

**DRAFT**

**Mansfield Board of Education  
May 7, 2015  
Minutes**

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

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

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Walikonis congratulated Lisa Corriveau, MMS Band Director, and her students on an excellent band concert on Wednesday night.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Superintendent Search Committee: Mr. Walikonis reported the search consultant is receiving applications and interviews will be held in late May and early June. The Search Consultant was pleased with the participation in the focus groups and online survey.
- Finance Committee: Mr. Walikonis reported the committee reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report and recommends the Board accepts it in the Consent Agenda.
- Policy Committee: Mr. Rueckl reported the report of the committee's April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be discussed under New Business.
- Personnel Committee: Mrs. Lacombe reported the committee is continuing negotiations with the nurses.

**REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT:**

- Information Technology Staffing/Reorganization: Dr. Kisiel and Mr. Russell reviewed the proposed restructure of the Elementary Schools' Technology Coordinator position. The Board supports the restructure.
- Professional Learning in Mansfield Public Schools: Dr. Kisiel reported on the April 21<sup>st</sup> Professional Learning workshop. The workshop participants developed a set of guiding beliefs regarding professional learning, identified the obstacles and barriers in the district to an effective professional development program, and identified the teacher and student learning needs, which will be used to guide the creation of a schedule of professional development next year. A smaller group will meet on May 29, 2015 to create a schedule of district and school level programming for the next school year.
- SBAC Testing Status Report: Dr. Kisiel reviewed the SBAC testing at the schools. The parents of 33 middle school students have refused to allow their children to take the test along with seven students at the elementary level. Problems with the IT system and computers were negligible and unremarkable.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Ward, to adopt the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Policy Committee Proposed Changes to BOE Code of Ethics. Mr. Rueckl reviewed the committee's recommendation regarding gifts. The Board will continue discussion at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting with possible action.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Everett that the following item for the Board of Education May 7, 2015 meeting be approved or received for the record, with regrets for the retirement of Mrs. Norrish. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Board of Education accepts the 2014-2015 3rd Quarter Financial Report.

That the Mansfield Board of Education accepts the retirement of Carole Norrish, Family and Consumer Science teacher, Mansfield Middle School, effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Carrie Holman, President of MEA, spoke regarding the changes in IT staffing.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mr. Walikonis would like a facilities report on the condition of the roofs and other imminent school building needs.

Motion by Ms. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Ward to adjourn at 9:10pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk