

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Borough of Manasquan

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Manasquan Board of Education was held in the Manasquan High School Media Center, 167 Broad Street, Manasquan, New Jersey, on Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

The President, Mr. Pellegrino, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Oath of Office

Ms. Coates administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Erik Gardner, the Board Representative of Spring Lake Heights. Ms. Coates congratulated and welcomed Mr. Gardner.

4. Roll Call

<i>Donna Bossone</i>	<i>Mark Furey (Belmar)</i>	<i>Alfred Sorino</i>
<i>Jack Campbell - absent</i>	<i>Eric Gardner (SLH)</i>	<i>Tedd Vitale (Brielle)</i>
<i>Kenneth Clayton</i>	<i>Heather Garrett-Muly</i>	<i>James Walsh - absent</i>
<i>Linda DiPalma</i>	<i>Thomas Pellegrino</i>	<i>Patricia Walsh</i>

Also present: Dr. Frank Kasyan, Superintendent of Schools; Lynn Coates, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Dan Roberts, Board Attorney and Sandi Freeman, Recording Secretary

Mr. Pellegrino said that Mr. Walsh was traveling for business.

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

5. 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.

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 Committee of the Whole meeting. The members of the Board work with the administration and the Superintendent of Schools to assure that they fully understand the matter. After the Committee of the Whole approves the matter, it is 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.

7. Acceptance of Minutes

Recommend approval and acceptance of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting and the Executive Session Minutes of June 17, 2014 and the Regular Public Meeting of June 24, 2014. Executive Session Minutes will be withheld from disclosure until such time as the reasons for discussing and acting on a matter in closed session no longer exists.

8. Presentations

Mr. Pellegrino turned the meeting over to Dr. Kasyan for discussion of July 22, 2014 Agenda Items. Dr. Kasyan welcomed Mr. Gardner.

Dr. Kasyan said he is currently meeting one to one with the administration to discuss their vision and needs for the district.

9.

A) Discussion Items for July 22, 2014 Agenda

B) Reports

• **Education, Curriculum & Technology – Agenda Items***

○ **Full Day Integrated Preschool/Discussion – Handout**

Dr. Kasyan provided details of an integrated half day preschool program that would utilize the current room and materials along with the instructor. He said that the proposed tuition of \$2500 per year would provide funding to run the program and still show a profit. He said a lottery system would be utilized to choose the students involved in the program. A discussion took place on the class size as mandated by the state with the intent to cap the class size at 15.

Ms. Garrett-Muly suggested keeping the class size small so the focus remained on the preschool handicapped student. She said that Wall has a current program and the integration of the two groups is the ideal set up that would also serve as a good transition opportunity for a timid child to become familiar with the school prior to the start of kindergarten.

Dr. Kasyan provided details on how the public would receive notification on the program through letters to the community and an open forum.

○ **2014 High School Testing Report – Handout**

Dr. Kasyan referred to the 2014 High School preliminary testing report that he provided in the Board's packet. He said the report attests to the quality present at Manasquan and is very proud of the results. He said he sees a need for more advanced placement classes in addition to some dual enrollments with area universities. Dr. Kasyan said that as soon as the report is formalized it will be put on the website.

• **Athletics/Community – to be discussed in Executive Session**

- Volunteer Assistant Football Coaches
- Volunteer Assistant Swimming Coach
- Assistant Field Hockey Coach

• **Personnel – to be discussed in Executive Session**

- Technology Communications Assistant
- Summer positions
- Stipend Positions
- Leaves of Absence(s)
- Extra Classes – Teacher appointments
- Coaching / Advisor appointments
- Amendment to School Business Administrator's contract

• **Legal – to be discussed in Executive Session**

- Ice Hockey Contract

- **Policy – Agenda Items***

- **2nd Reading**

- **7522 – School District Provided Technology Devices to Staff Members***
 - **7523 – School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils***

- **Bylaw # 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings – Discussion**

Dr. Kasyan referred to the agenda items relating to the 2nd reading of Policy #7522 and #7523 and Bylaw #0167. He spoke of the timeliness of these policies since the one-to-one initiative would be started in September for the 8th and 9th graders.

Mr. Pellegrino asked Dr. Kasyan to include Bylaw #0167 in the agenda to provide clarity to what is permissible and acceptable relating to public participation at board meetings.

- **Finance – Agenda Items***

- **FEMA – CDL update/Discussion**

Dr. Kasyan said after sitting through board meetings prior to July 1st he felt that one of the areas needing attention was the CDL process. He referred to FEMA/CDL material in the Board packets and said that a request has been put out for a FEMA representative to attend the next board meeting. He turned the meeting over to Ms. Coates to provide a report on FEMA/CDL.

Ms. Coates provided a comprehensive overview on what steps have been taken since July 1, 2014 on the CDL Process. She reported on the status of her contact with Martha Polanco and Courtney Wiggins in an effort to have Julia Carroll of the Haggerty Group attend the July 22nd board meeting and although promising she did not have a definitive answer on her attendance. She provided a summary of the information she received through her communication and discussion with Patricia Lagarenne of the New Jersey Department of Education – Department of Finance relating to the CDL Loan process. Ms. Coates reviewed the documents and material contained in the packet provided to members of the Board. She said that there is not much guidance at this time on the potential of total forgiveness of the loan. She went over the questions that will be presented to Ms. Carroll and asked if any members of the Board have questions to please give them to her to be added to the list.

Ms. Garrett-Muly asked if Ms. Coates felt that the district was on task and proceeded properly. Ms. Coates felt it would be prudent to hear Ms. Carroll at the board meeting. Dr. Kasyan said he was confident that everything that was done has been done correctly and in accordance with the code.

- **Update on fixed assets**

Dr. Kasyan reported on the fixed assets process that both he and Ms. Coates would like to undertake in the district. He pointed out the importance of having a good understanding of what material is in district in the amount of \$500.00 or more. Ms. Coates said there is a current fixed assets inventory in place. She is waiting for proposals for an update of the current report and also a total re-evaluation of all district assets. She believes that with a new administration a total asset re-evaluation would be more prudent. She said this report is also required for review by the district auditor.

- **Buildings & Grounds – Agenda Items***

- **Security Concerns – Discussion**

- Obtaining quotes for additional cameras for both buildings for areas that currently don't have cameras
 - EYEMetrics Identity System – visitor would provide a drivers' license which would be swiped and the information would be cross referenced with the registered sex offender database.
 - Lack of key system in all buildings and/or swipe card system
 - 3M film for windows and doors – prevents glass from shattering

- Bernie has requested the Department of Corrections come and do work on school grounds August 11- 15th.

Dr. Kasyan spoke on some key issues of security that were brought to his attention after meeting with the building principals and Mr. Place. He said that Mr. Place would provide an itemized list of these issues for the August meeting.

Dr. Kasyan said that additional cameras are planned to be purchased so all areas are covered.

He also provided details on the EYEMetrics Identity System that he would like to propose for use in both school buildings. Mrs. Walsh pointed out that there is a percentage of our parental population that do not have drivers licenses so there will have to be a system in place for those parents. Dr. Kasyan said he believed this could be addressed with this system. He said the cost is about \$2500 per system and said he would have a company representative come and present the product to the Board.

Dr. Kasyan pointed out a problem with the amount of keys that are in circulation and the need for a swipe card system in the district. He praised the current keypad entry recognizing his code on his very first day in the district but he would like to see a card swipe system on each door.

Dr. Kasyan spoke on the 3M film for windows and doors that prevents the glass from shattering and will add protection for a minimal cost of approximately \$8,000.00.

He asked the Board to consider these recommendations and he would have a cost factor available in August.

Dr. Kasyan spoke on a conversation he had with Mr. Bigley on having the Department of Corrections provide individuals to perform work on the school grounds from August 11 through 15. He said the individuals are supervised and never left alone and this will provide assistance with the maintenance tasks needing to be addressed during the summer months. Mrs. Bossone expressed concern since this is the week that football starts and asked if parents would be notified of the Department of Corrections presence on the school grounds. Dr. Kasyan said he would see if they were available earlier in the month and will not have them present at that time.

