

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Ethics Board
Thursday, July 18, 2013
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B

Minutes

Members Present: John DeWolf, Saul Nesselroth, Jim Raynor, Nora Stevens (Chair)

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Raynor made the motion, seconded by Mr. DeWolf to add public comment to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Martha Kelly, Bundy Lane. Ms. Kelly disclosed her affiliation with the Mansfield Board of Education but indicated she was speaking as an individual. Ms. Kelly spoke to her opposition of gift giving between students and teachers. Ms. Kelly would like to see the practice of gift giving between students and teachers ended.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road. Ms. Wassmundt spoke to the gift provisions of the Ethics Code and stated her opinion that gifts should not be allowed under any circumstances.

II. APPROVAL OF 5/2/2013 MINUTES

Mr. Raynor made the motion, seconded by Mr. DeWolf to adopt the minutes of May 2, 2013 as presented. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. ADVISORY OPINION

The Board reviewed and discussed a self-initiated advisory opinion regarding Code applicability to the Mansfield Board of Education, including gift provisions. Mr. Raynor made the motion, seconded by Mr. Nesselroth to issue the advisory opinion as presented to the Mansfield Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. BOARD VACANCIES.

Ms. Barry's resignation from the Board (and secretary position) was announced. By consensus, the Board agreed to inquire with Mr. Smith about serving as the Board's secretary. Ms. Stevens asked Board members to think about potential members to serve as the Board's alternates. Suggestions for alternate members will be provided to the Committee on Committees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager