

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
October 25, 2012
Minutes

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

Absent: April Holinko, Carrie Silver-Bernstein

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Mr. Baruzzi honored the following staff members:

Madelyn Williams, Goodwin School, for her article with Tutita Casa entitled Connecting Class Talk with Individual Student Writing which was chosen Volume Year Favorite by the Editorial Panel of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Journal.

Karen Moylan, Mathematics Consultant, for her article with Katherine Gavin entitled 7 Steps to High End Learning which was published in the October 2012 issue of NCTM Journal

Candace Morell, Assistant Principal, Mansfield Middle School, for her completion of the Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP), which is a 10-month in-service professional development program for emerging and mid-level leaders.

2013 Paraprofessional of the Year Ceremony: Samantha Abdullah, Special Education Instructional Assistant at Goodwin School, was honored as Mansfield's 2013 Paraprofessional of the Year.

2013 Teacher of the Year Ceremony: Julie Brennan, Kindergarten Teacher at Southeast School, was honored as Mansfield's 2013 Teacher of the Year.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Congressman Joe Courtney thanking Mr. LaPlaca for his letter on behalf of the Board regarding the potential impact of the budget sequestration.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

CABE Board Member Academy Report: Ms. Patwa reported and shared information from the workshop she attended regarding Bullying and School Climate and Certification, Evaluation, and Tenure under P/A. 12-116

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Middle School Education Week: Thanh Nguyen, Mansfield Middle School Principal, reported of the success of the week when parents are invited to visit the school and attend classes with their children.
- Mansfield Public Schools Enrollment Projection to 2022: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the new enrollment projection the district received from Dr. Peter Prowda.
- 2013 Board Meeting Dates: MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Patwa to adopt the proposed 2013 Board meeting dates. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: Seven new projects were reviewed and will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded Mrs. Kelly, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the October 11, 2012 Board meeting: VOTE: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus abstaining.

MOTION by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus that the following items for the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education be approved. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for maternity and unpaid childrearing leave effective January 10, 2013 through the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year from Julie Brennan, kindergarten teacher at Southeast School.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for maternity leave effective February 25, 2013 through April 9, 2013 from Kelly Haggerty, kindergarten teacher at Goodwin School .

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for maternity leave effective November 26, 2012 through March 2013 from Sara Sroka, fourth grade teacher at Goodwin School.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Kelly requested additional discussion on the Food Service Grant approved at the October 11, 2012 meeting.

MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to adjourn at 9:40pm. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk