

Mansfield Board of Education
December 11, 2014
Minutes

Attendees:	Randy Walikonis, Chair, Jay Rueckl, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Susannah Everett, John Fratiello, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Kathy Ward
Excused:	Sarah Lacombe

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Southeast Spanish Program

Diane Hutton, Spanish Teacher, reviewed the elementary Spanish Program and student performed songs and presented work done in Spanish class.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Ric Hossack spoke for Betty Wassmundt (Town Councilor) regarding the Town Personnel Committee meeting on Ethics Policy. David Freudmann spoke regarding ethics policy and the audit. Arthur Smith spoke regarding ethics policy and criminal investigation. Carrie Holman, MEA President, Karen Moylan, Math Consultant spoke regarding Professional Development. Carrie Holman read a letter regarding Professional Development from Rich Weyel, Goodwin teacher and town resident.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

Southeast PTO: Erin Christopher and Erin Clark, Co-Presidents, reported on activities the group participates in to support programs at Southeast School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee: Policy Committee: Mr. Rueckl reported that the Policy Committee will meet once the Board attorney has advised them on the Ethics Policy. **Personnel Committee:** Mr. Walikonis reported there is no need for an Executive Session.

CABE/CAPSS Convention: Mr. Walikonis and Ms. Ward reported on the convention and the sessions they attended. The Board discussed having CABE provide Board Professional Development.

Status Update on Audit: Mr. Walikonis reported the Board attorney has received a preliminary draft report. The next step is a meeting with the superintendent, his attorney, the Board attorney, and Mr. Walikonis. A special meeting of the Board will be called when appropriate.

REPORT OF THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT:

- **Food Service Update:** Kariann Sadlon, Mansfield Food Service Director, reviewed the school food program and nutritional changes required this year.
- **Budget Transfers:** Mrs. Trahan reported there was a reduction in budget salaries. Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein to approve the Salary Budget Transfers for the 2014-2015 school year. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- **Professional Development Update:** Dr. Leclerc and the building principals reviewed the Professional Development Opportunities for teachers in the district and answered questions from the Board.
- **Enhancing Student Achievement:** Dr. Leclerc reported three new activities supported by the fund.
- **Class Size/Enrollment:** The administrators reported no significant change in class size or enrollment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Ward, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 Meeting. Vote: Mr. Rueckl, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Paulhus, Ms. Silver-Bernstein, and Ms. Ward in favor. Mr. Walikonis and Ms. Everett abstained.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus that the following item for the Board of Education December 11, 2014 meeting be approved or received for the record with reluctance to accept the retirement of Mr. Maheu. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Board of Education accepts the retirement of Mickey Maheu effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

That the Mansfield Board of Education approves the request by Catherine DePercio, Goodwin/MMS Spanish teacher, for six week maternity leave effective the end of April 2015.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Carrie Holman, MEA President, regarding Professional Development. Arthur Smith spoke regarding ethics policy and criminal investigation.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Everett to adjourn at 10:30pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk