

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
February 7, 2013
Minutes

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

Absent: Shamim Patwa

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Vinton third graders demonstrated the various activities on the trestle tree.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from CREC voiding invoice for two preschool children at CREC magnet schools. Letter from Holly Matthews announcing her resignation from the Board of Education effective February 21, 2013.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

Vinton PTA: Allison Altieri and Lisa Drzewiecki, reported on activities the group participates in to support Vinton School programs. They asked for support in replacing the Vinton playscape.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Policy Committee will follow the Superintendent's Report.

Ms. Patwa arrived at 8:09pm

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Charles H. Barrows STEM Academy Site Visit: Mr. Baruzzi and other Board members reported on their visit to the school.
- Meeting with Town Council: Mr. Baruzzi reported a date had not been determined for the meeting requested by the Town Council.
- Southeast Principal Search Tentative Schedule: Mr. Baruzzi shared the schedule for the search.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: Four new projects were reviewed and will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The principals reported no major change in class size or enrollment.
- Governor Malloy's Budget Proposal: Mr. Baruzzi and Mrs. Trahan reviewed the Governor's proposal and its potential impact on Mansfield.
- 2013-2014 Proposed Budget – District Management, Support Services, Special Education, Other: Mr. Baruzzi, Dr. Leclerc, and Mrs. Trahan reviewed the budget and answered Board members' questions.

POLICY COMMITTEE: Ms. Patwa reviewed the Policy Committee's recommendation for the 2013-2014 School Calendar. The Board will review for action at February 21, 2013 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to approve the following item for the Board of Education February 7, 2013 meeting. VOTE: Unanimous in favor with Ms. Matthews abstaining. That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the January 31, 2013 Board meeting.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Pat Suprenant, 441 Gurleyville Road expressed her concern with using reserve funds to support the budget.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None.

Mr. Walikonis reported that the NBC Today show had a segment with Author Mike Lupica who mentioned his visit to Mansfield Middle School.

Mr. LaPlaca reported that Mansfield Middle School's Girls Basketball Team won the League Championship

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

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk