

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
November 17, 2011
Minutes

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

Absent: Carrie Silver-Bernstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Students from the Mansfield Middle School Sunshine Club discussed the various activities their club hosts at their school.

COMMUNICATIONS: Thank you notes from Lisa Corriveau and the Autism Support Group.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Policy Committee: Ms. Patwa reported that the Executive Session is not needed based on a settlement.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- World Language Curriculum Review: The World Language Teachers discussed commendations and recommendations of the curriculum review conducted by an outside consultant during the 2010-2011 school year.
- Quarterly Financials: Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance, reviewed fiscal year to date results for expenditures and revenues. MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Walikonis, to accept the 2011-2012 1st Quarter Financial Report. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Salary Transfers: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve the Salary Budget Transfers. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- 2012-2013 Budget Process: Mr. Baruzzi discussed the process and the dates the budget will be presented to the Board.
- Special Education Burden of Proof: After discussion, the Board asked for time to review this item and discuss and vote at the December 8, 2011 meeting.
- Strategic School Profile: The report has not been released by the State Department of Education.
- CABA Award – Honorable Mention: Mr. Baruzzi announced the district has won an Honorable Mention in the CABA Award of Excellence for Education Communications for its 211-2012 Parent Handbook.
- CABA Board Recognition Awards: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the qualifications that need to be met to apply for a recognition award.
- CAPSS Educational Transformation Project Report: Mr. Baruzzi discussed the recommendations by CAPSS on what is needed to be done in Connecticut to make school systems more effective in increasing the achievement of all students.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The administrators reported no significant changes this month. Mr. Cryan noted patterns of students moving into the district in grade five.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded Mr. Walikonis that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of November 17, 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 27, 2011 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the employment of Kelly Haggerty, kindergarten teacher at Goodwin School.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mr. LaPlaca would like to discuss the recent water issues at the schools.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Matthews to adjourn at 9:35pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk