

9/11/14

Dear Board of Education Members:

First, I am a member of the Mansfield Town Council but I speak tonight in my own interest only.

Your By-Laws state that this Board shall act as a committee of the whole on all matters etc...except that special committees for the consideration or investigation of certain problems etc.....may be created by vote of the Board.

How is this Board handling the Baruzzi issue? Is it the entire Board or is there a committee created by this Board? I hear that only the Chair is allowed to know what is happening. If so, has this Board appointed a committee of one? I don't see that in minutes. If you have not appointed a committee, you need to do so directly and a committee of "ONE" is totally inappropriate.

Your Policy states: The superintendent and/or his/her designee shall be responsible for administering and monitoring the budget etc... Who is the "designee" responsible for monitoring the budget? Is there someone? Did any of you think of this? I'm not an expert on this Board's policy but it seems that the superintendent has complete charge of a lot of money. That is very bad policy.

It is disappointing to see that this Board voted to give Superintendent Baruzzi a pay raise and an extension of his contract despite having knowledge that there was question as to the validity of the mileage reports he had been submitting. Do you feel no obligation to the public who elected you? Now that there is a criminal investigation ongoing, what are you going to do about this? You have placed the public in the position of paying the Baruzzi salary for several years. Surely you read the reports of the Hebron superintendent who was just investigated for similar reasons; that took two years to complete.

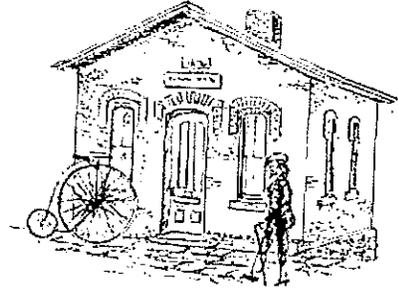
I hear this Board is to consider a pay increase to the person standing in for the superintendent. I suggest, since so many employees of the Board of Education came forth to speak to the virtue of Mr. Baruzzi that there be volunteers to fill in for him in his absence. I urge you to vote no further cost to the taxpayers for this unfortunate incident; no pay increase to anyone, and I urge this Board to consider its own position in this matter. Have you been derelict in your responsibilities to the public?

Thank you.

Betty Wassmundt



Village Improvement Society
Coventry, Connecticut 06238



September 3, 2014

Dear Rachel and Board of Education and Staff,

Thank you for your kind and generous contribution
to The Coventry Village Improvement Society in memory
of Rose Fowler.

Bill

Bill Jobbagy
Chair- Coventry VIS



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September 11, 2014

Frederick Baruzzi
Superintendent of Schools
Mansfield Public School District
4 S. Eagleville Road
Storrs, CT 06268-2574

Grant Award Number: SP-02-14-0059-14

Dear Frederick Baruzzi:

It gives me great pleasure to notify you that the proposal submitted by Mansfield Public School District has been selected to receive a 2014 Sparks! Ignition Grant. Congratulations on your award!

This year we received 68 applications requesting more than \$1.4 million. At this time, we have selected 17 projects to receive funding, totaling over \$390,000. The funded projects were identified as premier examples of those that would support the deployment, testing, and evaluation of promising and groundbreaking new tools, products, services, or organizational practices. Successful proposals address problems, challenges, or needs of broad relevance to libraries and/or archives. The IMLS press release announcing funded projects will be available on our website at http://www.imls.gov/news/press_releases.aspx.

The PDF files accompanying this letter contain useful information you will need to begin managing your award, including:

1. Grant Award Notification
2. Grant Special Terms and Conditions
3. Reporting Schedule
4. White Paper Instructions

The Grant Award Notification and Grant Special Terms and Conditions contain important information about complying with the terms of the award. Please read all of this information carefully. The amount of your award, the dates of the award period and the grant award number we have assigned are provided in the Grant Award Notification. **In all correspondence with IMLS about your award, including reports and requests for reimbursement, please reference your grant award number: SP-02-14-0059-14**

As specified in the *General Terms and Conditions for IMLS Discretionary Awards*, available on our website at http://www.imls.gov/assets/1/AssetManager/GTC_0414.pdf, you must submit an annual narrative program report and an annual financial report. All official correspondence must be signed by your Authorizing Official.

**MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Education Members
FROM: Rachel Leclerc
SUBJECT: Enrollment
DATE: 9/11/2014

Goodwin Elementary School							
	8/30/13	6/20/14		8/27/14	8/28/14	8/31/14	Prior Gr. 6/20/14 vs. Current Gr. 8/31/14
Preschool	15, 7	15, 12		11, 12	14, 13	14, 13	n/a
Kindergarten	17, 18	17, 18		19, 19	19, 19	19, 19	n/a
1 st grade	14, 15, 14	15, 14, 12		19, 18	19, 18	19, 18	+2
2 nd grade	16, 16	16, 15		16, 16, 16	16, 16, 16	16, 16, 16	+7
3 rd grade	20, 20	20, 20		15, 17	15, 17	15, 17	+1
4 th grade	14, 14	15, 14		19, 19	19, 19	19, 19	-2
Total	200	203		216	220	220	+2
Southeast Elementary School							
Preschool	13, 12	13, 14		12, 12	12, 12	12, 12	n/a
Kindergarten	18, 18	16, 17		19, 20	19, 20	19, 20	n/a
1 st grade	16, 15, 16	15, 14, 13		21, 19	21, 19	21, 19	+7
2 nd grade	17, 17, 17	17, 16, 18		15, 13, 14	15, 13, 14	15, 13, 14	0
3 rd grade	20, 21	22, 20		17, 18, 19	17, 18, 19	17, 18, 19	+3
4 th grade	18, 19	17, 17		20, 24	20, 24	20, 24	+2
Total	237	229		243	243	243	+12
Vinton Elementary School							
Preschool	15, 16	17, 17		13, 15	13, 15	13, 15	n/a
Kindergarten	21, 20	22, 20		15, 16, 15	15, 16, 15	15, 16, 15	n/a
1 st grade	15, 16, 15	17, 15, 16		22, 22	22, 21	22, 21	+1
2 nd grade	14, 14, 15	14, 15, 16		17, 17, 16	17, 17, 16	17, 17, 16	+2
3 rd grade	16, 16, 16	16, 16, 16		16, 16, 16	16, 16, 16	16, 16, 16	+3
4 th grade	17, 16, 15	15, 16, 17		16, 16, 16	16, 16, 16	16, 16, 16	0
Total	257	265		264	263	263	+6
Middle School							
5 th grade	130	140		115	115	115	+4
6 th grade	135	143		130	131	131	-9
7 th grade	140	141		139	140	140	-3
8 th grade	142	141		137	137	136	-4
Total	547	565		521	523	522	-12

Total – PK-4	694	726		723	726	726
Total – 5-8	547	565		521	523	522
Total – PK-8	1241	1291		1244	1249	1248

	Projected 10/12	8/30/13	+/-
preK-4	746	694	-52
5-8	573	547	-26
Total	1319	1241	-78

	Projected 10/13	8/31/14	+/-
preK-4	705	726	+21
5-8	528	522	-6
Total	1233	1248	+15