Dr. Kasyan referred to a letter in the board packet from the township administrator, Mr. Delorio, relating to use of property for an easement. Dr. Kasyan said he and Ms. Coates will be meeting with him to further discuss the matter. He asked if any members were interested in attending this meeting.

Dr. Kasyan said he would like to look into putting sod and irrigation on the football field since he does not think the project will come to fruition for another year or two. He thinks we should focus on the field and utilize the money that is appropriated in the budget for irrigation and sod. He said he would provide a cost factor in order to undertake this project.

Mrs. Bossone suggested speaking with the coaches since they would not be able to use the field for practice. Dr. Kasyan said he would also like to sit down with a couple members of the community and let them know of our intentions as well as talk to the coaches and the athletic director.

Mr. Furey said he is not comfortable with this and to his understanding this was a line item created for the field project. He suggested just reseeding and not putting any money for sod.

Mrs. Walsh said that when the budget presentation was made she believed Mr. Walsh said that they were looking into actually sodding and irrigating the field. Mr. Furey said that this was never the consensus in his direct conversations with both Mr. Walsh and Mr. Carrea.

Mrs. Bossone said she believed she has heard that the existing field could not be turfed in its current position. A discussion took place on the plans that have been presented in the past. She agrees that the kids need a nice field to play on.

Mrs. Garrett-Muly said that Mrs. Bossone is not wrong in what she heard and we need a plan for the field and we need to stop sidestepping and take this head on and make a decision for what direction we are going to take and who we will rely on for information.

Mr. Pellegrino said that Dr. Kasyan is planning on presenting to the Board professionals that he has worked with and they will assess our situation and make suggestions on what can be done. He agrees to sod and irrigate now since the money is in the budget.

Mr. Sorino agreed to go with the sod and make it work now. He asked if the funds in the budget would cover the cost.

Dr. Kasyan said that he believes that the money in the budget would not cover it but it will be the lion's share of it.

Mrs. Garrett-Muly asked if the funds in the budget for the retaining wall could be put towards the sod. Ms. Coates said that without being able to look this up in the regulations, she believes that it cannot because you have one set of money in Capital Reserve and a \$70,000 or \$80,000 sod project is not Capital Reserve and the money would have to come out of the general fund budget. Mrs. Garrett-Muly asked if the funds for the retaining wall could then be used for improvements to science labs. Ms. Coates said yes this money could be used for larger type projects.

Dr. Kasyan said that if the contractor had a state contract or was part of a consortium it would not have to go out to bid or if it came in below the \$36,000 bid threshold.

Mrs. Coates addressed Mr. Vitale's question on using Maintenance Reserve and said she believed there is no money in the maintenance reserve.

Mrs. Garrett-Muly asked if anyone from the community has offered to assist with the crowning and sodding the field. Mr. Pellegrino has no recollection of any offers.

- **60 Day Plan**
- **Strategic Planning – Handout**

Dr. Kasyan reported on his 60 Day Plan and aligned this with the Strategic Planning handout that is in the board packet. He spoke on the Southern Regional Institute and Educational Technology Training Center at Richard Stockton College coming in to work with him to facilitate the strategic plan. He stressed the importance in getting the community engaged in planning as we move forward. He would like to start the strategic plan in August.

- **Professional Services**
 - **Architect**
 - **Engineer**

Dr. Kasyan said several architects and engineers will be coming in to present to the Board at the August meeting. It was decided to have the presentations at the Committee of the Whole meeting. He asked the Board to provide him with names of architects and engineers if they wish for them to be contacted by Mrs. Coates. Mr. Kasyan said Mrs. Coates would contact the current architect.

Mrs. Garrett-Muly asked if there was anyone that could come in and take a look at the overall needs of the district other than an architect and engineer. Dr. Kasyan said he has used architectural engineers for this purpose. Dr. Kasyan said one of the biggest challenges in the district is the lack of space. He said that we must be cognizant to maintain the rich traditions that are present in Manasquan but yet create the space needed for expansion and for the programs. Mrs. Garrett-Muly pointed out that this person should be well versed in DEP and wetlands. Dr. Kasyan suggested that these are some of the questions that should be asked during the presentation by the architects and engineers.

That completed the discussion of items for the July 22, 2014 agenda.

10. Superintendent's Report & Information Items

- **Correspondence from Michael Gross regarding Sport Safe**

Recommend approval of the acceptance of the Superintendent's Reports as listed below:

- Enrollment – **Document A**
- Attendance Comparison, Fire Drill Reports, Suspensions & Tardy Reports– **Document B**
- HIB Report – **Document C**

11. Student Board Representative Report

Mr. Pellegrino opened the public forum on agenda items and read the following statement.

12. 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. 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.

The following members of the public spoke on agenda items:

Christin Walsh, 613 Homestead Road, Brielle, elementary school teacher – Ms. Walsh welcomed Dr. Kasyan and Ms. Coates. She asked if any consideration was made to offer the integrated pre-school program to staff members' children.

Mrs. Garrett-Muly said that this was still in the discussion stage. Dr. Kasyan said he would like the Board to think about this and look at the dynamics of the program and possibly bring an answer back at the August meeting.

Michelle LaSala, 44 Parker Avenue, Manasquan – Ms. LaSala welcomed Mr. Gardner, Ms. Coates and Dr. Kasyan. She complimented the board on the level of comprehensibility and detail provided on the CDL process this evening. She first spoke on behalf of the Concerned Manasquan Taxpayers with regards to the field and said there was a plan presented that would have turf installed on the field in its current position. She said there is a need for a fresh set of eyes to come in and assess the athletic fields and provide suggestions on the best way to address the situation. She said the CMT fully support a field upgrade; however, there is a need for more community involvement in the process.

Ms. LaSala spoke on behalf of herself with regard to the need to update the Long Range Facilities Plan. She referred to a payment made to New Jersey School Boards while she was on the Board to provide services for a strategic plan that never took place and asked if this money could be refunded to the district. She spoke with regards to the CDL money and asked for clarity as to whether we utilized the money properly. She referred to Mr. Carrea's statement that the funds put into Capital Outlay could not be placed in a line item to repay the loan and asked if this could have been done. Ms. Coates said yes according to the state that option was available. Ms. LaSala asked what the \$700,000 put into Capital Outlay in the 2013-14 budget can be used for. Ms. Coates said it could be used for the Board's share of the Rod Grants or a capital project. Ms. LaSala asked what calculation was used to determine the revenue losses and she believes that the district will have to repay this money. She said that approximately 75% of the high school enrollment is from sending districts and the Manasquan taxpayers

are the ones that will be paying this back. She asked if this could possibly be brought to the attention of FEMA. She said that a former board member and Mr. Allison attended the meetings there were intended for Superintendents and Business Administrators.

Jeanne Petillo, 78 Morris Avenue, Manasquan – Ms. Petillo thanked Dr. Kasyan and Ms. Coates for joining the Manasquan district. She asked if the correspondence from Mr. Gross was related to the affidavit of destruction of RDT records. The Board Attorney said this was covered under attorney/client privilege for discussion in executive session. She asked if the results of the high school testing report were a record high. Dr. Kasyan said this was a preliminary report and said it was historic.

Mr. Pellegrino closed the Public Forum on Agenda Items seeing no further comments from the public.

Mr. Pellegrino asked if any member of the Board had questions on the Manasquan Agenda Items.

13. MANASQUAN

General Items

- A) Recommend** approval of the 2nd Reading of the following policies as per **Document:**
 - **7522** – School District Provided Technology Devices to Staff Members
 - **7523** – School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils
- B) Recommend** approval of transportation contracts and agreements for the Extended School Year transportation, beginning July 1, 2014 through August 30, 2014, as per Document _____.
- C) Recommend** approval for application of funds for **2015 FY** for the **NCLB** allocation in the amount of **\$119,029.00** (Title 1 \$85,957.00 and St. Denis \$1,456.00, Title IIA Manasquan \$21,791.00 and St. Denis \$1,897.00, Title III \$7,928.00).
- D) Recommend** approval for Dr. Alison Smoller to perform a neurodevelopmental assessment for student # 232127 at a rate of \$450.00.
- E) Recommend** approval to obtain psychiatric assessment of student # 2241 for purposes of completing CST referral with Dr. Worth at a rate of \$500.00.

Personnel

Discussed in Executive Session

Professional Days

No professional days at this time.

Student Action

Field Trips

No field trips at this time.

Placement of Students on Home Instruction

No placements at this time.

Secretary's Report

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

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of **June 30, 2014** 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 \$2,095,838.66 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. 6:20-2A.10(d), the Board of Education of the Borough of Manasquan accepts the **Business Administrator/Board Secretary's** certification as of **June 30, 2014** 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 **June 30, 2014** per Document. (The Treasurer of School Moneys Report for the month of **June 2014** is on file in the Business Office and is in balance with the Secretary's Report).

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(e), 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 **June 30, 2014** 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 **2013-2014 budgets** for **June and July** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, as per Document.

Recommend acceptance of the **Elementary School Central Funds Report** for the month ending **June 30, 2014** as per Document.

Purchase Orders for the month of **July 2014** be approved, as per Document.

Recommend acceptance of the **Cafeteria Report** as per Document.

Be It Resolved: that the **Bills (Current Expense)** in the amount of \$ for the month of **July 2014** be approved. Records of, checks (#- #) and distributions are on file in the Business Office.

Confirmation of Bills (Current Expense) for **June 2014** at \$ and checks (#- #).

14. Manasquan Agenda Approval

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the regular public board meeting on **July 22, 2014** as may have been modified, is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mrs. Garrett-Muly, seconded by Mr. Sorino, to approve the Manasquan Agenda Items for the regular public board meeting of July 22, 2014 (no modifications).

Discussion: Mrs. Walsh referred to Item #8 – Presentations and asked if any presentations were going to take place at the Regular Public Meeting. Dr. Kasyan said that none were planned. Mrs. Walsh asked that the Board receive notice and related material in advance should there be any presentations made at the meetings.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (7); Nays (0); Absent (2) Mr. Campbell and Mr. Walsh MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Pellegrino asked the Board to review the Manasquan/Sending District agenda items.

15. MANASQUAN/SENDING DISTRICTS

General Items

- A) **Recommend** approval of the Resolution authorizing The Rugby School at Woodfield to provide free school lunches to its students, as per Document ____.
- B) **Recommend** approval of the acceptance of a donation of a Sohmer grand piano from Mr. Tim Broege for use in the Manasquan High School, in accordance with Board Policy 7230 – Gifts, Grants and Donations. (approximate value \$1,500)
- C) **Recommend** approval to move the line of coverage for School Leaders Professional Liability from Zurich Insurance to the School Alliance Insurance Fund (SAIF), effective July 1, 2014, on the recommendation of Boynton & Boynton, our Insurance Broker of Record, as per Document _____. (Three year commitment with SAIF approved on June 25, 2013, effective July 1, 2013 – July 1, 2016)
- D) **Recommend** approval of the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commissions (MOESC) Cooperative Transportation Commencement Agreement for the 2014-2015 school year, as per Document ____.
- E) **Recommend** approval to create a new position in the Board of Education Office for the 2014-2015 SY: (position was included in the 2014-2015 school budget, job description was approved on June 24, 2014)
- Technology Communications Assistant – TCN.BO.TECH.NA.03
- F) **Recommend** approval of Pam Puryear to complete 18 hours of tutoring for the ESY for student # 2075 at a rate of 50.00 per hour for a total of \$900.00.
- G) **Recommend** approval of a renewal of the original 2013-14 contract between the Manasquan Board of Education and Briggs Transportation, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ for 2012-2013 Athletic & Co-Curricular Transportation – VANS ONLY, in the renewal estimated contract amount of \$22,575.18 based on the 1.69% allowable CPI.
- H) **Recommend** approval of a renewal of the original 2013-14 contract between the Manasquan Board of Education and First Student, Neptune City, NJ, for 2014-2015 Athletic & Co-Curricular Transportation – BUSES ONLY, in the renewal estimated contract amount of \$112,896.24, based on the 1.69% allowable CPI.
- I) **Recommend** approval **Recommend approval** of the adoption of the following textbooks for the **2014-2015 SY**:
- TEXTBOOK/PUBLISHER**
- AP Biology: Campbell: Biology in Focus AP Edition 1e 2014 (Pearson)
Chemistry: Timberlake, Basic Chemistry, 4rd Edition 2014 (Pearson)
Honors Chemistry: Modern Chemistry 2012 (Holt McDougal)
- J) **Recommend** approval for an exchange student (JNS) from Spain, residing in Manasquan, to attend Manasquan High School for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

Personnel

Discussed in Executive Session

Athletics

Discussed in Executive Session

Professional Days

- K) **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>
July 30, 2014	Rich Read	Raritan Valley Community College	Financial Education Boot Camp 2014	No	\$36.78 mileage
August 7, 2014	Lynn Coates	Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing	CEFM (Facility Manager) Update	No	\$225 registration
October 28 – 30, 2014	Dr. Frank Kasyan, Lynn Coates, All Board Members	NJSBA Workshop		No	\$1,200 group registration

Student Action

Field Trips

No field trips at this time.

Placement of Students on Home Instruction

No home instruction placements at this time.

Placement of Students Out of District

No out of district placements at this time.

Financials

Recommend acceptance of the following **High School Central Funds Report** for the month ending **June 30, 2014** as per **Document** .

16. Manasquan/Sending Districts Agenda Approval

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the regular public board meeting on July 22, 2014 as may have been modified, is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bossone, seconded by Mrs. Walsh, to approve the Manasquan/Sending District Agenda Items for the regular public board meeting of July 22, 2014 (no modifications).

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (10); Nays (0); Absent (2) – Mr. Campbell and Mr. Walsh MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Pellegrino opened the second Public Forum.

17. Public Forum

The following members of the public spoke at the second Public Forum:

Michelle LaSala, 44 Parker Avenue, Manasquan – Ms. LaSala said there was some unfinished business relating to her request for the Board to take action against former or current Board Members who may have been involved in giving directives to district hired professionals that involved the use of public funds. She referred to the February 22, 2014 executive session meeting minutes where this matter was discussed by the Board and comments made by Mr. Pellegrino where he stated that the consensus of the Board was to not pursue this matter. She feels the Board is wrong in this decision and respectfully asked that the Board revisit this matter. She presented a packet of material to Dr. Kasyan that relates to these alleged activities and asked that copies of the material be provided to the Board.

Dr. Kasyan said he would review this material. He said that Ms. Coates and he came to the district with the philosophy to move forward. He said that he will go through the documents and deal with this in the

eyes of the law and then bring it back to the Board. He said that we are going to do the right thing for the children.

Ms. LaSala said that his point is well taken; however, history is starting to repeat itself already. She referred to Mr. Campbell's presentation of a plan for the retaining wall. In her opinion if a violation occurred it should be addressed.

Mrs. Bossone asked if board members are allowed to back-peddle with what Ms. LaSala presented tonight and reconsider prior discussions. The Board Attorney, Dan Roberts, said the Board may reconsider prior discussions and new any knowledge brought to their attention.

Mrs. Bossone asked if it is the sitting board's position to file legal charges and further investigate actions of the prior board. Mr. Roberts said that this aspect is an issue for executive session discussion.

Grace Roberts, Lebanon Drive, Brielle – Ms. Roberts supports Ms. LaSala's comments and said that she has full faith in Dr. Kasyan's intentions in moving forward. Ms. Roberts asked for status of Chris Steffner's presence on the RDT committee. Mr. Pellegrino said that she will remain on the committee. Ms. Robert's questioned Mr. Apostolou's position as the decision maker of the committee and asked if Mr. Pellegrino shared the concerns of the public on Ms. Steffner being on the committee. Mr. Pellegrino said he made Mr. Apostolou aware of the concerns and the committee is seeking out another person to come in to create a balanced committee.

