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**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
June 14, 2012
Minutes**

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

Absent: Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Susan Irving, Southeast Enrichment teacher, and students discussed Enrichment activities they have completed during the current school year.

Carrie Silver-Bernstein arrived at 7:53pm.

CABE LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTATIONS: Mr. LaPlaca presented the CABE Leadership Award for distinguished leadership in school activities and daily life to Middle School students Chloe Ewalt and Charles Schwoerer. Mr. Cryan, Principal of Mansfield Middle School, described specific attributes of each student, as well as their contributions to Mansfield Middle School

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Patwa, to add a resignation to the Consent Agenda. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee: Ms. Patwa reported that the Personnel Committee has begun negotiations continues negotiations with UPSEU.

Teacher of the Year Committee: Mrs. Matthews reported that the committee has selected Mansfield's Teacher of the Year.

Mansfield Board of Education Code of Ethics Policy: Ms. Patwa reported the Policy Committee recommends the Board adopt a similar policy to the Town of Mansfield Code of Ethics with a few changes recommended by Board Attorney. The Board asked Mr. LaPlaca to inform the Town Council of the Board's intent.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- MMS Student Success Plans, Grades 6, 7, 8: Candace Morell, Assistant Principal Mansfield Middle School, reported on SSP – individualized student driven plan that will be developed to address every student's needs and interests, in order to help every student stay connected in school and to achieve postsecondary educational and career goals.
- Math Textbook Adoption: Karen Moylan, District Math Consultant, and Mark Jones, District Mathematics Curriculum Council Convener, provided information regarding the rationale for adoption, purchase, initial training, and year one implementation of the Core Connections Series published by College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM) for grades 6-8.

Mrs. Paulhus arrive at 9:10pm

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Holinko to adopt the Core Connections series for grades 6-8. VOTE: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus in abstention.

- Mansfield Food Service Update: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the Food Services Department accomplishments for the year, which included a salad bar pilot at the Middle School. He expressed his thanks and praise to Janice Mills, Mansfield Middle School Cafeteria Manager for her hard work and willingness to take on additional duties this year. Mr. LaPlaca also thanked Mrs. Mills and congratulated her on her accomplishments this year.
- 2012-2013 Food Service Price Increase: Mr. Baruzzi reported that the district does not propose to raise school lunch prices for the 2013-2013 school year. MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to approve the Superintendent's proposal for cost of 2012-2013 school meals. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Healthy Food Certification: MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded Mrs. Paulhus to adopt the Connecticut Nutrition Standards Healthy Food Certification Statement for the 2012-2013 school year. VOTE: Unanimous in favor. MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adopt the Connecticut Nutrition Standards Exclusion for the 2012-2013 school year. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

- Quarterly Financials: Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance reported there were no significant issues in third quarter financial statements. MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mr. Rueckl to accept the Quarterly Financial Statements for the Quarter ending March 31, 2012. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- School Construction Projects Closeout: MOTION by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Matthews to accept Projects #078-0062, 078-0063, 078-0064, 078-0065, 078-0066, 078-0067 as complete. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Paraprofessional of the Year: Dr. Leclerc reported that a committee was formed to appoint a Paraprofessional of the Year. The committee followed procedures set by Teacher of the Year Committee. Samantha Abdullah from Goodwin School is Mansfield's first Paraprofessional of the Year.
- Teacher Evaluation Report: Mr. Baruzzi presented the annual teacher evaluation report.
- Board of Education Retreat: Mr. Baruzzi asked the Board to send items they would like to discuss at the July 10th Board of Education Retreat.
- Mansfield Public Schools Common Core State Standards: District Plan 2012-2013: Mr. Baruzzi discussed the district plan for professional development related to Common Core State Standards.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The principals reported no significant change in enrollment.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded Mrs. Holinko that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of June 14, 2012 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the May 10, 2012 Board meeting.
That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kate English, 7th grade teacher effective the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Professor Nejat Olgac, Monticello Lane, expressed his discomfort in math/science education in the United States. Terry Cook, Spring Hill Road, supports the salad bar at MMS and salad plate option at elementary schools for 2012-2013 and questioned MMS math placements.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

Executive Session: MOTION by Mrs. Holinko, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion contract negotiations and Superintendent's evaluation and non-union wages and salaries at 9:50. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

The Board was joined in executive session by the Superintendent. The Superintendent left at 10:32 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 10:56 pm

MOTION by Shamim Patwa on behalf of the personnel committee to increase the salaries of Deputy Director Maintenance & Custodial, Director of Food Services, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Personnel Assistant and IT Director by 1.7% GWI plus step for those it applies, to change the percentage of insurance premium paid for Deputy Director Maintenance & Custodial and Director of Food Services to match that of the Maintenance/Custodian/Cafeteria Workers once that contract is settled, for Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Personnel Assistant to 15.5%, and for the IT Director to stay at 17.5%. Vote was unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Katherine Paulhus, seconded by Holly Matthews to offer the Superintendent a new 3 year contract, beginning July 1, 2012. Vote was unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Jay Rueckl, seconded by April Holinko to increase the Superintendent's salary by 1.7%. Vote was unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Shamim Patwa, seconded by Carrie Silver Bernstein to adjourn at 11pm. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk