

January 17, 2012

The Board of Education of the Borough of Manasquan, Monmouth County, met in Closed Executive Session on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 9:35 p.m., after the Open Agenda Work Session, held in the Manasquan Elementary School Cafeteria.

Mrs. Muly read the following statement prior to the Board adjourning to Closed Executive Session.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Board of Education may exclude the public from that portion of a public meeting at which the Board discusses any of the matters described at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1)-(9); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manasquan Board of Education shall forthwith enter into closed session to discuss the following matter(s) concerning: \*Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law – Student issues (30 minutes) and Pending or anticipated contract negotiations - Negotiation Council Proposal and possible contract settlement (20 minutes)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said discussion may be disclosed to the public when reasons for discussing and acting upon it in closed session no longer exist.

Present for Roll Call: Thomas B. Bauer, Jack Campbell, Linda DiPalma, Michelle LaSala, Chris Muly, Jim Smith, Katherine Verdi and John L. Winterstella, Manasquan Board of Education Elected Members (MEB), Julia Barnes, Michelle Degnan-Spang, Sending District Representatives (SDR). Absent: Trisha Brown (left at 9:25 p.m.) (MEB), Julia Barnes and Mark Furey (SDR).

Also Present: Geraldine Margin, Superintendent of Schools, Margaret M. Hom, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The Board discussed the following during the Closed Executive Session:

Mrs. Margin distributed to the Board a letter received from a parent regarding inappropriate comments being made on Facebook by students. Mrs. Margin felt that the discipline that the students received was fair. Further discussion took place on the timeframe involved in the investigation of the matter, notification of the parents and the student's suspension. It was also noted that the coach was not present for a meeting with the students and parents.

Mrs. Margin referred to another letter from a parent regarding an on-going 8<sup>th</sup> grade issue that refers to a bullying claim. Mrs. Verdi commented that bullying charges cannot be filed on everyone and that the school is not a police station. She said that proof and documentation is necessary along with and proper investigation. Mrs. LaSala suggested that information needs to be shared with the parents on the parameters of this process.

A RICE notice will be provided to the staff member involved in this matter prior to further discussion in closed session.

Mrs. Muly reported that Mr. McOmber came to her and indicated that he had a conflict as our present attorney who deals with the staff on special education issues, if he were to serve in the capacity of a negotiations attorney and suggested that the Board consider hiring a different attorney for negotiations. She presented the possibility of Mr. Robert Clarke serving as our negotiations attorney.

Mr. Winterstella suggested some possible negotiation strategies.

Mrs. Muly asked for a motion to exit the Closed Executive Session.

On a motion by Mrs. LaSala, seconded by Mrs. Verdi, it was RESOLVED by voice vote of all those present in favor of the Manasquan Board of Education to exit the Closed Executive Session and return to the Open Agenda Work Session.