

Mansfield Board of Education
Policy Committee
Draft Minutes January 7, 2014

Present: Jay Rueckl, chair; Susannah Everett, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Fred Baruzzi, Superintendent of Schools, Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk
Leander Dolphin, Board Attorney by Phone

Call to Order: 4:30pm by Mr. Rueckl

Comments from Visitors: The following residents spoke regarding changes they would like to see regarding the Board Policy: Resident Students Not Attending Public Schools:

Ed Wazer, Michael Soares, Barbara Zirakzadeh, Ann Kouatly, Esther Soffer Roberts, Jordana Frost, and Coleen Spurlock.

Pat Suprenant, Mansfield Independent News, questioned the Executive Session under Freedom of Information Act.

Discussion of Policy: Resident Students Not Attending Public Schools: The Committee reviewed the policy. Mr. Baruzzi, Dr. Rachel Leclerc, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services, Mrs. Deb Adamczyk, Principal Goodwin School, Dr. James Palmer, Principal Vinton School, Mr. Thanh Nguyen, Principal Mansfield Middle School, and Mrs. Candace Morell, Assistant Principal Mansfield Middle School discussed and answered questions from Board members regarding homeschool and non-enrolled resident children participating in classes and activities in the schools.

Executive Session: Motion by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to move into Executive Session for discussion concerning attorney client privilege written communication. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The Board invited Mr. Baruzzi, Atty. Dolphin, and Board Members present to Executive Session.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:07pm and continued discussion of Resident Students Not Attending Public Schools Policy.

Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to adjourn at 7:20pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.