

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
October 27, 2011
Minutes

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

Absent: Ed Neumann

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Mr. LaPlaca honored Min Lin for her six years service on the Mansfield Board of Education. He also honored, Ed Neumann in absentia, for his past year's service on the Board.

2012 TEACHER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION: Lisa Corriveau, Art Teacher at Goodwin School, was honored as Mansfield's 2012 Teacher of the Year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Policy Committee: MOTION by Ms. Patwa from the Policy Committee, due to the loss of three school days at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year as a result of Tropical Storm Irene, the Mansfield Board of Education amends the current school calendar by eliminating the following days of February vacation; Wednesday, February 22, 2012, Thursday, February 23, 2012, and Friday, February 24, 2012. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Goodwin Bequest Committee: Mrs. Kelly informed the Board that the Committee will meet on Monday, November 28th at 4:00pm. EASTCONN Board: Mrs. Paulhus reported she attended the Board meeting and there is a revised annual report.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- **Field Trip Request:** Jeff Cryan asked the Board to support the German Exchange trip in September/October 2012. MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to approve the Field Trip to Sarstedt, Germany. Discussion followed regarding the trip and associated costs. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- **Tim Quinn Memorial Fund:** Mr. Baruzzi reported the Mansfield Democratic Town Committee raised \$2155 at a fundraiser for the music program of the Mansfield Public Schools to honor Tim Quinn.
- **2012 Board Meeting Dates:** Mr. Baruzzi presented a draft 2011 calendar of meetings, which will be voted on at the November 17, 2011 meeting.
- **Enhancing Student Achievement:** Mr. Baruzzi presented one additional proposal to be initiated at the middle school.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded Ms. Lin that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of October 27, 2011 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the October 13, 2011 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for maternity and unpaid childrearing leave effective February 9, 2012 through May 2012 from Jennifer Zugarazo, Mansfield Middle and Vinton Schools Spanish/ELL teacher.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for a leave of absence for the 2012-2013 school year to Carol Sweet, Mansfield Middle School Math teacher.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Kelly requested additional information on MBOE employees' use of school equipment. The Board requested information of past practice for request for leaves from certified staff.

Mrs. Kelly thanked Mr. Baruzzi and the administration for supporting the breadth of programs offered at the schools.

Ms. Lin said it was a great honor to serve on the Board.

MOTION by Ms. Lin to adjourn at 9:37pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk