Mansfield Board of Education April 28, 2016 Minutes	
Attendees:	Randy Walikonis, Chair, Jay Rueckl, Vice Chair, Susannah Everett, Martha Kelly, Secretary, John Fratiello, Katherine Paulhus, Kathy Ward
Excused:	Sarah Lacombe, Carrie Silver-Bernstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Mr. Walikonis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Ward, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Ms. Everett in abstention.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Superintendent David Harding, Willington Public Schools.

Mrs. Lacombe arrived at 7:33pm

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD REPORTS:
Goals and Objectives Committee: Ms. Everett reported the committee has met twice and has scheduled the next meeting for May 12th at 5:00pm.
Policy Committee: Mr. Rueckl reported the Town Council Personnel Committee met. The agenda included the Code of Ethics Policy. No action was taken.
Personnel Committee: Mrs. Lacombe reported the committee is continuing negotiations with UPSEU.
EASTCONN: Mrs. Paulhus reported due to cuts in state budget, there could be a possible increase in tuition costs to magnet schools.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:

- Request from Willington Public Schools: Mr. Walikonis and Mrs. Lyman discussed request form Willington to open a dialogue to discuss tuitioning in Willington students.
  Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to authorize the Chair to form a study committee comprised of members of the Board of Education and Town Council and school and town administrators to begin a conversation with the Willington Board of Education and other legislative bodies to explore a potential cooperative arrangement and report back to Mansfield Board of Education. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
  Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to authorize the Superintendent to send a response to David Harding, Willington Superintendent of Schools regarding board action to begin a conversation with the Willington Board of Education and other legislative bodies to explore a potential cooperative arrangement. Vote: Unanimous in favor
- Follow-up to exploration of E.O. Smith Campus: Mrs. Lyman reported on her meeting with Mr. Silva, Superintendent of Schools, regarding possible purchase and use of E.O. Smith by Mansfield Public Schools.
- Budget Update: Mr. Walikonis reported the Town Council voted to send the operating budget the Board submitted to Town Meeting.
- Geometry Text Update: Mrs. Lyman reviewed the Mansfield Middle School purchase of the updated version of the Geometry text currently used.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:
Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Ward, that the following items for the Board of Education April 28, 2016 meeting be approved or received for the record. Vote: Unanimous in favor
That the Mansfield Board of Education accepts the retirement of Joan Carr, Southeast School music teacher, effective June 30, 2016.

That the Mansfield Board of Education approves the request for leave by Rochelle Marcus effective January 3 – April 14, 2017.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Rochelle Marcus, parent, teacher, and MEA Co-President thanked the Board for their support of our schools and approval of her leave request.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Mr. Walikonis informed the Board that recess and wellness will be on the May 12th agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to move to Executive Session at 8:15pm to discuss Superintendent's evaluation. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
Mrs. Lyman joined the Board at the Executive Session.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:44pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Everett, to adjourn at 8:45pm.
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk