

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
January 21, 2010
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Martha Kelly, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent
Absent: Fred Baruzzi, Director of Finance, Cherie Trahan, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin
Holly Matthews, , Min Lin,

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

PRESENTATION FOUR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT: Mr. Rick Lawrence, Lawrence Associates, discussed the Four Options the school building committee is researching for school renovations or building a new school. Following the presentation was a time for comments, questions, and answers.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: School Building Committee: Mr. LaPlaca reported on the creation of a timeline of upcoming events for community members to attend informational meetings. Goodwin Committee: Mrs. Kelly reported that a follow-up phone call was made to awardees to answer questions or provide additional information.

Goodwin School PTO: Diane Briody, President, discussed the fund raising efforts the PTO participates in to raise money to support Goodwin.

Goals and Objectives Revisions: **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Ms. Patwa, to adopt the revised 2009-2010 Board of Education Goals as amended. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- 2009-2010 Proposed Budget – Introduction and Overview: Mr. Baruzzi provided an overview of the 2010-2011 proposed budget of \$20,588,160 which represents a decrease of .04% from the adopted 2009-2010 budget.
- Race to the Top: Mr. Baruzzi notified the Board that the District has submitted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State Department of Education to establish a framework of collaboration in implementation of the Race to the Top (RTTT) grant project. Mr. LaPlaca acknowledged his support by co-signing the MOU.
- Representative Merrill – Visit to Goodwin Preschool - Dr. Leclerc and Mrs. Adamczyk reported Representative Merrill, sponsored by the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance, visited a Goodwin preschool class.
- Progress Reports – Mr. Baruzzi discussed the progress reports.
- English Language Learner Data Results – Mr. Baruzzi discussed the district's data results for Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives.
- Enrollment/Class Size: The principals noted no significant changes this month.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Ms. Patwa, seconded Mrs. Paulhus that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of January 21, 2010 be approved or received for the record: Ms. Patwa expressed gratitude and appreciation to the retirees for their contributions to the district. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor
That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the December 12, 2009 and January 7, 2010 Board meetings.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the retirement of Nancy Armstrong, ELL Teacher, Ellen Boehle, School Psychologist, Mansfield Middle School, Fred Dieter, Art Teacher, Southeast and Vinton Schools, and Kathy White, Special Education Teacher, Mansfield Middle School effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, to adjourn at 10:20pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk