

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting**  
**February 2, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, April Holinko, Holly Matthews, Jay Rueckl, Carrie Silver-Bernstein Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin; Director of Finance, Cherie Trahan

**Absent:** Katherine Paulhus

The meeting was called to order at 7:39pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Michelle Terry's Kindergarten Class "Terry's Turtles" presented their recycling program with the Terracycle Company. Grace Nieh, a second grader, played "Curious Story" on the piano.

Katherine Paulhus arrived at 7:50pm.

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA:** None

**Vinton PTA:** Co-Presidents, Lisa Drzewiecki and Allison Altieri, discussed the activities the group participates in to support enrichment programs at Vinton School.

**SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:** The next Town Council workshop will be on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Personnel Committee: MOTION by Ms. Patwa for the Personnel Committee to accept the Superintendent's proposal for the Mansfield Middle School Principal search process, which includes the composition of the committee and the timetable for conducting the search. VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Ms. Patwa also reported the Committee is preparing for negotiations with UPSEU (representing Custodians, Maintenance, and Food Service Employees). Environment/Sustainability Committee: Ms. Matthews reported the committee would like the district students to participate as appropriate in the Climate Impact Forum at UCONN in March.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

- Vinton Water Update: William Hammon, Director of Facilities Management, reported on the current water issue at Vinton.
- Proposed 2012-2013 School Calendar: Mr. Baruzzi presented the Board with a draft calendar for review and discussion.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: one new project were reviewed and will be implemented at the middle school in support of this activity.
- 2012-2013 Proposed Budget – Board Review – District Management/Support Services/Special Education/Other: Mr. Baruzzi, Mrs. Trahan, and Dr. Leclerc reviewed the budget sections and answered questions posed by Board Members.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded Mrs. Kelly that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of February 2, 2012 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus abstaining.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the January 26, 2012 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the retirement of Elizabeth Werkowski, Family Consumer Science teacher at Mansfield Middle School effective June 30, 2012.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk