

**DRAFT**

**Mansfield Board of Education  
November 12, 2015  
Minutes**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by Mr. Walikonis

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Mr. Rueckl, Vice Chair, conducted the elections. Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Everett, to nominate Mr. Walikonis as Chair. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Mr. Walikonis appointed Mr. Rueckl, Vice Chair. Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to nominate Mrs. Kelly as Secretary. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 8, 2015 Meeting: Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Ward, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

October 22, 2015 Workshop: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Ward to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015 workshop. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

November 3, 2015 Special Meeting #1: Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 Special Meeting #1. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

November 3, 2015 Special Meeting #2: Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mr. Fratiello to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 Special Meeting #2 with correction of typo regarding start time. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

November 3, 2015 Special Meeting #3: Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Ward, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 Special Meeting #3. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION**

Vinton Poetry Reading: Lincoln Kelly, Colten Washko, Sophia Caneira, Jennifer Chen, and Joyce Zhou, students from Ms. Eliza Sparks' 2014-2015 second grade class read poetry they wrote last year. Ms. Sparks read a poem written by Jessica Seigle.

Vinton PTA: Madison Day and Amy Lapsis, Co-Presidents, reviewed programs the PTA sponsors to support the education of students at Vinton School. They requested information on steps to follow to obtain support for a new playground at Vinton.

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:** Mr. Bill Ryan, Town Councilor, as grandfather of E.O. Smith student, spoke regarding high school start times. Mr. Lance Plourde spoke regarding incident at Southeast School.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA:** None

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**Policy Committee:** MBOE Policy Recommended Updates 2015-2016: Motion by Mr. Rueckl on behalf of the Policy Committee to adopt the proposed changes to the MBOE Policies. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Mr. Fratiello inquired as to status of Ethics Code. Mr. Rueckl reported he has not received notice from the Town Council regarding Board's suggested revision to MBOE Ethics Policy.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Walikonis reported the committee met prior to this meeting. The Committee voted to approve the Salary Budget Transfers 2015-2016 and accept the Quarterly Financials for the quarter ending September 30, 2015. The committee also reviewed student activity accounts, fiscal management policy changes, process for transportation RFP. A presentation on OpenGov will be at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS**

- **Mansfield Food Service Update:** Kariann Gallegos, Mansfield Food Service Director, and Jiff Martin, Sustainable Food System Associate Educator for UConn Extension, reviewed Mansfield Public Schools' local foods initiative which included a local apple challenge for CT Grown for CT Kids Week and a Fall Harvest Lunch.
- **Transportation Update:** Mrs. Lyman reported she will send communication to parents to provide an update regarding our buses.
- **Enriching Student Achievement:** Mrs. Lyman reported there are ten programs approved for this program for afterschool activities at the schools.

- 2016 Board of Education Meeting Calendar: Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to adopt the 2016 Board Meeting Calendar. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

That the Mansfield Board of Education accepts the 2015-2016 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report.

That the Mansfield Board of Education approves the Salary Budget transfers for the 2015-2016 school year.

That the Mansfield Board of Education approves the request for maternity and unpaid childrearing leave by Kristina Lee, Middle School Guidance Counselor, effective February 29, 2016 through the remainder of the school year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Everett, to adjourn at 9:02pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.