Dr. Kasyan said that Ms. Steffner is a very valuable asset for information and is not a voting member of the committee. He said he is looking for someone to sit on the committee not as a voting member who is an opponent of RDT. He said that this was a committee decision and not that of Mr. Apostolou alone.

Ms. Roberts expressed disappointment with Ms. Steffner's presence on the committee after hearing the strong opposition of the public. She referred to a committee report given by Mrs. Walsh on the administration's position to examine a voluntary program and asked if this could be further examined by the Board. Ms. Robert's questioned Mr. Gross's opinion that a voluntary program would not be enforceable.

Jeanne Petillo, 78 Morris Avenue, Manasquan – Ms. Petillo said that Roseanne Scotti, disagreed with Mr. Gross's opinion and there is no legal reason why you could not have a voluntary policy. Ms. Petillo said Ms. Steffner should be used as a resource after the committee decides what direction to take with RDT and disagrees that Ms. Steffner is a valuable resource to the committee.

Dr. Kasyan said he believes Ms. Steffner is a valuable resource to the committee and he is trying to find someone else to sit on the committee that can provide the other side. He said we need to look into the feasibility of the program and hear from the experts.

Mrs. Garrett-Muly asked Ms. Petillo to provide the names of local people who would be willing to represent the other side of RDT.

Dr. Kasyan said that he would bring Ms. Petillo's feelings to the committee and he will reach out to get someone to sit in the opposite chair to have both sides represented at the meeting.

Ms. Petillo asked if Ms. Steffner would be removed if they could not find someone from the opposing side. Dr. Kasyan said this is a decision made by the committee and the chair. He said the committee chair hears all of the opinions and is being fair and equitable. He said that Ms. Steffner being on the committee is a positive because she provides information and answers questions when they are asked.

Mrs. Bossone said that Ms. Steffner is strictly there as a resource tool and not pushing to go with her program.

Michelle LaSala suggested that Dr. Kasyan ask Pastor Joe Gratzel for suggestions for people to fill this spot.

Grace Roberts provided the name of the superintendent of Mahwah, John Pasquale and the superintendent from Tenaflly as a resource. She said that there were also several organizations that were against RDT, the American Pediatrics Association, the NEA and also the United Social Workers. She believes that Ms. Steffner should be there as a presenter and not a committee member and that the effectiveness of RDT should be the focus of the committee and not the feasibility of the program.

Mr. Pellegrino said that the committee is looking into the effectiveness of RDT.

Carl Straub, 27 Willow Way, Manasquan – Mr. Straub asked for clarification of the professional services of an architect and engineer and asked if these positions were currently vacant. Ms. Coates said that you can have an architect or engineer of record and then also appoint separately for special projects. Mr. Pellegrino said Dr. Kasyan has suggested hearing from professionals that he has experience with and confidence in.

Mr. Pellegrino closed the public forum seeing no further comments from the public.

He asked if there was any Old Business or New Business to come before the Board.

18. Old Business/New Business

Under New Business – Ms. Garrett-Muly said that she would like to see the same standards set at the high school brought to the elementary school. She believes if a child is challenged from day one there will be less questioning as to where they go to high school. She suggests bringing the bar up and focus on the educational challenges for the higher level thinkers at the elementary school.

Mr. Pellegrino said that Kathy Winecoff from New Jersey School Boards Association will be compiling the Board evaluation when she returns from vacation. He asked those members who haven't addressed the task to complete the evaluation.

Mr. Pellegrino read the following statement prior to the Board entering into Executive Session.

19. 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. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN THIS EVENING.

20. Public Forum - None

Motion was made by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Bossone, and approved by voice vote of all those present in favor to enter into Closed Executive Session, with no further action being taken by the Board at 9:24 p.m.

21. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Coates

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary