alan Abraham	Band	Seaside Heights	St. Patrick Day Parade	No	\$472 transportation	None
March 11 & 12, 2014	James Fagen	Model UN	St. Peter's Univ.	Model UN Conference	No	\$600 transportation each day	School Acct.
May 24, 2013	Alan Abraham	Band	Bradley Beach	Memorial Day Parade	No	\$400 transportation	None

**19. Placement of Students on Home Instruction**

H.S. Home Instruction

**Recommend** that the following student(s) be placed on home instruction, as recommended by the Child Study Team:

#1660	Spring Lake Hgts.	Grade 12	October 17, 2013 – November 17, 2013 (Medical)
#151072	Brielle	Grade 11	October 14, 2013 – TBD (Medical)
#161540	Brielle	Grade 10	November 13, 2013 – TBD (Medical)
#171998	Belmar	Grade 9	November 19, 2013 - TBD (Medical)

**20. Placement of Students Out of District**

<u>Student</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
#132074	11/11/2013	Collier High School	\$51,332.40 (prorated) Belmar responsible for tuition

H.S. Out of  
District  
Placements

**21. Financials**

**Recommend acceptance of the following High School Central Funds Report for the month ending October 31, 2013 as per Document 1.**

H.S. Central  
Funds Report  
Document 1

*Motion was made by Mr. Shelton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve Manasquan/Sending District Motions – Items #17 through #21. (MEB/SDR)*

*Discussion: None*

*Roll Call Vote: Ayes (12), Nays (0)      Motion Carried*

Motion to  
Approve Items  
#17 - #21

*Mr. Bauer opened the Public Forum.*

**22. Public Forum**

Public Forum

*David Eareckson, 301 Old Bridge Road, Brielle, said he was here tonight as a sending district resident and parent of a high school student. He read a memo he wrote to Ms. LaPrete and Mr. Bauer based on his experience as the Board's engineer that expressed his concerns with the athletic field project. Mr. Eareckson also prepared a PowerPoint that he asked to present with the permission of the Board.*

*Mrs. Walsh commented that this would set a bad precedent and should not be permitted since he is speaking as a member of the public and made his point very clear in his memo. She suggested that he e-mail the presentation to the Board.*

*Mr. Bauer suggested also posting it on the website. Mr. Bauer said that he did not have a problem with providing ten minutes of the meeting to view the PowerPoint presentation.*

*Mrs. Walsh again stressed that this sets a very bad precedent to allow a member of the public as part of the public forum to present a PowerPoint presentation that has not been reviewed by any member of the Board.*

*Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Verdi agreed with Mrs. Walsh.*

*Mr. Gross said that this could be allowed by the Chair.*

*Mr. Bauer agreed that it would be up to the presiding officer to make the decision but had no problem polling the Board. A vote of yes would be for Mr. Eareckson to commence with the presentation.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

*Ayes (6) Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Bauer, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. DiPalma, Mr. Forrester, Mr. Shelton  
Nay (6) Mr. Clayton, Mr. Furey, Mr. Pellegrino, Mrs. Verdi, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Walsh  
Given a tie vote, as the presiding officer, Mr. Bauer said to proceed with the PowerPoint.*

Vote to  
approve  
presentation  
by Mr.  
Eareckson

*It was decided to continue with the public comments unrelated to the Athletic Field Project prior to viewing the PowerPoint.*

*Grace Roberts, 23 Lebanon Drive, Brielle, commented on the Random Drug Testing process. She spoke of the previous efforts she, her husband and another parent made in being instrumental in the rescinding of the Student in Good Standing. She referred to the random drug testing imposed on her son regardless of her belief that he was no longer eligible for the random drug testing pool. She referred to a serious conflict with the statements on the consent agreement form signed by her*

son during his freshman year and the procedure of eligibility that is outlined in the student handbook. She referred to the process of identification used in the Random Drug Testing process and the fact that her son's name appeared on a screen gram she received from Sports Safe. She pointed out that this is in direct conflict with the Board's regulation that indicates the use of student numbers for identification. She further commented on a child's refusal to take the drug test being considered a positive result. She asked that in light of these findings and others the Random Drug Testing be suspended until these findings are looked into and worked out.

Dennis Roberts, 23 Lebanon Drive, Brielle, spoke on the Random Drug Testing and the injustices that result from it. He questioned the purpose and goal of the drug testing and feels that it is detrimental and not beneficial to the students. He referred to e-mail communications he has seen between Board Members and Sports Safe and finds that to be a huge problem. He believes this testing should be stopped immediately.

Jeanne Petillo, 78 Morris Avenue, Manasquan, referred to records she received via OPRA that have caused her to be extremely disturbed with the findings. She said that the integrity of the Random Drug Testing has been compromised. She referred to the direct contact made by the Board's Vice President with the owner of Sports Safe. She has contacted the state and the attorney general and said there is a serious integrity problem. She said the records of the students are in jeopardy and the Random Drug Testing is not random. She provided copies of her material to the Board and elaborated on the content of some of the e-mails.

Mrs. Petillo referred to problems she has found with the certification of Sports Safe. She pointed out that the contract between the Board and SportsSafe agrees with the sharing of social security numbers or student ID numbers. She asked to go on record that when she first called Matt Franz he said that he did not speak with anyone on the Manasquan Board and was only allowed to speak with Ms. LaPrete and Leigh Busco. She said that is why she put in the OPRA requests. She called Mr. Franz again and questioned his knowing the Board's Vice President and his response was that he did and that he receives calls and e-mails from him. She said there are many potential problems with Sports Safe and she is aware that the students are not randomly selected.

Mrs. DiPalma asked Mrs. LaPrete if she was aware of this information presented by Mrs. Petillo. Ms. LaPrete said that she was aware of the OPRA request and much of the information shared by Mrs. Petillo was prior to her tenure at Manasquan. Ms. LaPrete said that since her arrival she has taken the Random Drug Testing quite seriously and is aware of the procedure. Mrs. LaPrete said that she would like to be informed if there is any proof that since July 2013 any board member has spoken to Mr. Franz.

Mrs. Petillo said that she stands firm that the Random Drug Testing policy has been compromised with Board Member contact with Mr. Franz. She said this policy needs to be stopped, halted and reviewed and Sports Safe should be contacted to see what violations are present.

Mr. Bauer said that this is a subject that will be taken up in Policy.

Michelle LaSala, 44 Parker Avenue, Manasquan, commented that she did not believe that it has ever been procedure for any board member to deal directly with vendors. She commented on the presentation tonight and said that it is an insult to everyone present to think that Mr. Eareckson came in randomly and decided to see if it was okay to present this PowerPoint. She said that at the last public meeting she commented on being upset by what was put on the district's website and not only has it not been removed but now you are having someone put on a PowerPoint presentation without prior Board review. She expressed concern with the Board willfully withholding information from the public specifically with regard to the field. She referred to a letter from Mr. Dave Corso that clearly states what the Board can and cannot do with the field project. She said this is something that should be shared with the public. She asked who was responsible for giving directions to do soil borings prior to receiving state approval.

*Mr. Bauer addressed this question and said this was completed as a result of the planning board's concern that there could be PCE on site.*

*Ms. LaSala referred to Mr. Corso's letter that was addressed to Mrs. LaPrete and copied to Mr. Bauer that was not shared with the rest of the Board. She asked why this information is being withheld from the public and who gives direction that the information is not shared with the rest of the Board. Mrs. LaSala asked that the entire letter be read.*

*Mr. Furey and Mr. Pellegrino left the meeting at this time (7:00 p.m.)*

*Mr. Shelton commented on the letter and said that the attorney advised that the content of the letter is advisory and deliberative. Ms. LaPrete provided details on the receipt and distribution of this letter.*

*Mrs. Verdi asked why the letter from Mr. Corso was held from distribution to the entire Board. Mr. Bauer clarified that he asked that it be held until receipt of accurate information. Mr. Bauer said he made the decision and he stands by it. Mr. Bauer read the letter from Mr. Corso.*

*Mr. Walsh said that if it were not for Mrs. LaSala standing up and referencing the letter he believed he would have never seen it. He asked if there is anything else that has not been shared with the other Board Members.*

*Mr. Gross said that all correspondence addressed to any Board Member must be shared with all members of the Board.*

*A discussion took place on the failure to distribute the letter from Mr. Passiment addressed to Ms. LaPrete and Mrs. Hom.*

*Ms. Gross asked that any comments on the letter to Ms. LaPrete be held since Ms. LaPrete has not received a RICE notice and no further questions should take place at this time.*

*Mrs. LaSala wanted to be clear that she received the letter from the State Department of Education via an OPRA request.*

*Jane Richards, Willow Way, Manasquan, asked for clarification of the parameters of the president's job description in deciding what to share and not share with the Board. She feels that the Board should have had this information since it relates to such a huge project.*

*Heather Garrett-Muly, 28 Elizabeth Avenue, Manasquan, asked that the copy of the violation she received on a play structure in her yard be removed from the website. She questioned why the correspondence saying that she is no longer in violation was not included on the website. She asked for clarification if the soil boring done behind the football field only occurred after it came from the town. Mr. Eareckson provided details and discussed the time frame of the soil boring testing, the PCE situation from the White Swan and the results of the testing that were negative.*

*Jeanne Petillo commented that the district is charging the parents for follow up testing and this is also against Administrative Code 16 along with the suggestion by Mr. Franz to take out the phone call to parents prior to testing.*

*At this time the Board and the public viewed the PowerPoint presented by Mr. Eareckson.*

*Prior to the presentation Mrs. Walsh asked if Mr. Eareckson is billing the district for the time he spent putting this presentation together and for attending tonight's meeting. Mr. Eareckson said he is not and is here as a member of the public.*



*Mr. Eareckson began his presentation by saying that he is here tonight as a member of the public and parent of daughters who participate in the high school track program. He spoke on the permits that have been issued by the state for the project, the expiration dates of the permits and the process involved in acquiring new permits should these permits expire. He said that the current field is not ADA compliant and the project will take steps in getting the facility in compliance with ADA. Mr. Eareckson said the permit had an expiration date of June 2015.*

*Mrs. Walsh asked if June 2015 was a new expiration date since it was believed that it was December 2014. Mr. Eareckson said the permit lists December 2014; however, he explained that the Permit Extension Act signed by the Governor extends permits issued within certain time frames to June 2015 and this permit qualified for this extension. He said the extension only applied to the flood hazard permit. He said you could apply for an extension for the wetlands permits that expire in June and the soil erosion permit expires in 2017. A question was asked as to when the Board President and Vice President were notified of this extension. Mr. Bauer said this is the first he heard of this extension and Mr. Eareckson said he found out after doing some research about two weeks ago.*

*Mr. Eareckson provided details of the benefits of the wall and drainage system. He said it will improve the amount of water getting into the stream. He pointed out that if this project is not built there will never be a track on this property.*

*Mr. Eareckson spoke on the previous project developed by Maser that had the field designed in a different orientation and said the state denied the 2006 application because the field was too far into the stream and wetlands. He said this current project was modified to stay out of this area in order to secure state approval. He said this 2006 project failed both in referendum and in permit. He provided pictures of the stream after a heavy rain and the benefits that will result from the proposed drainage system.*

*A discussion took place on the bleachers and the fact that even if the field is not relocated the bleachers would have to be brought up to ADA accessible compliance. Also discussed were the disadvantages that would result with the baseball field having a different surface if turf was only installed on the existing football field.*

*Mr. Bauer thanked Mr. Eareckson for the presentation.*

*Mr. Bauer continued with the Public Forum.*

*Jeannie Walsh, 356 Cedar Avenue, Manasquan, commented that she will miss Mrs. Verdi and thanked her for all of her hard work on the Board. Mrs. Walsh was clear to say that she is speaking for herself and not for her husband, who is a member of the Board. She suggested that information be shared with the entire Board.*

*Matt Olds, 84 Clark Avenue, Ocean Grove, representing the Astroturf Company expressed a vested interest in bidding on the field should the Board decide to go out to bid. He provided background on his past experience with private fundraising in the community for the project. He spoke on his knowledge of the DEP regulations, pipe size requirements and the permitting process. He offered his assistance with this process.*

*In answer to Mrs. Walsh question on how Mr. Olds learned of this evening's meeting, he said that it was a publicly posted meeting. Mrs. Walsh asked what prompted him to be here since this presentation was not on the agenda. He again said that it was a public meeting and he is here to promote the project not his product.*

*Mr. Shelton spoke on Mr. Olds' proposal to assist with fundraising. Mr. Olds provided details on a fund raising project he worked on in another district that he felt would work in Manasquan.*

Public Forum  
(continued)

*Mr. Petillo referred to her comments earlier on the student's rights and privacy and she feels that the Board has addressed the field once again over and above the rights of the students and parents.*

*Mr. Bauer closed the public forum seeing no additional comments from the public.*

### **23. Old Business/New Business**

Old Business/  
New Business

*Mr. Walsh referred to the last policy committee meeting and subsequent discussions on the Random Drug Testing. He said that in light of what has been heard this evening he would like to make a motion to suspend the program until the Board further investigates that what is being done is in compliance.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, to suspend the Random Drug Testing pending an investigation as to whether the district contract and policy are in compliance. (MEB)*

Motion to  
suspend the  
Random Drug  
Testing

#### Discussion:

*Mr. Gross pointed out that if this motion were to be approved this evening the policy and contract would be suspended until the Board makes the decision to reinstate the program.*

*Mr. Shelton supported the motion and alluded to the troubling information shared by Mrs. Petillo. He said that the Board was aware there were problems but not to the extent presented this evening and that is why he contacted the company at that time to discuss the renewal of the contract upon the recommendation of the Board Attorney. Mr. Shelton said it is time for the tape to come out and let the people know what happened to the Random Student Drug Testing.*

*A lengthy discussion took place on the material presented tonight and the validity of the program and the suspension of the program until further review by the administration, the policy committee and the Board.*

*Mr. Gross said that the Policy Committee will meet with the testing services company and he would review the contract, the policy, the handbook and what has been presented by the public this evening.*

*Mr. Pellegrino returned to the meeting at 8:25 p.m.*

*Roll Call Vote: Ayes (8), Nays (0), Abstain (1) – Mr. Pellegrino*

**Motion Carried**

*Mr. Pellegrino reported that there was a vote yesterday to adopt a new playoff system and it was voted down so Thanksgiving games will continue to be played.*

*Mr. Shelton gave an update on a visit made by him and Mr. Bauer to Trenton yesterday. He referred to disparaging correspondence sent to the state regarding the field project and especially Mr. Bauer that reported he received money for design services, architectural services and conceptual services over the years from the district. Mr. Shelton said that this is not true and has been confirmed by the Business Administrator and Superintendent. He said most troubling were letters sent from the planning board. He said that the correspondence that went to the state is hurtful and not true.*

*Mr. Shelton referred to a \$5,000 bill received from the town to reimburse their lawyer and engineers for a meeting on the project in addition to the \$7,300 bill to prove that there are not PCE contaminants on the property. He asked where the Board would find the funds to pay for these services. He asked if we are legally obligated to pay the planning board \$5,000 for a meeting in*

*addition to the \$7,300 for testing. A discussion took place on the charges and the attorney suggested that this not be discussed in public.*

*Mr. Bauer said that if the approval is received as hopefully expected on Thursday then further discussion will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> on whether or not the district can move forward with the bidding.*

*Ms. LaPrete reported that the Public Board Meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> will start at 6:00 p.m. followed by a meeting of the Policy Committee to discuss the Random Drug Testing. She said this will allow for an appropriate amount of time to discuss this matter and then decide if a special meeting is needed early in January.*

*Mrs. Verdi asked if Mrs. Petillo could attend the policy meeting as a parent. Mr. Bauer said it will be discussed by the committee.*

*Mrs. Verdi asked if there was a Plan B should the state not grant approval of the project.*

*There was no need to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Bauer asked for a motion to adjourn.*

#### **24. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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 sixty (60) 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:

- \_\_\_ 1. Confidential Matters per Statute on Court Order
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ 7. Litigation or Contract Matters or Att./Client Privilege
- \_\_\_ 8. Personnel Matters
- \_\_\_ 9. Imposition of Penalties Upon an Individual

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

Old Business/  
New Business  
(continued)

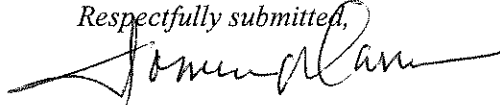
Executive  
Session  
N/A

*Motion was made by Mr. Forrester, seconded by Mr. Shelton, to adjourn the meeting.  
Ayes (11), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Fury*

**25. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn

*Respectfully submitted,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominic V. Carrea", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

*Dominic V. Carrea*

*Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary*

*Motion to  
Adjourn*

## MEMORANDUM

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12/3/13

<b>TO:</b>	Renae Laprete, Interim Superintendant Tom Bauer, BOA President	<b>DATE:</b>	12/3/2013
<b>FROM:</b>	David Eareckson	<b>PROJECT NO.:</b>	LD13-122
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Athletic Field Options	<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Warrior Athletic Field

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Due to the conversations regarding potential options for the athletic field that have been occurring recently, I felt that it would be prudent to opine on this issue in a formal memo.

As you know, this project has a long history so I have attached a previously prepared memo that outlines the timelines of approvals that this project has been through. You may remember that this project started as a response to the pitiful conditions of the existing sports facilities.

One of the options that have been discussed is replacing the existing football field with an artificial turf field in the same spot. It is important to note that the construction of an artificial turf field requires placing a drainage system under the field since it is considered impervious by regulatory agencies. It is also important to note that proceeding in this fashion would require new permits from the regulatory agencies. This option also requires the installation of an additional system that can handle the stormwater generated by this development. The stormwater system that has been designed for the current project is one example of this, and was designed to be as small as possible by using an outlet structure and discharge pipe as one of the design elements. If a new design were to be considered that did not have a positive discharge outlet, the system would be much larger and more expensive, and not appropriate in my professional opinion. In any event, this approach would require the preparation of new plans and specifications and submissions for new permits. I cannot offer any assurances that these new permits would be issued, based on my professional experiences, and considering the drainage issues in the surrounding areas.

Another option that has been considered is to build the retaining wall and drainage system before the permits expire. This approach would permit the completion of the construction of the current master plan for the track and field to be delayed as long as possible. If the project were constructed in stages with each element in the same location as was originally permitted, the only time limit that could be imposed on the construction would be through new regulatory requirements. If elements of the project were constructed in different locations than were originally permitted, new approvals from the regulatory agencies would be required.

Other options that have been discussed, such as placing artificial turf over the existing baseball and football fields, have permitting repercussions that would require additional plans and specifications that would also require additional funding from the school district before construction ever commenced.

If you would like to discuss any of these items in detail, I will make myself available.