

Mansfield Board of Education
September 12, 2013
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Randy Walikonis, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Susannah Everett, April Holinko, Katherine Paulhus, Jay Rueckl, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Sarah Lacombe, Carrie Silver-Bernstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mr. LaPlaca.
There was an explanation regarding the audio recording of meetings in the Council Chamber.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CERTIFIED STAFF: The administrators introduced the new staff for the 2013-2014 school year.

Carrie Silver-Bernstein arrived at 7:36pm.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter received from Southeast parents praising actions taken with their son.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Personnel Committee: Mr. Walikonis reported there will be an Executive Session regarding collective bargaining and they are close to reaching a settlement with the MEA.
Policy Committee: Mr. Rueckl reported on the committee meeting on September 9, 2013. The committee asks the Board to review the proposed revisions to the MBOE Policies and will seek adoption at the October 10, 2013 meeting. After review, the Policy Committee recommended that no changes be made to the MBOE Ethics Code and also recommended no changes to the Religious Pluralism/Respect Policy.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Field Trip Request: Mr. Nguyen, Principal Mansfield Middle School, reviewed the annual field trip to New Hampshire. Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Everett to approve the Mansfield Middle School Fiddlehike Field Trip. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- Windham Hospital Foundation Grant: Mr. Nguyen discussed with the Board the Nutrition/Exercise Program for Middle School Students Grant that was awarded to the Middle School in August.
- 2012-2013 4th Quarter Financial Report: Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance, reported the Town ended fiscal year with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$430,379, increasing fund balance from \$2,371,657 to \$2,802,036. Motion by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mr. Rueckl, to accept the 2012-2013 4th Quarter Financial Report. Vote: Unanimous in favor
- Budget Transfers 2012-2013: Motion by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Holinko to approve the 2012-2013 Budget Transfers. Vote: Unanimous in favor
- Preschool Transportation: Mr. Baruzzi updated the Board on the additional preschool mid-day run and the cost which is not included in the 2013-2014 Mansfield Board of Education budget.
- 2013 Board Meeting Locations: It was decided the remainder of the 2013 Board meetings will be held at the school buildings.
- Security Update: Mr. Baruzzi reported on the security implementation timeline.
- Summer Programs: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the success of the summer programs.
 - Books on Bus
 - Summer School
 - Summer Online Programs
- Board Goals and Objectives: Sample Strategies and Sample Evidence: Mr. Baruzzi provided Sample strategies and evidence to be us for 2013-2014 MBOE Goals and Objectives
- Board Fall Retreat with Administrators (September 26th 5:30-9:00pm): The Board and Administrators will discuss 2013-2014 Goals and Objectives and plan for the school year.
- Common Core State Standards: Mr. Baruzzi shared the professional development schedule for CCSS 2013-2014 District Plan.
- Climate Survey: Mr. Baruzzi reported the district has asked parents to complete a school climate survey.

- Enhancing Student Achievement: Mr. Baruzzi reported there are two activities at this point in the school year.
- Class Size/Enrollment: Mr. Baruzzi reported on the opening day enrollments and compared them to end of year 2012-2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2013 Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Kelly in abstention.
- Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2013 Special Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Holinko in abstention.
- Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2013 Retreat. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Kelly in abstention.
- Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 Special Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus in abstention.
- Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 Retreat. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2013 Special Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus in abstention.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Holinko to approve the minutes of the Board of Education May 9, 2013 meeting. VOTE: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus and Mr. Rueckl abstaining.

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to approve the following items for the Board of Education May 9, 2013 meeting. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the employment of Amanda Doyle, Literacy Coach, Southeast School, effective July 1, 2013; Diane Glasmann, French Teacher, Mansfield Middle School, effective August 22, 2013; Heather Lasky, Preschool Teacher, Goodwin School, effective July 1, 2013; Jessica Mongeau, Grade 8 Teacher, Mansfield Middle School, effective July 1, 2013; Shamim Patwa, School Psychologist, Goodwin School, effective July 1, 2013; Elizabeth Whitley, Music Teacher, Goodwin School, effective July 1, 2013; and Ashley Zeppa, Grade 7 Teacher, Mansfield Middle School, effective August 26, 2013.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Megan Baker, Special Education Teacher, Mansfield Middle School effective August 6, 2013.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mr. Rueckl noted the Superintendent will report about practices and concerns relevant to the Religious Pluralism/Respect Policy at a forthcoming meeting or workshop. Mr. LaPlaca reminded the Board Goals and Objectives Sample Strategies and Evidence and Enrollment will be reviewed at the retreat.

MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Holinko to move into Executive Session for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining at 9:43pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Mr. Baruzzi joined the Board in executive session.

The Board returned to open session at 10:07pm. Motion by Mr. Walikonis to ratify contract with the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014. VOTE Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Everett, to adjourn at 10:09pm. Vote Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk