

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting**  
**September 6, 2007**  
**Minutes**

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

**Absent:** Christopher Kueffner, Shamim Patwa, Katherine Paulhus

**I.** Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Simpson, Chair.

**II.** Approval of Minutes - **MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Ms. Feathers to approve the minutes of the 6-14-07 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Mr. Kueffner arrived at 7:38 p.m.

**III.** Hearing for Visitors – None

**IV.** Communications – The Board received a letter of appreciation from Elyse Poller, 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Mansfield Middle School for her one-year leave of absence.

**V.** Addition to Present Agenda – None.

**VI.** Committee Reports – Mr. Kueffner reported on discussions at the Region 19 Board of Education meeting the previous week. Ms Feathers asked for an executive session to discuss negotiations.

**VII.** Report of the Superintendent

**A. Introduction of New Certified Staff** – The building principals introduced the new certified staff for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mrs. Paulhus arrived at 7:45 p.m.

**B. Building Committee Update** – Mr. Simpson and Dr. Schimmel discussed the upcoming public workshops.

**C. Professional Development Update** – Dr. Schimmel and Mr. Baruzzi discussed details of the first set of courses of the Fall Professional Development Strand.

**D. Initial CMT Results** – Mr. Baruzzi discussed the district's Spring 2007 Connecticut Mastery Test scores.

Dr. Patwa arrived at 8:45 p.m.

**E. Class Size/Enrollment Report** – Mr. Cryan reported that the Middle School's enrollment was higher than expected; as a result there was no overall decline in enrollment. The elementary school principals reported that enrollment was as projected.

**F. Personnel - MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Dr. Patwa to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the employment of Sandra Burns, .5 Title I Reading Teacher at Southeast School; Jessica Gellert, Grade 7 Mathematics Teacher James Griffith, Computer Technology Coordinator at the Middle School; and Connie Ziko, Speech and Language Pathologist at Southeast School. **VOTE:**

Unanimous in favor. **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Dr. Bent to accept the resignations of Christina Conde, Preschool Teacher at Goodwin School and Gary LaBrec, Grade 8 Mathematics Teacher at the Middle School.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor. **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to regretfully accept the retirement of Gordon Schimmel, Superintendent effective June 30, 2008. **VOTE:**Unanimous in favor.

- VIII.** Hearing for Visitors – None.
- IX.** Suggestions for Future Agenda – The September 20, 2007 meeting was cancelled and an October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was added. A Search Committee will be formed to begin the search for a new Superintendent of Schools.
- X.** Executive Session - Negotiations
- XI.** **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Dr. Patwa to go into executive session at 9:50p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.  
**MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to return to open session at 11:15 a.m.  
**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor
- XII.** Adjournment - **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Bent to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.