

**Mansfield Board of Education**

**April 9, 2015**

**Minutes**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Randy Walikonis, Chair, Jay Rueckl, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Susannah Everett, John Fratiello, Sarah Lacombe, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Kathy Ward
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The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Mr. Walikonis

**PARAEDUCATOR OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION:** Amber Woodworth, Paraeducator at Mansfield Middle School was honored as Mansfield's 2015 Paraeducator of the Year.

Mr. Walikonis recessed the Board meeting to honor Amber Woodworth and resumed the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Letter from Mike Charbonneau, orchestra teacher Mansfield Middle School. Mr. Walikonis offered congratulations to Ryley Zawodniak, director, and the students who did a wonderful job with the play, *Charlotte's Web*.

**ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA:** Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to add Mr. Carbonneau's letter to a consent agenda. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Superintendent Search Committee: Mr. Walikonis reported the search is in process. There is an online survey on the Board's website and focus groups are being scheduled.
- Policy Committee: Mr. Rueckl reported the committee has tentatively scheduled a meeting for April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. Meeting will be confirmed with members and agenda will be posted.

**REPORT OF THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT:**

- Bus Transportation Update: Dr. Kisiel reported bus transportation has improved. He is working cooperatively with Durham. He will continue to monitor and made recommendations for moving forward to improve bus service.
- Information Technology: Jaime Russell, Director of Information Technology, reviewed an organizational chart of the IT Department and various job responsibilities within the department.
- Enhancing Student Achievement Guidelines: Dr. Kisiel reviewed the guidelines of this program which is supported with residual funds from the current year budget. If funds are available for 2015-16, the administrators will review restructuring the program guidelines to consider broader use of the funds.
- Professional Learning in Mansfield Public Schools: Dr. Kisiel reviewed the purpose and outcomes for the Enhancing Mansfield's Professional Development Program Workshop with teachers and the administrators on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Ward, to adopt the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mr. Fratiello and Mrs. Paulhus in abstention.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Everett that the following item for the Board of Education April 9, 2015 meeting be approved or received for the record, Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Board of Education accepts with regret the retirement request of Michael Charbonneau, MMS Orchestra teacher, effective the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:** Rachel Leclerc, Director of Special Education, regarding special education services provided to Mansfield children. Carrie Holman, President of MEA, spoke in support of the professional learning workshop scheduled for April 21.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:** None

Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Everett to adjourn at 9:15pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk