

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
February 1, 2007
Minutes

Attendees: William Simpson, Chair, Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, Gary Bent, Martha Kelly, Chris Kueffner, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin, Director of Finance, Jeffrey Smith

Absent: Dudley Hamlin, John Thacher

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Mr. Simpson, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to approve the minutes of the 1/25/07 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

III. Hearing for Visitors – None.

IV. Communications – Dr. Schimmel distributed an article from *AASA Daily News*.

V. Addition to Present Agenda - None.

VI. Committee Reports - Dr. Schimmel reported that the School Building Committee would interview four architectural firms on February 7, 2007. Mr. Simpson announced Parent Representative Rene Miller had resigned from the committee and he recommended Dr. Anne Willenborg to replace Ms Miller. **MOTION** by Chris Kueffner, seconded by Dr. Patwa to appoint Dr. Willenborg to the committee: **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor. Mr. Smith discussed results of a meeting with Representative Denise Merrill on the MMS Fossil Fuel Conversion Bill. Mrs. Kelly reported that the Teacher of the Year Committee held their first meeting to plan the selection process for this year.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. **School Food Service Report** - Ms. Beth Gankofskie discussed the issues with the new legislation regarding school lunch snacks and its impact on the program.
- B. **Professional Development Program Update** - Dr. Schimmel reported the Administrative Council continues the planning process of a revised Professional Development Program for the 07-08 school year.
- C. **Class Size/Enrollment Report** - The principals noted no significant change in enrollment during January.
- D. **Continued Review of the Proposed 2007-2008 Budget** - **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Ms Feathers to approve the Superintendent's Proposed 2007-2008 Budget. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

VIII. Hearing for Visitors - None.

IX. Adjournment - **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Ms Feathers to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk