

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
March 8, 2007
Minutes

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

- 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 2/1/07 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- III. Hearing for Visitors – None.
- IV. Communications – Two letters were distributed to the Board, one from Goodwin School parents and one from a Mansfield Middle student.
- V. Addition to Present Agenda - None.
- VI. Committee Reports – Ms Feathers reported that negotiations with the MEUI have started and there would be a brief Executive Session to discuss the status. Mr. Simpson reported that the School Building Committee will meet next week.
- VII. Report of the Superintendent
 - A. **Update on Future Town Development** – Mr. Greg Padick, Director of Planning, discussed Town Zoning and development plans.
 - B. **K-8 Mathematics Program Review** – Mrs. Karen Moylan, Mathematics Coordinator, reviewed the K-8 Math Program strengths and areas needing improvement.
 - C. **December 31, 2006 Quarterly Report** – tabled until a future meeting.
 - D. **Agreement Between the Town, Board, and Region 19 for Director of IT Position** – tabled until a future meeting.
 - E. **Class Size/Enrollment Report** - The principals noted no significant change in enrollment during January.
 - F. **Personnel - MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Bent to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for certified staff non-renewal of contract for Heather Brincks, Karen Despres, Jill Devor, Catherine Hain, Holly Harakaly, Sarah Kania, Karen Moylan, Jane Moynihan, Aaron Murray, Sarah Peters, Allison Peterson, Judith Quinn. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor. **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve Dana Gnesdilow's request for an unpaid leave of absence for the 2007-2008 school year.
- VIII. Hearing for Visitors – Katherine Paulhus asked if Karen Moylan would be available for a presentation to Goodwin Parents. Debra Adamczyk acknowledged that a report was in the planning stages.

- IX.** Suggestions for Future Agenda - None
- X.** Executive Session - Negotiations
- XI.** **MOTION** by Ms Lin, seconded by Dr. Patwa to go into executive session at 9:40 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
MOTION by Ms Lin, seconded by Dr. Patwa to return to open session at 9:55 p.m.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor
- XII.** Adjournment - **MOTION** by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Ms Feathers to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk