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**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
December 13, 2012
Minutes**

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

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Goodwin Physical Education Teacher, Steve Dean, and some of his students discussed the Trestle Tree.

Ms. Silver-Bernstein arrived at 7:45pm.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Julie Brennan, Mansfield's 2013 Teacher of the Year, regarding Southeast School.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Patwa reported that the Policy Committee would hold a special meeting on Monday, December 17, 2012 to receive input on 2013-2014 school calendar.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Voting at Vinton School: Registrars of Voters, Andrea Epling and Beverly Miela, Joanne Nelson, Poll Moderator, Bill Hammon, Director of Facilities Maintenance, and Jim Palmer, Principal Vinton School, discussed the voting at Vinton and answered questions from Board Members.
- CT Partnership Plan: Mr. Baruzzi reported the Town had requested a quote for the Town of Mansfield-Mansfield Board of Education-Regional School District 19.
- Food Service Grant: Beth Gankofskie and Janice Mills, Co-Directors of Mansfield Food Services, discussed the \$50,000 grant the district received.
- Waiver-defined School Lists: Mr. Baruzzi discussed the State Department of Education's approved waiver and new accountability system to replace No Child Left Behind's Adequate Yearly Progress.
- Common Core State Standards: Mr. Baruzzi shared presentations of the November Professional Development Day.
- Windham Regional STEM Academy: Mr. Baruzzi shared initial information on the new magnet school in Windham. The Board asked Mr. Baruzzi to invite Windham Public Schools staff to the January 24, 2013 Board Meeting to provide more information on the academy.
- Legislative Breakfasts: Mr. Baruzzi shared the agendas from the two legislative breakfasts held at Rockville High School and EASTCONN.
- Class Size Enrollment: Mr. Baruzzi reported no significant change in enrollment in the district.

NEW BUSINESS: MOTION by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Rueckl, to remove the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting. VOTE: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Holinko abstaining.

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded Mr. Walikonis, that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of December 13, 2012 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor. That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for leave of absence for the 2013-2014 school year from Barbara Hunter, Mansfield Middle School Teacher.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None
SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None.

MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Holinko, to adjourn at 9:50pm. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk