

**Mansfield Board of Education  
December 10, 2015  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** Randy Walikonis, Chair, Jay Rueckl, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Susannah Everett, John Fratiello, Sarah Lacombe, Kathy Ward

**Excused:** Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Katherine Paulhus

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting.

Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Lacombe in abstention.

Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Ward, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2015 workshop.

Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Lacombe in abstention.

**RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION**

Students from Southeast School's kindergarten classes sang a song and read sentences describing their mittens.

Ms. Silver-Bernstein and Mrs. Paulhus arrived at 7:40

Southeast PTO President, Erin Clark, reviewed programs and fundraisers the PTO sponsors to support the education of students at Southeast School.

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:**

Carrie Holman, President MEA and MMS Teacher, spoke regarding proposed calendar.

Ric Hossack, spoke regarding facilities study, maintenance, and former superintendent.

David Freudman: spoke regarding former superintendent, lack of transportation committee, and bus contract.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Letter from WAIM thanking for MMS donation for Walk for Warmth.

**ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA:** None

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Walikonis reported the committee met prior to this meeting. The Committee reviewed a request for budget transfers for the 2015-2016 school year. The Committee recommends the Board approve the transfers outlined in Mrs. Trahan's memo dated December 10, 2015. The Committee also reviewed Capital Improvement Project.

**INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS**

- **Facilities Update:** Mr. Bill Trietch, Interim Director of Facilities Maintenance, and Mrs. Trahan reviewed state of facilities; the need of MMS gym renovation, the replacement of the boiler at Vinton School and needs at Goodwin and Southeast Schools. Information on a facilities study will be provided at a later meeting and discussion of seeking Capital Improvement Project funds for the gym and boiler will be discussed in budget workshops.
- **Open Mansfield:** An interdisciplinary team consisting of Director of Finance Cherie Trahan, IT Director Jamie Russell, Library Director Leslie McDonough, Accounting Manager Amy Meriwether, Systems Librarian Adam Delaura, and Accountant Andrew Howat, presented information on the Open Mansfield web based interactive portal. Staff described the purpose, demonstrated the capabilities of the site, and outlined the plans for publicity and training for residents.
- **Preschool Program:** Dr. Leclerc reported the Mansfield Preschool Program is NAEYC accredited and has increased enrollment over the past 5 years. It continues to be a free program open to all Mansfield residents through an annual screening process. She also provided the Board with some information on other preschool options in town.
- **Enriching Student Achievement:** Mrs. Lyman reported there are three new programs approved for this program for afterschool activities at the schools.
- **2016-2017 School Calendar:** Mrs. Lyman reported state law requires districts to follow a regional calendar by RESC. The proposed calendar includes 182 instructional days and 7 professional development days.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Ward, that the following item for the Board of Education December 10, 2015 meeting be approved. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Board of Education approves the budget transfers as recommended by the Finance Committee.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Ms. Silver-Bernstein would like a discussion regarding reformatting Parent Organization sharing at Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to adjourn at 10:03pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.