

The Board of Education of the Borough of Manasquan, Monmouth County, met for the Regular Open Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in the Manasquan Elementary School Cafeteria

The President, Mrs. Muly, called the meeting to order and read the following opening statement: Pursuant to New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 10, Chapter 4, Subchapter 10, notice of this meeting has been provided by publication in the Asbury Park Press and 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*

Mrs. Muly requested that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

Present for Roll Call: Thomas B. Bauer, Trisha Brown, Jack Campbell, Linda DiPalma, Michelle LaSala, Chris Muly, Jim Smith and Katherine Verdi, Manasquan Board of Education Elected Members (MEB), Julia Barnes and Michele Degnan-Spang, District Representatives (SDR), Billy Acciavatti and Alec Lorenzo, Student Liaisons. Absent: John Winterstella (MEB), Mark Furey (SDR).

*Roll Call*

Also Present: Margaret M. Hom, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Mr. McOmber, Board Attorney, representatives of The Coast Star and members of the public.

Mrs. Muly read the following 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. When the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education for discussion it is placed on the work agenda. Only after a full discussion by the Board is action taken.

*Statement to Public*

Mrs. Muly also reported that Mrs. Margin is not present tonight due to a family emergency.

*Roll Call*

On a motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mrs. Brown, it was RESOLVED by roll call vote in favor by the Manasquan Board of Education to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda Work Session and Closed Executive Session of Tuesday, November 15, 2011 and the Regular Open Business Meeting and Closed Executive Session of Tuesday, November 22, 2011. 12/20-01 (MEB/SDR)

*Minutes*

Roll Call Vote as follows: Mrs. Barnes – yes	Mrs. DiPalma – yes
Mr. Bauer – yes	Mrs. LaSala – yes
Mrs. Brown – yes	Mrs. Muly – yes
Mr. Campbell – yes	Mr. Smith – abstain
Mrs. Degnan-Spang – yes	Mrs. Verdi – abstain

Presentations & Reports:

*Presentations & Reports*

Mrs. Muly introduced Mr. Peter Cancro from Jersey Mike's who spoke on the Support Our Students Program to raise awareness and funds for school districts. He presented a check in the amount of \$15,000.00 to go towards the extra-curricular activities for Manasquan High School students. He recognized the three student standouts that were selected by the superintendent, principal and some of the faculty.

*Support our Students Program  
P. Cancro*

The following faculty and students responsible for the Life is Good program at the high school were recognized and commended for their efforts with this program: Faculty: Chryseas Apostolou and Jamie Congilose; Students: Conor Reilly, David Schenke; Joseph McAlary; Matthew MacFarlane; Kodie McNamara; Emily Montgomery and Mark Schatzman.

*Life is Good*

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Mrs. Lauffer, Manasquan Elementary School Music teacher, introduced the Manasquan Elementary School Junior Chorus and Senior Chorus who performed holiday songs.

*MES Choral Performance*

Mrs. Muly asked if there were any committee reports. Seeing none she presented the Superintendent's Report on behalf of Mrs. Margin.

*Board Committees Reports*

Superintendent's Report – 12/20-02

*Superintendent's Report*

Mrs. Muly reported that Brian Geiger was accepted to Princeton and Dan Ehrola was accepted to Duke. She congratulated the students, their parents and the staff.

She reported that seven RSDT tests have been administered since September 2011 and a total of 167 students were randomly tested, with 162 students coming back negative and 5 coming back positive. She reported that 29 mandatory tests were administered with 23 coming back negative and 6 coming back positive. She reported the percentage of positive screens last year was 8.9% and so far this year is 3.3%. All positive tests this year were positive for marijuana.

*Random Drug Testing Report*

Mrs. Muly read a letter received by Lee Busco, high school Student Assistance Counselor, from Mathew Franz, Director of Sports Safe.

Mrs. Muly reported that last week Mrs. Margin mistakenly stated that there were 179 suspensions this school year. There were 179 suspensions for the 2010-2011 school year. Of those 179, 110 suspensions (almost 62%) fell into the following categories – accumulation of demerits, failure to attend Saturday detention, cutting class, excessive lateness to school and leaving school grounds. She reported that this is why the suggestion for an in-school suspension program was raised and Mrs. Margin will discuss this with the Curriculum Committee. It was pointed out that the trailer would help provide much needed classroom space.

