

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Borough of Manasquan

The Special Board of Education Meeting was held virtually and streamed live to the public due to the statewide prohibition of public gatherings, on Monday, June 29, 2020.

The President, Mr. Cattani, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the Opening Statement.

1. Call to Order

Call to Order

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.

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

<i>Bruce Bolderman</i>	<i>Mark Furey (Belmar) - absent</i>	<i>Joseph Loffredo</i>
<i>Donna Bossone - absent</i>	<i>Terence Hoverter</i>	<i>Thomas Pellegrino – arrived 9:10</i>
<i>Martin Burns</i>	<i>Dennis Ingoglia (Brielle)</i>	<i>Alexis Pollock</i>
<i>Eugene Cattani</i>	<i>Todd Leonhardt (Sea Girt)- absent</i>	<i>Alfred Sorino</i>

Roll Call

Also Present: Dr. Frank Kasyan, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Pete Crawley, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Jesse Place, Assistant Superintendent; Michael Gross, Board Attorney; Sandi Freeman, Recording Secretary
Quorum Reached

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

5. Mission Statement

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

Mission Statement

6. Statement to the Public

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

Statement to the Public

Mr. Cattani opened the Public Forum on Agenda Items.

7. Public Forum on Agenda Items

Time may be allocated for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker may be allotted a limited time when recognized by the presiding officer. In the event it appears the public comment portion of the meeting may exceed 45 minutes, the presiding officer may limit each statement made by a participant to 3-5 minutes duration. Individuals wishing to address the

Public Forum on Agenda Items

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. Cattani closed the Public forum on Agenda Items seeing no participation from the public. He opened the Public Forum on any topic agenda or otherwise.

8. Public Forum

Public Forum

Caroline Dettlinger, Manor Drive, Wall – 2006 Manasquan Elementary School graduate and 2010 Manasquan High School graduate. Ms. Dettlinger said she wasn't directly attacking or criticizing the board and her comments were about educating our students on the perspective of BIPOC and LGBTQ individuals. She suggests that the curriculum be updated to include these perspectives. She offered her assistance and to share what she has found in her research. She agreed with the requests expressed in the letter written by Emily Montgomery and finds them 100% necessary.

Mr. Cattani thanked her for her comments. Dr. Kasyan agreed that Ms. Montgomery's letter was well written and he complimented Ms. Dettlinger on her comments.

Matt Conte, a 2009 graduate currently residing in Philadelphia. Mr. Conte referred to the letter written by Ms. Montgomery and believes the board and administration should put some focus on her comments. Mr. Conte said that he understands the logo represents everything that is great, strong, empowering and resilient about Manasquan but this is not because of the logo, it is because the logo represents the school which is a place that is great, strong, empowering and resilient. People are not defined by the cartoon they wear on their shirts but by their actions. Ms. Montgomery's overall comments in her letter were important and the school should focus on her comments and provide a broad range of education that focuses on different cultures inclusive of native Americans.

Mr. Cattani thanked him for his comments.

Sam Cardelfe, a Manasquan graduate – Mr. Cardelfe referred to Ms. Montgomery's letter and asked that the board be open to change and have his support for her be heard.

James Boyle, 140 Norwood Avenue, Avon – Alumni of Communications High School – Mr. Boyle never attended Manasquan High School but participated in the sports program. He echoes previous comments and has no animosity towards the board of education, the athletic department or the high school. As a participant on the Manasquan sports teams he was made to wear clothing depicting native American images. Manasquan has the opportunity to begin fostering the next generation of kids to building a more equal and just world and this can start with the changes pointed out in Ms. Montgomery's letter.

Mr. Cattani thanked Mr. Boyle for his comments. Mr. Cattani closed the Public Forum seeing no additional participation from the public.

Mr. Cattani continued with the Manasquan General Items and asked if any item required a separate vote. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to approve Items #9 and #10.

Motion was made by Mrs. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Pellegrino, to approve Manasquan General Items #9 and #10.

Discussion: Dr. Crawley addressed Mr. Cattani's question on the Central Funds transfers and explained that these are funds raised by individual classes and are being liquidated into the general fund.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (8); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (1) Mrs. Bossone **MOTION CARRIED**

MANASQUAN
General Items

- 9. Recommend** that the following transfers be made within the Elementary School Central Fund accounts:

From Account	Amount	To Account	Amount
173	\$2,641.39	310	\$2,641.39
174	\$1,120.75	310	\$1,120.75
175	\$1,843.33	310	\$1,843.33
Total	\$5,605.47	Total	\$5,605.47

- 10. Recommend** that the following transfers be made within the Elementary School Central Fund accounts:

From Account	Amount	To Account	Amount
178	\$3,682.21	310	\$3,682.21
177	\$358.32	310	\$358.32
176	\$3,683.91	310	\$3,683.91
Total	\$7,724.44	Total	\$7,724.44

There were no Manasquan/Sending District Items for board approval.

MANASQUAN/SENDING DISTRICTS
General Items

Mr. Cattani asked if there was any Old or New Business to come before the board.

11. Old Business/New Business

Under New Business – Mr. Cattani said two Ad Hoc Committees will be organized and asked for volunteers to participate in a Reopening Committee to discuss the process of reopening schools in September and an Equity Committee to discuss comments made in public session relating to diversity within our curriculum.

Dr. Kasyan asked that an Equity Committee be formed with regards to the administration and teachers to collaborate with the board equity committee to take a deep dive into the curriculum, review suggestions and formally adopt some changes that might be necessary.

Mr. Cattani asked for a motion to enter Executive Session.

Manasquan
General Items
#9 and #10

E.S. Central
Fund Transfers

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Old Business /
New Business

Ad Hoc
Reopening
Commission

Ad Hoc Equity
Committee

Motion was made by Mr. Bolderman, seconded by Mrs. Pollock, and approved by voice vote of all those present in favor to enter into Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Executive Session

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Cattani asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Pellegrino, seconded by Mr. Sorino, and approved by voice vote of all those present in favor to reconvene the meeting at 9:42 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion to
Reconvene
Meeting

13. Roll Call

Bruce Bolderman
Donna Bossone - absent
Martin Burns
Eugene Cattani

Mark Furey (Belmar) - absent
Terence Hoverter
Dennis Ingoglia (Brielle)
Todd Leonhardt (Sea Girt)- absent

Joseph Loffredo
Thomas Pellegrino
Alexis Pollock
Alfred Sorino
Quorum Reached

Mr. Cattani asked for a motion to approve Manasquan Item #14.

Motion was made by Mr. Sorino, seconded by Mrs. Pollock, to approve Manasquan Item #14 – Elementary School Personnel, as specified in Document 1.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (8); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (1) Mrs. Bossone

MOTION CARRIED

Manasquan
Item #14 – E.S.
Personnel
Document 1

MANASQUAN

Personnel

- 14. Recommend** approval of the Elementary School personnel as per **Document 1.**

Mr. Cattani asked for a motion to approve Manasquan/Sending District Item #14.

Motion was made by Mr. Sorino, seconded by Mrs. Pollock, to approve Manasquan/Sending District Item #15 – High School Personnel, as specified in Document A.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (3) Mrs. Bossone, Mr. Furey, Mr. Leonhardt
MOTION CARRIED

MANASQUAN/SENDING DISTRICTS

Personnel

- 15. Recommend** approval of the High School personnel as per **Document A.**

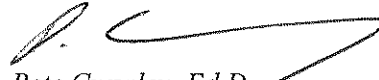
Mr. Cattani asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Mr. Pellegrino, seconded by Mr. Sorino, and approved by voice vote of all those present in favor to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

- 16. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,


Pete Crawley, Ed.D.
Board Secretary

Manasquan
Item #14 – E.S.
Personnel
Document 1

Manasquan/
Sending
District Item
#15 – H.S.
Personnel
Document A

Adjournment