

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
January 26, 2012
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, April Holinko, Holly Matthews, Katherine Paulhus, Jay Rueckl, Carrie Silver-Bernstein
Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7:41pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Adam Ramsdell and Steve Dean, Physical Education Teachers, introduced the MMS Adventure Learning Program. Sixth grade students participating in the activity discussed aspects of the program.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

MMSA: President, Diane Briody and Secretary, Jeannette Picard, discussed the activities the group participates in to support the middle school programs.

SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: Mr. LaPlaca reviewed the Town Council Workshop.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mrs. Paulhus reported she attended the EASTCONN Board of Directors' meeting.
Sustainability Committee: Ms. Matthews reported the committee will meet on February 2nd and will have a recommendation to the Board regarding the Town Sustainability Committee.

MMS Principal Search: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to refer the review of the search committee process to the Personnel Committee. VOTE: Unanimous in favor

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- **Library Update:** Linda Robinson, Library Media Specialist, updated the Board on current program initiatives in the Mansfield Public School libraries.
 - Wednesday Night Game Night
 - Night at the MMS Library
 - 6th Grade Mystery Theater
 - PAWS 4 Books in Mansfield
 - Kindles, Nooks & Library ebooks
 - Super Sleuth Afterschool Library pilot at Southeast
 - Birthday Book Buddies
 - One School, One Read
- **ESEA Waiver Flexibility:** Mr. Baruzzi reported on the State Board of Education's request for flexibility regarding specific requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, 2001 (NCLB).

Mrs. Paulhus left at 8:58pm

- **2012-2013 Proposed Budget – Board review – Regular Programs/Middle School/Elementary Schools:** The building principals reviewed their budgets and answered questions proposed by Board Members.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded Ms. Matthews that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of January 26, 2012 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the January 19, 2012 Board meeting.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: It was requested that upon election, the Board should invite the district representatives to attend a meeting.

MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Patwa to adjourn at 10:20pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk