

**Mansfield Board of Education
November 13, 2014
Minutes**

Attendees: Jay Rueckl, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, John Fratiello, Sarah Lacombe, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Kathy Ward
Excused: Randy Walikonis, Susannah Everett

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Kimberly Gilmore, Vinton Art teacher and her students displayed their artwork that was chosen to display at the Artists in The Country Outdoor Show and Sale which benefits Camp Quinebaug.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: June Mineau spoke regarding an incident involving her son at the middle school. Carrie Holman, Rochelle Marcus, and Karen Moylan spoke regarding staff professional development

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Mansfield Education Association

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

Vinton PTO: Allison Altieri, President, and Lisa Drzewiecki, Vice President, voiced concerns with transportation and Vinton playground.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Mr. Rueckl reported the committee reviewed the 1st Quarter Financials and voted to accept them. The committee recommends the Board approve the consent agenda. The committee will meet again on November 19, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Personnel Committee: Mrs. Lacombe reported the Mansfield Administrators ratified the contract so there will be an Executive Session.

EASTCONN Board of Directors: Mrs. Paulhus reported she attended the Board of Directors meeting and distributed material regarding EASTCONN Annual Highlights.

REPORT OF THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT:

- **Capital Improvement Funds:** Allen Corson, Interim Director of Facilities Management, Jaime Russell, Director of Information Technology, and Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance reviewed expenditures (completed and projected) for capital improvements in the four school buildings.
- **Enrollment Projection:** Dr. Leclerc presented Mansfield Public Schools Enrollment Projected to 2024 Report by Peter Prowda, Ph.D.
- **School Climate Surveys:** Dr. Leclerc presented the responses by parents, staff, and students and reported each school's climate committee is reviewing the results.
- **Enhancing Student Achievement:** Three new projects will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- **Class Size/Enrollment:** There were no significant changes to class size or enrollment in October.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Ward, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2014 meeting with the additional notation that Ms. Ward was in attendance. **Vote:** Unanimous in favor with Mr. Fratiello in abstention.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe that the following item for the Board of Education November 13, 2014 meeting be approved or received for the record. **Vote:** Unanimous in favor
That the Mansfield Board of Education accepts the 2014-2015 1st Quarter Financial Report.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: A report on professional development in the district was requested.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to move into executive session for the purpose of strategy with respect to collective bargaining at 8:55pm. **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

The Board returned to open session at 9:25pm.

Motion by Mrs. Lacombe, seconded by John Fratiello, to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to ratify the agreement between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Mansfield Administrators' Association dated July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Ward to adjourn at 9:26pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk