

## SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-APRIL 7, 2004

The Special Meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth C. Paterson at 6:10 p.m. at the Mansfield Community Center.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer  
Absent: Haddad, Thorkelson

II. BUSINESS

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to move #2 to the beginning of the agenda.  
So passed unanimously.

Mayor Paterson read a proclamation thanking the Mansfield Community Center Building Committee for their vision and willingness to serve the Town in creating a Community Center that has become a center for so many. Mr. Vincente and the Mayor presented the Committee with a sweatshirt and cap from the Community Center. There was cake for all to enjoy. Present from the Committee were Chairman Ann Rash, Sharry Goldman, Ray Moore, Christopher Kueffner, Joseph Pandolfo, Mark Paquette, and Dave Hoyle.

1. FY 2004/05 Budget

a. Mansfield Board of Education pg. 153-156

Present from the Board of Education: Simpson, Perry, Holinko, Patwa, Kueffner, Thacher, Hamlin, Feathers and Superintendent Schimmel, and Asst. Supt. Baruzzi.

Mr. Simpson presented the overall budget to the Council and thanked them for their past support for Education. Superintendent Schimmel discussed the problems with the Federal mandates for "No Child left Behind".

Mayor Paterson, on behalf of the Council requested the Board to reduce their budget by \$204, 190.00. The Board said that they would discuss this amount and communicate with the Mayor, Manager and Finance Director.

b. Daycare Pg. 197-198

c. Debt Service Pg. 201-208

d. Internal Service Funds Pg. 219-226

e. Recreation Pg. 140-141, 191-195

Mr. Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation answered questions from the Council.

Discussion on Pg. 193 to take "actual " out of header.

Pg. 267 needs to be checked.

Also present was Mr. John Jackman, Fire Marshal and Director of Civil Preparedness.

III. Adjournment

At 7:30 p.m., by consensus, the meeting was adjourned and everyone stayed for a reception to thank the members of the Community Center.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdsen, Town Clerk