

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting**  
**December 9, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Martha Kelly, Holly Matthews, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

**Absent:** Min Lin, Shamim Patwa

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Goodwin School 4<sup>th</sup> graders discussed reading.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Dorothy Goodwin Bequest Committee: Mrs. Kelly reported that despite the deadline extension to December 31st, no applications for funding have been received to date. Mrs. Paulhus, Board Representative on the EASTCONN Board, distributed the EASTCONN 2009-2010 Annual Report.

FOUR SCHOOLS BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: Mr. LaPlaca distributed a draft response to Town Council regarding School Building Project. MOTION by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, for Mr. LaPlaca to report back to Town Council the Board's response as modified. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Ms. Patwa arrived at 7:54

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

- Study Island: Steve Sokoloski, K-4 Technology Coordinator, presented an overview of the Study Island program available to grade three and four students.
- Budget Transfers: Alicia Ducharme, Budget Analyst, reviewed and answered question regarding the transfers. MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Matthews to accept the Salary Budget Transfers 2010/2011. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- MMS China Exchange: Jeff Cryan outlined the proposed China trip for MMS students. MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein to approve the China exchange trip in April 2011. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- MMS Quebec Trip: Mr. Cryan discussed the trip planned for Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Walikonis, to approve the Quebec City trip in February 2011. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- MMS Robotics Club, VEX World Championships: Mr. Cryan asked for approval to the Robotics Club to attend the VEX World Championships in Kissimmee Florida in April, 2011 if the club qualifies. MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to approve the Robotics Club trip to the VEX World Championships in April 2011. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Kindergarten Eligibility: Mr. Baruzzi notified the Board that the State Board of Education voted to roll back the cutoff date for enrolling in kindergarten to age five by or on October 1. The decision requires State Legislature approval.
- School Construction: Mr. Baruzzi provided information regarding regulations of the State Board of Education concerning School Construction Grants.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed four additional proposals which will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The principals reported no significant change in class size or enrollment.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded Ms. Paulhus that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of December 9, 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 November 18, 2010 Board meeting.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion regarding strategy with respect to pending complain/litigation; complaint filed with Office of Civil Rights, No. 01-10-1269.

MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, to move into Executive Session at 9:55pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Returned to Open Session at 10:19pm.

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Matthews, to adjourn at 10:19pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk