

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
May 10, 2007
Minutes

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

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 4-12-07 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

III. Hearing for Visitors – None.

IV. Communications – None

V. Addition to Present Agenda – None.

VI. Committee Reports – None

Martha Kelly arrived at 7:45

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. **Full Day Kindergarten Report** – The elementary building principals and Mr. Baruzzi discussed the successes of the full day kindergarten program and an implementation change for next year. Mr. Baruzzi announced that the administrators had decided that half-day kindergarten students will be allowed to stay the full day on scheduled early dismissal days.
- B. **2007-2008 Food Service Price Increase** – **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa seconded by Dr. Bent to approve the proposed 10¢ per meal price increase for the 2007-2008 school year. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- C. **Healthy Food Certification**– **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Ms Feathers to adopt the Connecticut Nutrition Standards Healthy Food Certification Statement for the 2007-2008 school year. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor. **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Ms Feathers to adopt the Connecticut Nutrition Standards Exclusion for the 2007-2008 school year. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- D. **2007-2008 Budget** – **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Dr. Patwa to accept the 2007-2008 Budget reductions as proposed, with the following changes. Reducing the Technology infrastructure by \$30,000 in order to fund the Mansfield Middle summer school program. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- E. **Focus on Student Achievement** – Tabled due to lack of time until the May 24th workshop.
- F. **Board of Education Policy Updates** – In Mr. Hamlin's absence, Dr. Schimmel asked the Board to review the updates in preparation for adoption at the June 14th meeting.
- G. **Class Size Enrollment Report** – The administrators reported no significant

change in enrollment.

H. **Personnel - MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Dr. Patwa to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the employment of Karen Malloy, School Nurse, Mansfield Middle School and the maternity leave request by Michele Beers, Personal Assistant, Central Office. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

- VIII.** Hearing for Visitors – Ms Leslie Sweeney and Ms Lisa Drzewiecki made suggestions about the half-day kindergarten program.
- IX.** Committee Report: Mrs. Kelly reported that 30 teachers were nominated for Teacher of the Year, with 12 completing the packet to be included in the selection process.
- X.** Suggestions for Future Agenda – Dr. Bent requested discussion on cameras on school buses. Mrs. Kelly would like to discuss the possibility of replacing “kid mail” with email.
- XI.** Executive Session - Negotiations
- XII.** **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to go into executive session at 9:47p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
MOTION by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to return to open session at 10:15 p.m.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor
- XIII.** Adjournment - **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Bent to adjourn at 10:17p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk