

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
September 8, 2011
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Min Lin, Holly Matthews, Ed Neumann, Katherine Paulhus, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Shamim Patwa, Carrie Silver-Bernstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Mr. LaPlaca.
Mr. LaPlaca asked for a moment of silence in memory of Matt Hurlock.

MOTION BY Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to move the agenda item, New Certified Staff, to immediately following the Hearing for Visitors. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

HEARING FOR VISITORS:

Ms. Silver-Bernstein arrived at 7:41pm
Hal Abramson, Wormwood Hill, spoke in opposition of a Shared Library Services position.
Anne Greineder, Holly Drive, spoke in opposition of a Shared Library Services position.
Sharry Goldman, Browns Road, spoke in opposition of a Shared Library Services position.
Rita Pollack, Timber Drive, spoke in opposition of a Shared Library Services position.
Bruce Goldman, Browns Road, spoke in opposition of a Shared Library Services position.

NEW CERTIFIED STAFF: The building principals introduced the new staff for the 2011-2012 school year.

COMMUNICATIONS: Email from Mary Dean in opposition of a Shared Library Services position.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to discuss school bus issues under **NEW BUSINESS**. VOTE: Unanimous in favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Personnel Committee: Mr. LaPlaca announced there will be an executive session following the meeting to discuss contract negotiations. Policy Committee: Mr. LaPlaca announced the Policy Committee will meet on September 21st to review proposed changes to the MBOE Policies for the 2011-2012 school year and discuss changes in school calendar. A summary of the proposed policy changes were submitted to the Board by Anne Littlefield, Shipman and Goodwin Attorney. The Board will review and adopt the changes at the next Board Meeting. EASTCONN Board of Directors: Mrs. Paulhus reported the new building at EASTCONN will be opening soon and distributed information on the programs offered.

Goals and Objectives: MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to adopt the proposed Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education Goals – 2011-2012. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- 2010-2011 4th Quarter Financial Report: Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance, reported the Town ended fiscal year with revenues exceeding expenditures increasing fund balance by \$147,200. MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Ms. Matthews, to accept the 2010-2011 4th Quarter Financial Report. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Budget Transfers 2010-2011: MOTION by Mr. Neumann, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to approve the Budget Transfers. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Minimum Budget Requirement Compliance: The Board will await action by the Town Council to resolve this issue.
- Books on Bus: Linda Robinson reported on the success of the third year of the program which provided access to library books along the elementary bus routes.
- Summer School 2011: Mr. Baruzzi reported on the success of the summer school programs. He recognized and thanked the teachers who piloted online summer program offerings to students.
- 2011-2012 Board Goals and Objectives: Mr. Baruzzi presented the administrators' proposed sample evidence and sample strategies for the goals and objectives which will be discussed at the September Board Workshop.

- Board Fall Retreat with Administrators: Due to conflicts, the September 22nd workshop will be rescheduled.
- Hurricane Irene/School Calendar: Mr. Baruzzi reported that Region 19 has revised their calendar to reflect a start date for students of September 6, 2011.
- Sharing Library Services: Potential Opportunities for Sharing Services and their Budgetary Impact: Mr. Baruzzi shared information that was presented to the Mansfield Public Library Advisory Board. The Board will await further interest on the part of the Town Council.
- School Energy Committees 2011-2012: Mr. Baruzzi reported that the district will continue the school based building committee initiative to maximize staff, student, parent, and community involvement.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The first three days enrollment chart was distributed to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: School Bus Schedules: Mr. Baruzzi discussed the problems with the bus schedules and routes for the start of the school year.

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded Mrs. Kelly that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of September 8, 2011 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the June 9, 2011 Board meetings.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the employment of Yalibi D'Addario, French teacher at Mansfield Middle School, Courtney Gile, preschool teacher at Vinton School, Carol Moran, grade five teacher at Mansfield Middle School, Sophia Donforth, grade 7 teacher at Mansfield Middle School, and Britta Venter, special education teacher at Goodwin School.

HEARING FOR VISITORS:

Joan Neuwirth, Bundy Lane, questioned the title of the Library/Media Coordinator and the certification needed.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to move into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations. VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The Board moved into Executive Session with Mr. Baruzzi in attendance at 9:45pm

The Board returned to open session at 10:10pm. MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mr. Neumann to ratify the Mansfield Administrators Association Contract effective on July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Ms Lin, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein to adjourn at 10:13pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk