

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
June 14, 2007
Minutes

Attendees: Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, Christopher Kueffner, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, Katherine Paulhus, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin,
Absent: William Simpson, Gary Bent, Dudley Hamlin

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Ms Feathers, Vice Chair.

- II.** Approval of Minutes - **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the 5-10-07 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor. **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the 5-24-07 Board Workshop. Discussion followed with a request to add a discussion of long-term goals to the present agenda (VIII). **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Mr. Hamlin arrived at 7:52 p.m.

Mr. Simpson arrived at 7:55 p.m.

- III.** Hearing for Visitors – Joyce Crepeau and Margaret Judy shared concerns about a transfer of a Goodwin teacher. Jim Dillman voiced his concern regarding the elimination of an instructional assistant position at the middle school.

IV. Communications – None

V. Addition to Present Agenda – Board of Education long-term goal.

- VI.** Committee Reports – Mr. Simpson reported that the Building Committee met with the architects and there will be a Town Meeting on Monday, June 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers to approve a sum of \$137,000 for the architects to begin planning for upcoming school construction. Mrs. Kelly announced that the 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year is Elizabeth Latino, a fourth grade teacher at Southeast School. Ms Feathers asked for an Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. **Review of State Funding** – State Representative Denise Merrill discussed the State's budget and its impact on education.
- B. **Third Quarter Financial Report** – **MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin seconded by Ms Lin to accept the Financial Statement dated March 31, 2007. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- C. **K-8 Enrichment Program** – The K-8 Enrichment Teachers presented an overview of the Enrichment Program at the elementary and middle schools. Mr. Perkins and Mr. Trembly reported on the success of the second enrichment position at the Middle School.
- D. **Documentation of Student Achievement** – Mr. Baruzzi discussed the district's Spring 2006 Connecticut Mastery Test scores.

- E. **Shipman and Goodwin Model Policy Updates – MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin seconded by Mr. Kueffner to accept the policy updates recommended by the Board’s Counsel. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

- F. **Class Size Enrollment Report** – Mrs. Adamczyk reported that due to lower enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year, a 4th grade teacher will be transferred to a 4th grade position at Southeast School.

- G. **Personnel - MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Dr. Patwa to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation for the employment of Robert Burrington, Industrial Technology Teacher at Mansfield Middle School; Lisa Hart, One Year, Grade 6 Science/Math Teacher, Mansfield Middle School; Sara Hodgdon, One Year Special Education Teacher, Goodwin School; Jaime Russell, Director of Information Technology, Erin Scholes, One Year, Grade 5 Social Studies/Reading Teacher, Mansfield Middle School. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

- VIII.** Discussion on Existing Long Term Goals - Dr. Schimmel will review Goal IV and, if necessary, draft additional text for Board of Education approval at the next meeting.

- IX.** Hearing for Visitors – None.

- X.** Communications – Letter to Mr. Simpson requesting a Board Member to serve on the Town of Mansfield Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Mr. Kueffner volunteered to serve on the committee.

- XI.** Suggestions for Future Agenda – None

- XII.** Executive Session - Negotiations

- XIII.** **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to go into executive session at 11:05p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
MOTION by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to return to open session at 1:00 a.m.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor

- XIV.** **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to ratify the MEUI contract effective July 1, 2007. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

- XV.** **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to approve the “Singletons” Salary Proposal for the 2007-2008 school year. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

- XVI.** **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to approve a 3.25% salary increase for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, and to extend the Assistant Superintendent’s contract for another year. The Board indicated that the Superintendent could distribute the compensation and annuity portion of his salary in any way he deems appropriate. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

- XVII.** Adjournment - **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Bent to adjourn at 1:05 a.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk