

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
October 13, 2011
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Min Lin, Ed Neumann, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Holly Matthews, Katherine Paulhus

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Jeffrey Cryan, Principal Mansfield Middle School, introduced students and staff from their sister school in "Gymnasium Sarstedt". Mr. LaPlaca and Mr. Cryan presented gifts from the Board to the students and teachers. Mr. Cryan honored Sherry Andrews, Mansfield Middle School teacher, for her ten years of service with the German Exchange Program.

Ms. Paulhus arrived at 7:36pm

Debra Adamczyk, Principal Goodwin School, invited Board Members to join the "Goodwin for Geary" team in the October 23rd Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Bushnell Park.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Board received correspondence from Lisa Corriveau and Sheila Quinn Clark.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Policy Committee: **MOTION** by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to approve the Mansfield Board of Education Policy Updates. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Ms. Patwa asked for Board discussion on amending the 2011-2012 school calendar. The Policy Committee will present a proposal to the Board at the October 27, 2011 meeting.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- **Library Services Proposals:** Linda Robinson discussed proposals for a restructuring of staff, to open MMS library one night a week, and to run a weekly game night for MMs students in the library. The Board supported these proposals.
- **Group Testing Report 2010-2011:** Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the 2010 Connecticut Mastery Results and district plans to help children attain the confidence needed to reach mastery. He reported that the district did not achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status for the 2010-2011 School Year in the categories of Students with Disabilities in Mathematics and Reading and Economically Disadvantaged in Reading. The Mansfield Middle School did not achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status for the 2010-2011 School Year in the categories of Students with Disabilities in Mathematics and Reading and Economically Disadvantaged in Reading.
- **Windham Public Schools Request:** Mr. Baruzzi discussed a letter from Windham Public Schools asking Mansfield to enter into an Inter-district School Choice Cooperative Agreement as required of them by federal and state NCLB regulations. Due to lack of state and or federal funding to support the effort, Mansfield will decline this opportunity.
- **Safe School Climate Plan:** Mr. Baruzzi reported on the State Legislature's requirements for schools to implement a Safe School Climate Plan by July 2012.
- **Common Core State Standards and Assessment:** Mr. Baruzzi reported on the initiative to align curriculum to Common State Standards and assessment changes in the future.
- **Enhancing Student Achievement:** Ten projects were reviewed and will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- **Class Size/Enrollment:** The principals reported no major changes in class size or enrollment this month.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Mr. Walikonis, seconded Ms. Lin that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of October 13, 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 September 8, 2011 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for maternity and unpaid childrearing leave effective October 19, 2011 through February 17, 2012 from Kimberly Gilmore, Vinton School teacher.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the increase in salary, retroactive to the start of the school year as outlined in the current contract between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Mansfield Education Association for Kimberly Ruiz.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

MOTION by Mr. Neumann, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adjourn at 10:17pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk