

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
October 12, 2006
Minutes

Attendees: Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, Dudley Hamlin, Chris Kueffner, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: William Simpson, John Thacher

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40p.m. by Ms Feathers, Vice Chair. The agenda was suspended for a special presentation.

II. Teacher of the Year Celebration

Tom Rameaka, Special Education Teacher at Mansfield Middle School was honored as Mansfield's 2007 Teacher of the Year.

III. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION by Dr. Patwa, seconded Mr. Hamlin to approve the minutes of the 9/14/06 meeting with a correction to note that Mrs. Kelly arrived at 7:40p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.**

IV. Hearing for Visitors – None.

V. Communications – None.

VI. Additions to Present Agenda - Dr. Bent requested a discussion on school security.

VII. Committee Reports –Ms Feathers summarized the discussion at the School Building Committee Public Hearing held on October 4, 2006.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

A. Student Transportation - Dr. Schimmel and Mr. Baruzzi reported on the status of the bus driver shortages.

B. Update on Special Education - Dr. Leclerc discussed programs that Special Education is using to meet the needs of students who need special services.

C. Professional Improvement of Staff -MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner seconded by Dr. Patwa to approve the increase in salary for educational improvement for the following certified staff: Tara Achane, Dana Gnesdilow, Kelly Heffley, Mansfield Middle School; Erika LaBella, Southeast School, and Nancy Titchen, Goodwin School. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.**

D. Proposed 2007 Board Meeting Calendar - A draft schedule for meetings next year will be voted on at the October 25, 2006 meeting.

E. Class Size/Enrollment - Mr. Cryan discussed the enrollment at the Middle School, reporting a net gain of 21 students this year.

F. Personnel - **MOTION by Mr. Kueffner seconded by Dr. Bent to accept the request for childrearing leave from January through March 2007 by Christina Conde, Preschool Teacher at Goodwin and the resignation of Celinda Corbeil, School Nurse at Mansfield Middle School. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.**

IX. School Security - The Administrators discussed current emergency procedures and

plans for a security audit.

- X.** Hearing for Visitors – Katherine Paulhus commended the bus drivers and expressed concerns about the on-going problem of finding good drivers and retaining them. Dr. Bent suggested commendations to the bus drivers, who have been supportive during the driver shortage.
- XI.** Adjournment - **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Dr. Patwa to adjourn at 9:55p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk