

**Mansfield Board of Education
June 9, 2016
Revised Minutes**

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

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

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS:

CABE Award: Mr. Walikonis honored MMS students, Zachary Donald and Daniela Johnson, with the CABE Student Leadership Award which is designed to honor Connecticut High School and Middle School students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills.

Mrs. Paulhus arrived at 7:42pm

Retirees Celebration: The Board honored the following retirees:

Joan Carr, Teacher Southeast Elementary School, 27 years of service.

James Palmer, Principal Vinton Elementary School, 34 years of service.

Also, the following retirees were unable to attend but were acknowledged:

Jeanne Jones, Paraeducator, Goodwin Elementary School, 22 years of service

Karen Moylan, District Math Consultant, 10 years of service.

The Board recessed for a brief reception and returned to the meeting at 8:49pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ms. Silver Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Everett, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mr. Rueckl in abstention.

Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2016 workshop. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Kelly and Ms. Silver-Bernstein in abstention.

Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2016 special meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Kelly and Ms. Silver-Bernstein in abstention.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Jiff Martin and Ben Wiles regarding Farm to School Grant Program. Mrs. Lyman reported she had contacted both regarding process for grant applications.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Mr. Walikonis reported the Finance Committee met this evening regarding Shared Services agreement between the Town of Mansfield, Mansfield Board of Education, and Region 19 for Employee Benefits, Financial Management, Information Technology and Risk Management Services. The Committee endorses approval for the Superintendent to sign the agreement. The Committee also recommends the Board approve student activity accounts be set up for each elementary school.

Mansfield, Willington Cooperative Agreement Study Committee: Mr. Walikonis reported the committee will be meeting on June 23rd at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers. Representatives from the Connecticut State Department of Education will be present to provide information.

Personnel Committee: Mrs. Lacombe reported negotiations continue with UPSEU and there will be an Executive Session to discuss Superintendent's evaluation and non-union wages and salaries

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:

- Food Service Update: Kariann Gallegos, Food Service Director, and Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance, updated the Board on the 2015-2016 food service programs and status of program funding. School meal prices will remain stable for 2016-2017.

- Healthy Food Certification: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Ward, that the Mansfield Board of Education hereby certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department comply, with the CNS during the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Ward, that the Board of Education of Mansfield Public Schools excludes from certification food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that 1) such food is sold in connection with an *event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend*, 2) such sale is at the *location* of the event, and 3) such food is *not sold from a vending machine or school store*. Further, the Board grants a general exclusion from the Connecticut Nutrition Guidelines to any after-school or weekend event, provided the event meets the three criteria as set forth above. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- Student Activity Agreement: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, Resolved, to designate Cheryl Trahan, Director of Finance, as the authorized individual to act on the Mansfield Board of Education's behalf, with full powers to bind the Mansfield Board of Education with respect to opening and maintaining bank accounts as well as execute and deliver any documents that may be required to open and to maintain accounts on behalf of the registered owner. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- Shared Services Agreement: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe, to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Shared Services agreement between the Town of Mansfield, Mansfield Board of Education, and Region 19 for Employee Benefits, Financial Management, Information Technology and Risk Management Services. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mrs. Paulhus in abstention.
- Mansfield Middle School Tennis Courts: Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Candace Morell, Mansfield Middle School Principal asked consensus from the Board to support removal of tennis courts and addition of playing field in its place. The Board supported this request.
- Wellness Presentation Follow-up: A study committee will be formed by the principal of the Middle School during 2016-2017 school year consisting of faculty and parents to review what is offered and how best to meet the needs of the middle level learner, while maintaining the breadth of the programs at Mansfield Middle School.
- Board of Education Mission and District Framework 2016-2021: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to adopt the Mansfield Board of Education Mission and District Framework 2016-202. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- July 14, 2016 Workshop: Mrs. Lyman reported the workshop will be facilitated by experts in the Education field on how education and schools are changing to meet the needs of today's learner.

NEW BUSINESS: None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to move to Executive Session at 10:13pm to discuss Superintendent's evaluation and non-union wages and salaries, also to invite the Superintendent to the session. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Lyman joined the Board at the Executive Session and was excused at 10:40pm.

The Board returned to regular session at 11:15pm

Motion by Mrs. Lacombe, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to change the percentage of insurance premiums paid by the Personnel Assistant to 18.5%, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education to 18.5% and the IT Specialists to 18.5% and to increase the salaries of the Personnel Assistant, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education, IT Specialists, and Assistant Director of Facilities

Maintenance by 2%. Vote: Mr. Fratiello, Ms. Everett, Mrs. Lacombe, Mr. Rueckl, Mr. Walikonis, Ms. Ward, Mrs. Paulhus, Ms. Silver-Bernstein in favor. Mrs. Kelly opposed.

Motion to increase the salary of the Superintendent by 3% and the percentage of HAS insurance premium paid by the Superintendent to 14%. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Everett, to adjourn at 11:19pm.
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk