

Mansfield Township Board of Education

August 8, 2023

7:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Call to Order - Constance Quinn, President

Roll Call – Paul DeAngelo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mansfield Township Board of Education:

Annamaria Lalevee	Krysti Mastrolacasa	Jonathan Rood
Alison Lorentson	Constance Quinn	Linda Watters
Diane Margolin	Joseph Rodriguez	James J. Winand

Executive Session - 7:00 p.m. (If Necessary)

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the board of education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Mansfield Township Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- 1. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule*
- 2. Pending Litigation*
- 3. Personnel Matters*
- 4. Matter of Attorney/Client Privilege*
- 5. Confidential Student Matters*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mansfield Township Board of Education reserves the right to discuss such other matters rendered confidential by law should the need arise; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Action may be taken.

Approval to go into Executive Session

MOTION:		SECOND:		
Name	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Annamaria Lalevee				

Alison Lorentson				
Diane Margolin				
Krysti Mastrolacasa				
Constance Quinn				
Joseph Rodriguez				
Jonathan Rood				
Linda Watters				
James J. Winand				

Reconvene: _____

President’s Announcement

Statement of Advance Notice

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, The Mansfield Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Mansfield Township Municipal Building and sent to the following newspapers: *The Express Times and Star Ledger*.

Pledge of Allegiance - President, Constance Quinn

President’s Report - Constance Quinn - None

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Anthony Giordano - None

Business Administrator’s Report - Paul DeAngelo - None

Communications and Petitions (If required) – The Superintendent and members of the Board may acknowledge any communications and/or petitions received.

Public Comment

Public comments are invited on matters pertaining only to the agenda action items at this time. All participants shall be given three (3) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or his designee.

Please let the record reflect that the BOE does not endorse your comments nor will the BOE be held liable for comments you make about a staff member, or other person, which the staff member, or other person, may consider defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you. The Board will hear all public comments and then close the public comment session and respond if appropriate.

Consent Agenda - Recommended Action(s)
Approval of Minutes and Reports - Annamaria Lalavee

None

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Approval Agenda
Chair - Diane Margolin
Education/Policy Committee - Recommended Action(s)

None

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Approval Agenda

Chair: Krysti Mastrolacasa

Personnel Committee - Recommended Action(s)

1. Motion to approve the Interim Assistant Superintendent Agreement between Dr. Gary McCartney (hereinafter referred to as “Interim Assistant Superintendent and Interim Assistant Director of Special Services”) and the Mansfield Township Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board” or “District”). Agreement made and entered into this 8th of August, 2023 per county approval;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to contract with Dr. Gary McCartney to serve as Interim Assistant Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary McCartney desires to contract with the Board to provide Interim Assistant Superintendent services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, Dr. Gary McCartney and the Board, for the mutual promises and consideration herein specified, do mutually covenant and agree as follows:

The Board shall pay Dr. McCartney the amount of \$750 per each school day worked as Interim Assistant Superintendent. Payment will be made in accordance with the policies of the Board governing payment of employees in the district as well as state laws and regulations, including OMB circulars in effect.

2. Motion to approve the Interim Superintendent Agreement between Dr. Gary McCartney (hereinafter referred to as “Interim Superintendent and Interim Director of Special Services”) and the Mansfield Township Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board” or “District”). Agreement made and entered into this 16 of August, 2023 per county review and approval;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to contract with Dr. Gary McCartney to serve as Interim Superintendent, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, Dr. Gary McCartney and the Board, for the mutual promises and consideration herein specified, do mutually covenant and agree as follows:

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3. Motion to approve the final work day, August 15, 2023, for payment and health benefits for Dr. Anthony Giordano. Benefits are employer costs, less employee contributions, from the August 15, 2023 paycheck. No sick, vacation, or personal benefits payments to be paid.

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James J. Winand				

Township Liaison Agenda

Township Chair: Linda Watters and Jonathan Rood

Township Committee - Recommended Action(s):

None

Approval Agenda

Chair: James Winand

Facilities/Finance Committee - Recommended Action(s)

None

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Public Comment

Public comments are invited on matters pertaining to the district at this time. All participants shall be given three (3) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or his designee.

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New Business - Members of the Board may introduce any new item or topic of discussion for the Board to consider.

Old Business - Members of the Board may comment on any item or topic that was previously discussed by the Board.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, August 17, 2023
- Wednesday, September 13, 2023
- Thursday, October 12, 2023
- Wednesday, November 15, 2023
- Wednesday, December 20, 2023
- Wednesday, January 3, 2024 - Reorganization

Second Executive Session (If Necessary)

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Name	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
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Reconvene: _____

Joseph Rodriguez

Recommended Action - Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment _____ p.m.

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