Mrs. Muly asked the Board to review the enrollment figures as specified in **Document A**. She reported an enrollment as of November 30, 2011 in the Manasquan Elementary School of 682 and in the Manasquan High School of 961 full time students and 45 shared-time students, for a total high school enrollment of 1006, bringing the district enrollment to a total of 1688. She also reported the average daily attendance of 95.3% in the high school and 95.68% in the elementary school. She asked the Board to refer to the suspension report and fire drill and bus emergency evacuation drill reports for the high school and elementary school which the district is required by law to report at an open meeting, as specified in **Document B**. She also referred to **Document C**, which itemizes the HIB incident report for November 2011.

*Enrollment Report Document A*

*Suspension, Bus & Fire Drill Reports Document B*

*HIB Report Document C*

Mr. Smith asked for clarification of the number of students randomly drug tested.

Mrs. Brown asked if the Board would have time to discuss the matter of the trailer prior to the curriculum committee's discussion on the matter and also the in-school suspension. Mrs. Muly said this would wait for the return of Mrs. Margin.

Student Liaison Report:

*Student Liaison Reports*

Billy Acciavatti, Student Council President reported on the following activities of the Student Council:

National Honor Society members responded to letters to Santa written by Kindergarten and First grade students; the successful pep rally and hallway decorating prior to the Thanksgiving game, donation of gifts to the Key Club giving tree; Academy of Finance toy drive collection; Life is Good Day and volleyball championship game;

Poinsettia Sale and donation of profits from sale to various high school programs; New Student luncheon follow-up; participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade open house program.

*Student Liaison  
Reports  
(continued)*

Alec Lorenzo, Key Club President, reported the following activities of the Key Club:

Giving Tree collection of presents for local families; Schroth School visit to the high school; report on the upcoming Squan-A-Thon on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. He extended an open invitation to members of the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Smith, it was RESOLVED by voice vote of all those present in favor by the Manasquan Board of Education to accept the Superintendent's Reports and Information Items, as specified in **Documents A, B and C**.

*Acceptance of  
Superintendent's  
Report*

Mrs. Muly read the following statement prior to opening the Public Forum for discussion on agenda items:

*Public Forum  
Agenda Items*

Time may be allocated for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker may be allotted a 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 in keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The Board will not respond to questions during the public participation portion of this meeting involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, negotiations, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific, prospective or current employee.

Mike Shelton, Lake Avenue, asked to clarify that the suspension numbers were correct on tonight's agenda. He asked a question regarding the Board's policy on policies. Mrs. Muly addressed his question on how the Board decides on which policies are placed on the agenda and the process that is in place with Strauss Esmay through e-alerts. He referred to specific policies and e-alerts put out by Strauss Esmay that have not been addressed by the Board or posted on the website. Mrs. Muly explained the plan that has been put into place for addressing policies by the Board. Mrs. Muly replied to his question that there is no policy committee in place.

Mrs. Hom clarified that the Board initially adopted all of the Strauss Esmay policies as a whole when the district first utilized their program. She said that updates and revisions are made as required. Mr. Shelton advised that the Board should consider a policy committee because many of the mandatory policies are not in place. Mrs. Hom will check with the Superintendent's office on the updating of policies on the website.

Mrs. Brown asked if the e-alerts could be made available to the entire Board. Mrs. Hom would look into this request.

Mr. Shelton referred to Item 12/20-17, the rejection of the amendment to School Board bylaws. He suggested that Board members not hesitate to ask for an explanation of an item on the agenda should they have any questions. Mrs. Hom provided a detailed explanation of the reason for the rejection of the amendment.

Mrs. Hom addressed Mrs. LaSala question on how members are appointed to this Board.

Mrs. Barnes pointed out that the students who were recognized at the start of the meeting by Mr. Peter Cancro have arrived and asked if Mrs. Muly would once again recognize them at this time. Mrs. Muly introduced Brian Geiger, Dan Ehrola and Meredith Bryant and congratulated them for being selected as student standouts in the

**Public Forum  
(continued)**

Support Our Students Program. Mrs. Barnes told the students that Mr. Cancro made very nice comments about them and because of their efforts Manasquan High School has received \$15,000 to put towards extra-curricular activities including athletics. Mrs. Barnes also mentioned proudly that they were all Brielle students.

Mrs. Muly closed the Public Forum seeing no additional questions or comments from the public.

Prior to the vote on the Manasquan Motions, Mrs. Verdi asked if the Richard W. Read on Document D was Junior or Senior Mr. Read. It was clarified that he was the younger Mr. Read.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Smith, it was RESOLVED by roll call vote of all those present in favor by the Manasquan Board of Education to approve the following recommendations on the Manasquan Motions 12/20-03 through 12/20-09 (MEB).

**Manasquan  
Motions  
12/20-03 –  
12/20-09**

- Approval of the Elementary School Personnel, as specified in **Document D**. 12/20-03
- Approval of the Elementary School Professional Days and Field Trips, as specified in **Document E**. 12/20-04
- Approval of the QSAC Statement of Assurances for the 2011-2012 school year. 12/20-05
- Approval of the bus aide and a 1:1 paraprofessional for student #181434 for continued placement in the Behavior Disordered Program at Belmar Elementary School. 12/20-06
- Approval of the Assisted Technology Assessment with Assisted Technology Solutions at FRA in Shrewsbury for student number #17272, not to exceed \$500.00. 12/20-07
- Approval of transportation contracts and agreements as specified in **Document F**. 12/20-08
- Approval of acceptance of the following Financial Reports, Elementary School Central Funds Report and Payment and Confirmation of Bills (Capital Expense) as noted in
  - A) Secretary’s Financial & Investment Report – **Document G**
  - B) Elementary School Central Funds Report – **Document H**
  - C) Bills and confirmation of Bills (Capital Expense)

**E.S. Personnel  
Document D**

**E.S. Prof. Days &  
Field Trips  
Document E**

**QSAC Statement  
Of Assurances**

**Bus Aide & 1:1  
Paraprofessional**

**Assisted Tech.  
Assessment  
FRA**

**Transportation  
Document F**

**Financial  
Reports  
& Bills**

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary certified that as of November 30, 2011, 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.

**Secretary’s  
Certification**

It was RESOLVED that the amount of district taxes, including debt services requirements, needed to meet the obligations of this Board for the next eight weeks is \$3,086,215.80 and that the 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.

**District Taxes**

It was RESOLVED, that 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 November 30, 2011, that no budgetary appropriations

**Acceptance of  
Secretary’s  
Certification**

account has obligations and payments, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Borough of Manasquan Board of Education.

The Board of Education further recommended the acceptance of the Secretary's Financial & Investment and the Treasurer's Reports for the month ending November 30, 2011, as specified in **Document G**. (The Treasurer of School Moneys Reports for the month of November 2011 is on file in the Business Office and is in balance with the Secretary's Report.)

*Secretary's  
Financial &  
Investment Report  
Document G*

That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(e), 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, certifies that as of November 30, 2011 it is to the best of its knowledge that no major account or fund has been over-expended 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 approved the transfers made within line item accounts of the current expense portion of the 2011-2012 budgets for November and December, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, as specified in **Document G**.

*Budget  
Certification  
Document G*

The Manasquan Board of Education further recommended the acceptance of the elementary school Central Fund Report for the month ending November 30, 2011, as specified in **Document H**.

*E.S. Central Fund  
Report  
Document H*

It was further RESOLVED to approve Bills (Capital Expense) in the amount of \$-0- for the month of December 2011 be approved. Record of check (#) and distributions are on file in the Business Office.

*Bills  
Capital Expense*

The Manasquan Board of Education also confirmed Bills (Capital Expense) for November 2011 in the amount of \$-0- and checks (#). 12/20-09

*Confirmation of  
Bills  
Capital Expense*

A discussion took place prior to the vote on the Manasquan/Sending District Motions,

*Manasquan/  
Sending District  
Motions 12/20-10-  
12/20-22*

Mrs. LaSala questioned Motion 12/20-13 and asked where the Board stands on committee formation and the existence of the policy committee. She asked Mrs. Muly if the changes to the policies were made by her and Mrs. Margin. Mrs. Muly said that the suggested changes that were received were reviewed by her and Mrs. Margin prior to the revisions being made to the policies.

*\*12/20-16  
Withdrawn*

Mrs. LaSala also questioned Motion 12/20-20 and referred to correspondence she sent as of 10:00 this morning requesting a copy of the document. Mrs. Hom said that the document was in this evening's agenda and apologized for not e-mailing it to all the Board Members earlier today. Mrs. Hom also commented on the question of the color being used for the uniforms.

Mrs. Verdi asked if the uniforms would match the color of the football uniforms. Mrs. Hom said that according to Mr. Kornegay, it was determined last year to use the navy blue color for the football uniforms and this will be the new color for all future uniforms that are purchased in the district. She said that it has not been confirmed that this will also apply in the elementary school.

Mr. Smith shared information provided to him by Coach Price on how the original navy color was initiated for the uniforms based on a World War 1 patch of one of the teachers who returned from the war.

Mrs. LaSala asked Board Council a procedural question on how to vote no to a specific item during a bulk motion. He advised her to point out what she would be voting no to at the time of her vote.

Mrs. Hom explained that Motion 12/20-16 was being pulled from the agenda because the SEMI numbers have not been received at this time.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Brown, it was RESOLVED by roll call vote in favor by the Manasquan Board of Education to approve the following recommendations under the Manasquan/Sending District Motions 12/20-10 through 12/20-22, with the exception of Motion 12/20-16. (MEB/SDR)

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Mrs. Barnes – yes	Mrs. LaSala – yes &
Mr. Bauer – yes	no to 12/20-13
Mrs. Brown – yes	Mrs. Muly - yes
Mr. Campbell – yes	Mr. Smith – yes
Mrs. Degan-Spang – yes	Mrs. Verdi – yes &
Mrs. DiPalma – yes &	no to 12/20-13
	no to 12/20-13

*Manasquan/  
Sending District  
Motions 12/20-10-  
12/20-22*

*\*12/20-16  
Withdrawn*

- Approval of the High School personnel, as specified in **Document 1.** 12/20-10
- Approval of the High School Professional Days and Field Trips, as specified in **Document 2.** 12/20-11
- Approval of the high school final exam schedule for January 2012, as specified in **Document 3.** 12/20-12
- Approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of revised Manasquan Board of Education Bylaws and Policies as listed and available at the Board of Education offices:
 

Bylaws:	0168 – Recording Board Meetings
Policies:	6424 – Emergency Contracts
	8505 – School Nutrition
	9180 – School Volunteers
	9181 – Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants
	12/20-13
- Approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the new Manasquan Board of Education Bylaws and Policies as listed and available at the Board of Education offices:
 

Policies:	5519 – Dating Violence at School
	6472 – Tuition Assistance
	12/20-14
- Approval of a new high school club as follows:
 

Sports Medicine Club	12/20-15
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- Motion 12/20-16: WITHDRAWN – Resolution to request a waiver of compliance for participation in the Special Education Medicaid (SEMI) Program – **Document 4.**
- Approval of the rejection of the Amendment to School Boards Bylaws proposed by the Board of Trustees as specified in **Document 5.** 12/20-17
- Approval of the renewal of the Access Agreement between the Manasquan School District and Cablevision Lightpath-NJ, Inc., commencing February 1, 2012 and terminating January 31, 2015, as per agreement on file in the Business Office. (Upon attorney review) 12/20-18
- Approval of the acceptance of funding for 2012FY for the IDEA allocation in the amounts of \$225,670.00 for the Basic Grant (\$12,537.00 Basic Non-Public Share) and \$6,877.00 for the Preschool Grant. 12/20-19
- Approval of the award of bid for Athletic Uniforms for the 2011-2012 school year, as specified in **Document 6.** 12/20-20

*H.S. Personnel  
Document 1  
H.S. Prof. Days &  
Field Trips  
Document 2  
H.S. Final Exam  
Schedule  
Document 3*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
“Revised” Bylaws  
& Policies*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
“New” Policies*

*Sports Medicine  
Club*

*SEMI Waiver  
(withdrawn)*

*School Boards  
Bylaws  
Document 5*

*Cablevision  
Lightpath-NJ  
Agreement*

*2012FY IDEA  
Grant  
Acceptance*

*2011-12 Athletic  
Uniforms  
Document 6*

- Approval of the students for treatment and/or placement as prescribed by the Child Study Team, as specified in **Document 7**. 12/20-21
- The Manasquan Board of Education recommended the acceptance of the high school Central Fund Report for the month ending November 30, 2011, as specified in **Document 8**.

*Special Education  
Document 7*

*H.S. Central Fund  
Report  
Document 8*

It was further RESOLVED to approve Purchase Orders for the month of December 2011, as specified in **Document 9**.

*Purchase Orders  
Document 9*

It was further RESOLVED to approve the acceptance of the Cafeteria Report for the month ending November 30, 2011, as specified in **Document 10**.

*Cafeteria Report  
Document 10*

It was further RESOLVED to approve Bills (Current Expense) in the amount of \$1,320,209.61 for the month of December 2011. Record of checks (#30031 through #30127), and distributions are on file in the Business Office.

*Bills  
Current Expense*

The Manasquan Board of Education also confirmed Bills (Current Expense) for November 2011 at \$2,343,830.79 and checks (#29831 through #30030). (MEB/SDR) 12/20-22

*Confirmation of  
Bills  
Current Expense*

Mrs. Muly asked if there were any matters of Old or New Business.

*Old Business /  
New Business*

Mrs. LaSala requested that a motion be brought to the floor to abandon the committee format and return to a Board of the Whole. She feels that the Board has not been very successful with the committee format and does not feel that it was implemented in a way that even gave a change for success. She believes that there is a consensus of the Board, after having discussions with several members; that this format is not working for the Board.

Mrs. Brown commented that based on the fact that the Board prefers to discuss everything and that the right guidance was not provided from the beginning, she feels that a Board of the Whole is the better option. She also commented that with this format the Board could still have Ad Hoc committees for certain things.

A discussion took place on what areas could be addressed through Ad Hoc committees.

Mrs. LaSala asked if Mrs. Barnes would share her experience with the committee structure. Mrs. Barnes provided details on the process involved with the committee structure and how it can work effectively with the proper format in place.

Mr. Smith suggested that the Board hold off on this vote until January because it was not made available to the public through advertisement on the website. He feels that this is setting a dangerous precedent.

Mr. McOmber agreed with Mrs. Barnes comments on the committee structure. He also recalled the feelings of his firm when they were appointed and how they felt strongly that the Board should move to a committee structure. He commented that he would feel more comfortable if Mrs. Margin were present to offer her recommendations on this issue.

Mrs. DiPalma agreed that the committee format is not effective and said that information was not being distributed to the committee let along to the rest of the Board. She also referred to the boiler and solar issues and available grants.

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Mr. Bauer commented that he felt the building and grounds committee meetings were effective and productive and that the information was brought back in report form to the Board. He asked what the difference was between an ad hoc or regular committee.

***Old Business/  
New Business  
(continued)***

Mr. McOmber explained that an ad hoc committee was a temporary committee and not a standing committee of the board and can be formed on an as-needed basis.

Mrs. LaSala feels that although Mr. Bauer's committee is working, she does not feel that all of the committees are working effectively. She said that her concern is that things are not running smoothly.

Mr. McOmber suggested amending the motion and waiting to put it on the agenda for discussion at the next work session in order to have the Superintendent's input.

Mr. Smith commented on Mrs. LaSala's question on the availability of the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting.

Mrs. Hom commented on her experience with the current committees. She also pointed out that some committees are beneficial.

On a motion by Mrs. LaSala, seconded by Mrs. Verdi, it was RESOLVED by voice vote of all those present in favor by the Manasquan Board of Education to amend the original motion to take action this evening and to place on the January 17<sup>th</sup> work session agenda a motion to approve to eliminate the committee structure and move back to the committee of the whole.

***Motion to place  
on 1/17/12 agenda  
Committee  
Structure***

Mrs. Hom addressed a question asked by Mrs. Verdi regarding the substitute list and said that this question should be addressed by the Superintendent's office.

Mrs. LaSala commented on the need for the Board to start thinking again about an SRO. She would like to Board to consider not voting to approve any additional tuition paid students until we are sure that there is enough room at the high school, since it was reported that we are at full capacity.

Mrs. Hom clarified the concept of full capacity and explained that with the current master schedule at the high school and the number of periods, the classrooms are all occupied. She said that the current administration is happy with the block schedule and because of the 77 minute periods and lunch scheduling the one thing that results from this is that there are not a lot of free classrooms. Full capacity does not mean that every classroom is occupied at full capacity; it means that every classroom is occupied.

In answer to Mrs. LaSala's question, Mr. Bauer said that he believed that footings not pilings were required with the trailers. Mrs. Hom also spoke on the flooding that occurs in this area.

Mr. McOmber addressed Mrs. Brown comments on the follow up on the Student in Good Standing policy. She also asked if the following material and information could be provided prior to the next meeting: the number of students that have gone through the SDS process; the number of students that have declined to go through the SGS process; a report on the cooperation received from all of the police departments by the district. She believes that these facts should be made available to the Board prior to making any decision.

