

Mansfield Board of Education
October 24, 2013
Minutes

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

Absent: Susannah Everett

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Mr. Baruzzi honored Nora Dickinson who was chosen to attend the 2013 Mickelson ExxonMobil Science Teachers Academy.

Mr. LaPlaca honored Mrs. Holinko for her years of service on the Mansfield Board of Education.

2014 Paraprofessional of the Year Ceremony: Lodamia Clark, Special Education Instructional Assistant at Vinton School, was honored as Mansfield's 2014 Paraprofessional of the Year.

2014 Teacher of the Year Ceremony: Michael DiCicco, fifth grade Mathematics and Social Studies teacher at Mansfield Middle School, was honored as Mansfield's 2014 Teacher of the Year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: The Board received notification from CAFE the district was a 2013 Award of Excellence for Educational Communications winner for the district's 2013-2014 budget book.

The Board received a letter from Alison Hilding, Southwood Road, regarding the Food Service Program.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

Mansfield Middle School Student Association (MMSA): Marie Hodrinsky, President, reported on activities the group participates in to support the middle school programs.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Middle School Education Week: Thanh Nguyen, Principal of Mansfield Middle School, reported of the success of the week when parents are invited to visit the school and attend classes with their children.
- 2014 Board of Education Meetings: Motion by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, to approve the Mansfield Board of Education 2014 meeting dates as proposed. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- Student Assessment, Accountability, and Education Evaluation Flexibility: Mr. Baruzzi reported the district has submitted to the Connecticut State Department of Education a request to participate in the 2013-2014 Smarter Balanced Pilot Assessments. This choice will still require the district to administer the grades five and eight CMT Science tests during the month of March, 2014.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2013 Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Lacombe and Mrs. Paulhus in abstention.

NEW BUSINESS: None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Kelly would like information on how the proposed Day Care Center in Mansfield will affect preschool enrollment. Mr. LaPlaca would like a Food Service Program update, MMS Greenhouse update, information on understanding Smarter Balanced Assessment scoring, and discussion on a volunteer recognition ceremony.

Motion by Mrs. Holinko, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to adjourn at 9:58pm. Vote Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk