

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting**  
**October 22, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mary Feathers, Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Dudley Hamlin, Martha Kelly, Mark LaPlaca, Min Lin, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie-Silver-Bernstein, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin.

**Absent:** Shamim Patwa

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Ms. Feathers, Chair

RECOGNITIONS: Mary Feathers was honored for 12 years of service and Dudley Hamlin was honored for 8 years on the Board of Education. The Board honored Candace Morell, MMS Assistant Principal, recipient of the Connecticut Association of School's Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year. Janet Pagoni, First Grade Teacher at Goodwin was honored as Mansfield's 2010 Teacher of the Year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Feathers distributed a letter from CABA announcing the district was awarded an Honorable Mention in the CABA Award of Excellence for Educational Communications contest for Town of Mansfield/Mansfield Board of Education budget documents.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mr. LaPlaca to add the approval of the October 19, 2009 special meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

**MOTION** by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009 special meeting with room location correctly identified. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor with Mr. Hamlin, Mrs. Kelly, and Ms. Lin abstaining.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Building Committee: Ms. Feathers reported that there will be a joint meeting of the Building Committee, Town Council, and Board of Education on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers to discuss findings of the committee and next steps. Personnel Committee: Mr. Baruzzi reported that the MEA Executive Council has asked to meet with the Personnel Committee to open the lines of communication.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- 2010 Meeting Calendar Draft – The Board will adopt the calendar at the November 12, 2009 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded Ms. Lin that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of October 22, 2009 be approved or received for the record: **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the October 8, 2009 Board meetings.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request of Julie Ratajczak for maternity and unpaid childrearing leave from approximately April 21, 2010 through the end of the school year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

**MOTION** by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to adjourn at 9:20pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk