

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Borough of Manasquan

The Combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Public Board of Education Meeting and Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 School District Budget was held in the Manasquan High School Charles Raffetto Media Center, 167 Broad Street, Manasquan, New Jersey, on Tuesday, April 23, 2023.

The President, Ms. Pollock, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and read the Opening Statement.

1. Call to Order

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2. 48- Hour Notice

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.’

Ms. Pollock requested that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

Roll Call

<i>Bruce Bolderman</i>	<i>Eugene Cattani - absent</i>	<i>Michael Moran (Spring Lake)-absent</i>
<i>Donna Bossone - absent</i>	<i>Terence Hoverter - absent</i>	<i>Thomas Pellegrino-arrived 6:09pm</i>
<i>Martin Burns</i>	<i>Joseph Loffredo</i>	<i>Alexis Pollock</i>
<i>James Carey (SLH)</i>	<i>Joseph Milancewich (Brielle)</i>	<i>Alfred Sorino</i>

Also Present: Dr. Frank Kasyan, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Pete Crawley, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Jesse Place, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Gabrielle Pettineo, Board Attorney; Sandi Freeman, Recording Secretary; Margaret Bodnar and Edward Gunnel, Student Board Representatives.
Quorum Reached

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

5. Mission Statement

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

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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.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Loffredo, seconded by Mr. Sorino, to accept and approve the minutes as specified in Item #7.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (7); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (5) Ms. Bossone; Mr. Cattani, Mr. Hoverter; Mr. Moran; Mr. Pellegrino
MOTION CARRIED

Minutes

7. **Acceptance of Minutes**

Recommend acceptance and approval of the minutes of the Combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Public Meeting and the Closed Executive Session of March 14, 2023. 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.

Ms. Pollock turned the floor over to the Student Board Representatives.

8. **Student Board Representative Report**

Student Board Representative Reports

Margaret Bodnar provided the Student Council report. The spike ball tournament was a successful fund raiser and a well participated event. The production of Mamma Mia provided a fun time for all those in attendance. Preparations are underway for prom season. She reported that spring sports are currently underway. The senior class is looking forward to the “Senior Assassin” play water-fight tradition and the return of the Manasquan Majesty talent show that will be held next month.

Edward Gunnel provided the Key Club report. Key Club members are continuing with the Homework Helpers in the elementary school and providing babysitting during the PTO meetings. Hours were offered to the Key Club members by providing assistance to the Drama Club during the production of Mamma Mia. Members are still volunteering at the Manasquan Library on Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 to assist 4- to 10-year-old children with arts and crafts. Volunteers will assist the Brielle Booster Club with the concession stand at a pickleball tournament at Brielle Elementary School on May 4th. The election process for next school year’s executive board is underway.

Dr. Kasyan thanked the students for being actively engaged in both schools and the community. He congratulated Margaret Bodnar and Edward Gunnel on their college selections. Margaret will attend the University of Virginia and Edward will attend Notre Dame.

Ms. Pollock turned the floor over to Dr. Kasyan for the presentations.

9. **Presentations**

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Dr. Kasyan thanked the students and student athletes for being involved in so many different activities at Manasquan. He thanked the Board of Education for being student centered and allowing him to start every board meeting focusing on the students.

Dr. Kasyan provided the criteria that must be met by the students in order to be recognized as students of the month.

- **High School Students of the Month** – Ethan Harvey, Senior – Charlotte Stroff, Junior – Lindsay Fuller, Sophomore – Ciara Dunne, Freshman

High School Students of the Month

Dr. Kasyan introduced the Manasquan High School students of the month and read a short synopsis of their accomplishments. Dr. Kasyan presented them with Certificates of Commendation, personalized medals and Wally Bucks.