Mr. McOmber agreed that this information is necessary to make this vote count. He also reported that he spoke with Eric Harrison who handled the Ramapo case and that the Commissioner of Education's final decision which upheld the board's policy was not appealed. He provided copies of this decision from the Commissioner to Board Members. He updated the Board on other conversations he has had with other districts on this matter. He said that he would work with the Board and move in the direction they



wish to take and make it defensible. He said that he was happy that there was a clear defined decision that can be followed with this matter.

*Old Business /  
New Business  
(continued)*

Mrs. LaSala also asked for status on the Code of Conduct Consent Form. Mrs. Muly replied that the Student in Good Standing and the Code of Conduct Consent Form would come as one packet.

Mrs. Brown said that she reached out to Ocean Township and learned that their policy started out as a 365 day policy and then reverted to a school year policy because of logistics in keeping track of the students' sports participation. She reported that they also have a SGS policy for the demerit system that she believes would be extremely important in addressing the current discipline problems in the high school. She will provide Mrs. Muly a copy for distribution to the Board. She commented that instead of being reactionary with in-school suspensions and trailers, in her opinion, she would rather see the money being spent on a proactive solution rather than a reactive solution. She suggested that the Board should examine the discipline policies within school.

Mr. McOmber said that his purpose is to make the policy legal and defensible.

Mrs. Muly opened the second Public Forum.

*Public Forum*

Mike Shelton, Lake Avenue, commented on Mr. Bauer's committee reports being great and that he has not heard anything from the finance committee. He also requested that the purchase orders be made available for review at the meetings. He commented that he feels that Manasquan has the least informative website of New Jersey schools. He commented on the unavailability of all meeting minutes on the website in addition to policies. He also commented on last week's newspaper articles being embarrassing. He questioned if the Board has discussed House Bill 4394 and where they stand on the school election. He commented that it would be good to hear the Board's feelings on this matter.

Mr. McOmber commented that he did not believe that this bill has been approved at this time. He also commented that he did not believe that the Board has formally discussed this bill and he believed that the comments that Mr. Shelton referred to may have been Mrs. Margin's comments and not those of the Board.

Mr. Shelton also referred to comments made in the paper on building a detention center, suspensions and students not showing up for Saturday detention. He said he would prefer to hear that we have a space problem because of course work. He said that he does not want to live in a town where kids are being detained for not following rules instead of their parents given the responsibility of taking care of their children at home. He also commented that if we are at full capacity, we should stop taking kids from outside of our sending districts.

Mrs. Hom explained the reason that purchase orders were brought to the meetings was to acquire signatures of the Board Members. She said that a bill list is provided and that no one has ever requested to see purchase orders at a meeting in the past.

Mr. Shelton asked for a report from the Finance Committee. Mr. Smith reported that he had a Finance Committee meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> and within 48 hours he provided Finance Committee members the minutes of the meeting asking for them to review and address any areas that might be inaccurate or in need of change. He said that after he heard from the members it was his intention to make a report and present it at the next available meeting. He said that as of this morning he had not heard from any member of the committee.

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Mrs. LaSala commented that she disagreed with his statement and that she did reply to his e-mail regarding his report.

***Public Forum  
(continued)***

Mr. Smith apologized and said that he did not recall seeing her e-mail.

Mr. Smith said that he could not address the purchase orders being signed until the full Board sees the committee report.

Mr. Shelton asked what group could be utilized to make the website better and more functional. Mrs. Muly will look into this with Mrs. Margin. He commented that more efforts need to be made in responding to e-mails, to answering questions and to stop policies from disappearing from the website. He commented positively that the meetings are getting better and Mrs. Hom is getting out information quickly.

Mrs. Brown reminded everyone that progress reports are available on the website as of today. Mrs. Muly reminded those who have not registered for website notification to do so because these reports are available only online.

Mrs. Muly closed the Public Forum seeing no questions or comments from the public.

Mrs. Muly said that there were no matters to be discussed in closed session and asked for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion by Mrs. LaSala, seconded by Mrs. Brown, it was RESOLVED by voice vote of all those present in favor by the Manasquan Board of Education to adjourn the Regular Open Business Meeting.

***Adjournment***

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Hom  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary