

**Mansfield Board of Education
October 8, 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 7:32pm by Mr. Walikonis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- September 24, 2015: Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Everett, to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION:

Mansfield Middle School Visitors from Gymnasium Sarstedt, Germany: Mrs. Morell, Principal Mansfield Middle School, recognized the students and teachers from Sarsedt, Germany. Frau Dorothee Krantz presented as frame of pictures to hang in the Middle School. Mr. Walikonis presented gifts to the German students and the teachers.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: The following residents spoke regarding school bus transportation concerns: Beth DiRicco, Alicia Amalgro, Carol Atkinson-Palombo. Betty Wassmundt, Town Councilor, spoke regarding recording meetings not in Council Chambers, asked BOE members to speak up, concerns of executive session to discuss the appointment of the superintendent. Ric Hossack spoke regarding microphones and recording meetings and day care subsidy.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Barbara DuBois, Paraeducator.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe, to add discussion of daycares to agenda. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

BOARD REPORTS:

- Policy Committee: Mr. Rueckl reported the Policy met with Anne Littlefield, Board Attorney, to review the suggested changes to the Board Policy. Most of the proposed changes are mandated by State or Federal law. The committee asks the Board to review changes for possible adoption at the November 12th meeting.
- Board Workshop, October 22, 2015: Mr. Walikonis reported Mrs. Lyman and he met with Jonathan Costa, the facilitator of the workshop.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:

- National Blue Ribbon School: Mrs. Lyman reported Goodwin School was recognized an Exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2015. She state this is a significant achievement for both Goodwin School and our school district as a whole.
- Smarter Balanced Assessment and Connecticut Mastery Test Results: Mrs. Lyman reviewed the first year results of the Smarter Balanced Assessment and the 5th and 8th grade Science CMT results.
- Transportation Update: Mrs. Lyman provided an update on transportation, reporting she had a second meeting with Durham School Services management. Work on the process for a new contract has begun.
- Class Size Report: Mrs. Lyman reported the October 1, 2015 enrollment and class sizes across the district.
- Professional Improvement: Mrs. Lyman presented a list of teachers who have complete requirements for professional improvement and per contract will receive an increase in salary. Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Everett, to approve the increase in salary, retroactive to the start of the school year as outlined in the current contract between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Mansfield Education Association for Michael DiCicco, Heather Lasky, Eileen Melody, Denise Proffer, Britta Spinella, and William Vanderrest. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- Draft 2016 Board of Education Meeting Calendar: Mr. Walikonis presented a draft 2016 Board of Education Meeting Calendar. He asked Board members to review and plan to adopt at Board meeting on November 12th.

NEW BUSINESS: Daycare Centers: Ms. Ward will obtain information for future Board meeting on MAC regarding local daycare centers and the subsidy UCONN has been providing.

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Kelly would like follow up on SBAC and information on architect currently hired by E.O. Smith to complete a study on possible expansion of fine arts and agriculture education areas. Mrs. Paulhus would like discussion on minutes.

Motion by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mr. Fratiello to move into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of the superintendent at 9:51pm. Vote: Mr. Fratiello, Ms. Everett, Mrs. Lacombe, Mr. Rueckl, Mr. Walikonis, Mrs. Paulhus, Ms. Ward, Ms. Silver-Bernstein in favor. Mrs. Kelly opposed. Motion passed.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:45pm.

Mrs. Paulhus left at 10:36pm.

Motion by Mrs. Lacombe, seconded by Mr. Fratiello to affirm the contract with Superintendent Lyman entered into on June 23, 2015. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe to adjourn at 10:47pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk