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**Mansfield Board of Education
March 19, 2015
Minutes**

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

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Mansfield Middle School teachers, Shaun Rock (Art) and Bob Burrington (Technology Education) and student volunteers discussed their work in art and technology education. Ken Johnson introduced students from the MMS Chamber Choir who performed Hlohonolofatsa.

HEARING FOR VISITORS:

Jeff Lazzari spoke regarding Mansfield Middle School.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from parents of Suzuki students regarding the program. Email from Mr. and Mrs. Craig Lussier regarding busing.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Superintendent Search Committee: Mr. Walikonis reported the Board has appointed itself as the Superintendent Search Committee. Three proposals were received from search firms. A search firm has been determined and will be notified on March 20, 2015.

Personnel Committee: Mrs. Lacombe reported negotiations with the school nurse association will begin in April.

Policy Committee: Mr. Rueckl reported the committee will meet in the next few weeks after receiving feedback from the administrators and MEA regarding proposed changes to the Board of Education Ethics Policy recommended by the Town Council Personnel Committee.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Walikonis reported CAGE recommended waiting there is a seated superintendent to hold the Board Development Program. Board members will inform Chair of interest in a developing goals workshop in the spring.

REPORT OF THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT:

- **Mansfield Tomorrow:** Dr. Kisiel presented suggested changes to the Education Sections of the Draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan. Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe to endorse the Mansfield Tomorrow plan with the Interim Superintendent's proposed edits and with edits proposed by Board members. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- **March 16th Professional Development Day:** Dr. Kisiel reviewed professional development activities held on March 16th for all certified staff. Activities included preparation for Smarter Balanced Assessments, Unit Writing, and completion of Reading Survey for grades K-3 teachers.
- **Bus Transportation Update:** Dr. Kisiel provided an update to the Board of transportation issues and possible solutions to help mitigate the delays.
- **Enhancing Student Achievement:** Dr. Kisiel reported there are six new proposals supported by this fund. The balance of the fund will be used to support Books on Bus and other summer programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe to adopt the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting with correction as to final vote of 2015-2016 budget. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe that the following items for the Board of Education February 12, 2015 meeting be approved or received for the record, Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Board of Education approves the request for an extension for unpaid childrearing leave through June 1, 2015 by Kimberly Ruiz, Goodwin Elementary Teacher.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Susan Lussier spoke regarding bus transportation. Craig Lussier spoke regarding bus transportation.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Enhancing Student Achievement guidelines. Recording meetings not held in Council Chambers. Information Technology.

Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe to adjourn at 8:58pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk