

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting**  
**April 15, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Holly Matthews, Min Lin, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent  
Fred Baruzzi

**Absent:** Chris Kueffner

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

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:**

Mr. LaPlaca noted that Board Policy under Meeting Conduct states that hearing for visitors allows five minutes per speaker and a maximum of fifteen minutes to each subject.

Emma Powers a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Southeast School presented her poster entry in the in the 2009/2010 Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest. Emma was a county winner and her poster will be in the 2010-2011 Connecticut Fire Prevention Calendar.

Jeannette Picard, 72 Timber Drive, regarding the proposed PreK-4 Community School

Mr. Kueffner arrived at 7:48pm.

**MOTION** by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Walikonis, to modify Board by-laws to allow 3 minutes per speaker with 30 minute total starting with next speaker. **VOTE:** Unanimous with Mr. Kueffner abstaining.

David Allen Stern, 209 Davis Road, regarding the proposed PreK-4 Community School

Bill Caneira, 38 Candide Lane, regarding the proposed PreK-4 Community School

David Garvey, 104 Jonathan Lane, regarding the proposed PreK-4 Community School

Christina Colon-Semenza, 64 Woods Road, regarding the proposed PreK-4 Community School

Christopher Lapsis, 107 Candide Lane, regarding the proposed PreK-4 Community School

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Board received a letter from the Town of Mansfield Sustainability Committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Personnel Committee: Ms. Patwa reported that negotiations are continuing with UPSEU. Policy Committee: Ms. Patwa reported that the Policy Committee will have a recommendation for a new policy at a future meeting. Sustainability Committee: Ms. Matthews reported that she attended the Sustainability Committee Meeting. Teacher of Year Committee: Mrs. Kelly reported that the TOY Committee is accepting nominations for Teacher of the Year. Goodwin Bequest Committee: Mrs. Kelly reported the committee will meet on April 27<sup>th</sup> to review applications for funding and status on current funded activities.

**SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT:**

- School Building Committee: The Building Committee discussed options presented to the Board on the school building project.
- Mansfield Education Association: The MEA discussed a survey of teachers regarding advantages and disadvantages of various options of the school building project.

**SPECIAL MEETING:** **MOTION** by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Ms. Patwa, for a Special Board Meeting to be held on May 6, 2010 at 7:30pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

- School Readiness Grant Program: Grant Proposal will be completed and submitted in May by the Town of Mansfield Human Services Department.
- Enhancing Student Achievement –Three new projects were reviewed and will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- Class Size/Enrollment – The principals noted no significant changes this month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

CONSENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded Mrs. Kelly that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of April 15, 2010 be approved or received for the record: **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the March 11, 2010 Board meeting.

HEARING FOR VISITORS:

Margaret Rubaga, 40 S. Eagleville Road, regarding acceptable rate of responses from surveys.

Julie Hodgson, 656 Chaffeeville Road, regarding the proposed PreK-4 Community School

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Ms. Patwa requested information on how individual schools build community.

**MOTION** by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to adjourn at 10:02pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk