

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
November 8, 2012
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice Chair (via phone), Holly Matthews, Jay Rueckl, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Martha Kelly, April Holinko, Katherine Paulhus

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MMS Orchestra Teacher, Michael Carbonneau, and the MMS Fiddle students played for the Board and discussed their Fiddlehike Field Trip to New Hampshire.

Mrs. Paulhus arrived at 7:45pm.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mr. LaPlaca reported that the Goodwin Bequest Committee met and there was nothing new to report.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Shandong Provincial Department of Education: Thanh Nguyen, Middle School Principal, reviewed the Principal Shadowing Program and introduced the guest principals. Mr. LaPlaca, Carole Norrish, MMS Family Consumer Science teacher, and students presented gifts to each of the 4 principals visiting from the Shandong Province. Lou Dezeng, Vice President, Qilu Normal University, presented a gift to Mr. LaPlaca and the Board of Education, which was donated to the Middle School.
- Quarterly Financials: Mr. Baruzzi reported fiscal year to date results for expenditures and revenues were as expected. MOTION by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Patwa, to accept the Town of Mansfield Quarterly Financial Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2012. VOTE Unanimous in favor.
- Salary Transfers: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the salary transfer report and answered questions from Board Members. MOTION by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mr. Walikonis, to approve the Salary Budget Transfers for fiscal year 2012-2013. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Food Service Grant: Discussion was postponed until a future meeting.
- 2012-2013 School Calendar: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the calendar and the school cancellations to date. Board discussed process of determining school calendar. MOTION by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to refer the discussion to the Policy Committee. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Common Core State Standards: Mr. Baruzzi shared presentations of the October Professional Development Day.
- School Climate Surveys: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the responses of the surveys by parents, staff, and students.

Ms. Silver-Bernstein left at 8:42

- Class Size Enrollment: Mr. Baruzzi reported no significant change in enrollment in the district.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Paulhus, seconded Mr. Rueckl, that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of November 8, 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 October 25, 2012 Board meeting.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mr. Walikonis requested a report on the voting at Vinton.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Walikonis, to adjourn at 9:06pm. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk