

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
June 8, 2006
Minutes

Attendees: William Simpson, Chair, Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, Gary Bent, Dudley Hamlin, Martha Kelly, Chris Kueffner, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: John Thacher

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40p.m. by Mr. Simpson, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded Dr. Patwa to approve the minutes of the 5/11/06 meeting. Mrs. Kelly noted that the budget reduction amount the Town Council requested of the Board is \$157,000 not \$157.000. Correction will be made.**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

III. Hearing for Visitors – Dr. James Palmer, Principal, Vinton School, thanked the Board for their support for an outstanding school year.

IV. Communications – None.

V. Additions to Present Agenda - None.

VI. Committee Reports –Ms Feathers reported that the Personnel Committee would present contract with the Nurses' Association for approval in Executive Session. Mr. Kueffner reported that he attended the Region 19 Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Kelly reported that the Teacher of the Year Committee would be meeting during the week of June 12th to review 8 candidates.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. MMS Energy Project - MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin seconded by Dr. Bent to adopt the Resolutions in the memo dated May 22, 2006 from Jeffrey H. Smith for the replacement of the electrical heating system at Mansfield Middle School. **VOTE:**Unanimous in favor. **MOTION** by Dr. Bent seconded by Dr. Patwa to accept the educational specifications for the replacement of the electrical heating system at Mansfield Middle School. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- B. Quarterly Financial Statements - MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin seconded by Ms Feathers to accept the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2006. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- C. Audit Comments and Response -MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin seconded by Mr. Kueffner to accept the Town auditors comments and corrective action plan prepared by the Department of Finance. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- D. Cost Estimate for Well Projects - MOTION** by Dr. Patwa seconded by Ms. Feathers to approve the cost estimates and final plans for the repair of Mansfield Schools Public Water System; Phase #2. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- E. Adoption of Wellness Policy - MOTION** by Ms Feathers seconded by Mr. Hamlin to adopt the Mansfield Board of Education Policy Regarding Wellness with thanks to Mr. Baruzzi and the committee. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

- F. **Cooperating Teacher Program/Beginning Educator Support and Training - MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner seconded by Ms Feathers to accept Brenda Bissell, Barbara Hunter, and Brenda Moulton, Mansfield Middle School teachers into the program. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- G. **MMS/Thailand Exchange - MOTION** by Ms Feathers seconded by Dr. Patwa to endorse the first phase to act as hosts for approximately 20 students from the Patai Udom Suksa School in Bangkok Thailand in March/April 2007, before considering future steps. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- H. **Proposed Budget Reductions - MOTION** by Dr. Bent seconded by Mr. Hamlin to accept the 2006-2007 budget reductions of \$157,000. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- I. **Class Size/Enrollment** - The principals reported no significant change in enrollment during the month. Mrs. Fisher-Doiron, Principal, Southeast School reported that the 2006-2007 pre-enrollment for kindergarten will necessitate having a third section of kindergarten.
- J. **New Positions Update** - Dr. Schimmel reported that Doug Perkins, 7th grade mathematics/science teacher at Mansfield Middle School will transfer to the Mathematics/Science Enrichment position. Interviews are being conducted for the Literacy Coach/Remedial Reading and Mathematics Consultant positions.
- K. **Personnel - MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner seconded by Dr. Patwa to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the employment of Holly Harakaly as a special education pre-school teacher at Southeast School. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

VIII. Hearing for Visitors – Katherine Paulhus requested the Board agenda and minutes be updated on the Town website.

IX. Suggestions for Future Agenda – None.

X. Executive Session

MOTION by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Ms Feathers to go into executive session at 9:50 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Dr. Bent, seconded by Ms Feathers to return to open session at 11:25 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Dr. Bent, seconded by Ms Lin to ratify the 2006-2009 Mansfield Nurses' Association agreement. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Dr. Bent, seconded by Dr. Patwa to extend the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent's contract for one year and approve a 3.5% salary increase and a .5% increase in their annuity. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

XI. Adjournment - **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Dr. Bent to adjourn at 11:35 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk