

**Mansfield Board of Education
September 24, 2015
Minutes**

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

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

Mr. Rueckl arrived at 7:34

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- June 23, 2015 Special Meeting: Mr. Walikonis reported the recording of the meeting and the clerk's notes were reviewed. The motion was accurate. Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe, to adopt the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting. Vote: Mr. Fratiello, Ms. Everett, Ms. Lacombe, Mr. Rueckl, Ms. Ward, and Ms. Silver-Bernstein in favor. Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Paulhus opposed. Motion passed.
- September 10, 2015: Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Lacombe, to adopt the minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION:

Goodwin PTO: Alexia Smith, Treasurer, reported on activities the group participates in to support programs at Goodwin School.

Goodwin School 3rd graders, led by music teacher, Liz Whiteley, sang a song from Korea entitled "Ha'kyo Jong".

Mrs. Muirhead showed a presentation of the learning that happens in Goodwin School.

Goodwin School Ambassadors: Serena Liao, Rutger Wenzel, and Allen Lane talked about the ambassador program and how it helps students.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: The following residents spoke regarding school bus transportation: Alicia Amalgro, Beth DiRicco, Carol Atkinson-Palombo, and Kimberly Roy. Betty Wassmundt, Town Councilor, spoke regarding recording meetings not in Council Chambers. Ric Hossack spoke regarding day care subsidy.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to add Executive Session to the end of meeting to discuss the appointment and employment of the superintendent. Possible action to approve and confirm contract entered in on June 23, 2015. Vote: Mr. Fratiello, Ms. Everett, Mrs. Lacombe, Mr. Rueckl, Mr. Walikonis, Ms. Ward, Mrs. Paulhus, and Ms. Silver-Bernstein in favor. Mrs. Kelly opposed. Motion passed.

BOARD REPORTS:

- EASTCONN Board of Directors: Mrs. Paulhus reported she will be sending material on an upcoming meeting for Board Members.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:

- Transportation: Mrs. Lyman provided an update on the status of changes to the bus runs developed to address concerns from 2014-2015 and previous years. Investigation of complaints received have been conducted and changes made to several bus stops.
- Professional Development 2015-2016: Mrs. Lyman reviewed staff professional development on August 24th and 25th and the plans for October 13th Professional Development Day.
- Enriching Student Achievement: Mrs. Lyman reported the district will again offer afterschool enriching student achievement program which will provide extra support or enrichment to students.

NEW BUSINESS: None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: The following residents spoke regarding school bus transportation: Kimberly Roy, Beth DiRicco, and Carol Atkinson-Palombo

Mrs Paulhus left at 9:00.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: The Board would like a report on teacher evaluations. Mrs. Kelly would like information on how the new day care center will affect the district. Ms. Everett would like a discussion on transportation and safety on buses.

Mrs. Paulhus returned at 9:10pm.

Motion by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mr. Fratiello to move into Executive Session to discuss the appointment and employment of the superintendent at 9:04pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
The Board returned to regular session at 9:46pm.

Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Ward to adjourn at 9:47pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk