

Mansfield School Committee Meeting

Minutes for Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Town Hall , Room 3B & C

An Open Meeting of the Mansfield School Committee was held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, **January 26, 2010**. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Miller, motion to open by Mr. Jim Perry 2nd by Mr. Frank DelVecchio. A Roll Call vote was taken and the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mrs. Jean Miller at **7:35 P.M.**

Members Present – roll call vote to open meeting:

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| Mrs. Jean Miller, Chairman - | yes |
| Mrs. Lisa Losiewicz, Vice Chairman - | yes |
| Mr. Frank DelVecchio - | - yes |
| Mr. Jim Perry | - yes |

Not Present:

Mr. Michael Trowbridge

Also Present:

Mrs. Brenda Hodges, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Edward Vozzella, Director of Finance

Moment of Silence:

Jean Miller, Chairman of the School Committee, opened the meeting with a request for a moment of silence out of respect for the sudden passing of Ms. Debbie McLaughlin, who had been a food service employee for the district since 2001.

Correspondence:

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent expressed her thanks to the Mansfield Bank for their donation of the new scoreboards in the high school gym noting that both the administration and student body appreciate the kindness and generosity shown by the Mansfield Bank.

Covidien of Mansfield was also recognized for their generous donation of \$15,000 for the baseball scoreboard at the field in front of the Jordan Jackson School. Mr. Walter Jenkins along with Mr. Tony Savageau and Ms. Elaine Brunnelle were major catalysts in acquiring the funds necessary for the scoreboards. The administration, students and community appreciate the kindness and generosity shown by the Covidien Corporation. All monies for both projects were made possible by 100% donations.

Shawna Leary, Director of the CHAMPS Program provided details regarding the after school music program outlining the overall number of students in the program as well as a breakdown of the number of students in each class. Information was given regarding the current status of the orchestra lessons and the specific plans for expansion for next year. The Superintendent thanked Chairman Jean Miller for finding an instructor to serve as the afterschool orchestra teacher.

Citizens Comments:

Several citizens in attendance spoke during the “Citizens Comments” portion of the meeting. Most of these comments pertained to verbalizing the importance of the ARTS within the overall curriculum and maintaining the ARTS during these tough budgetary times. During these comments, questions and information regarding the budget process were discussed at length. The School Committee appreciated the input and asked that everyone please remain involved to help inform others in the community of the extremely difficult position the school district is in.

Approval of Warrants

The following warrants were presented and accepted by the School Committee on January 26, 2010; Good & Services, #2010-1023 dated 12-01-09, in the amount of \$371,775.10; Salary & Wages, #2010-13 dated 12-11-09, in the amount of \$1,417,662.75; Good & Services, #2010-1026 dated 12-15-09 in the amount of \$448,274.57; Salary & Wages, #2010-14 dated 12-23-09, in the amount of \$1,299,245.50; Good & Services, #2010-1027 dated 12-29-09, in the amount of \$453,637.49.

Motion to approve by Mr. Frank DelVecchio, 2nd by Mr. Jim Perry.

Motion U.C. 4 - 0

Approval of Minutes:

The Executive Minutes of **October 20, 2009** were **tabled**.

Motioned by Mrs. Lisa Losiewicz, 2nd by Mr. DelVecchio.

Motion U.C. 4 – 0 (Michael Trowbridge necessary for vote)

The School Committee Minutes of **October 20, 2009** were **tabled**.

Motioned by Mrs. Lisa Losiewicz, 2nd by Mr. Jim Perry.

Motion U.C. 4 – 0 (Michael Trowbridge necessary for vote)

The Executive Minutes of **December 9, 2009** were approved.

Motioned by Mr. Frank DelVecchio, 2nd by Mrs. Lisa Losiewicz.

Motion U.C. 4 – 0

The School Committee Minutes of **December 9, 2009** were approved.

Motioned by Mrs. Lisa Losiewicz, 2nd by Mr. Frank DelVecchio.

Motion U.C. 4– 0

The Executive Minutes of **December 15, 2009** were approved.

Motioned by Mrs. Lisa Losiewicz, 2nd by Mr. Jim Perry.

Motion U.C. 4 – 0

The School Committee Minutes of **December 15, 2009** were approved as amended.

Motioned by Mrs. Lisa Losiewicz, 2nd by Mr. Frank DelVecchio.

Motion U.C. 4 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Director, Mr. Edward Vozzella, provided an update on the status of the FY'10 Budget. While some line items are under budget, others are running over budget. At this time, these cost overages and savings are fairly equal. There are no areas of concern for FY'10 at this time and we have no information regarding possible state cuts for the FY'10 Budget.

The discussion regarding the FY'11 Budget was rather short as most of this had been discussed during the "Citizens Comments" segment of the meeting.

The School Committee will be meeting with the Board of Selectman and the Finance Committee in Executive Session on February 4th. During this meeting the Superintendent, Director of Finance and the School Committee will provide the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee with more details regarding the budget deficit for FY'11. This process will begin the necessary steps with these three boards to work together and address both the school and town needs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Saturday detentions/ QMS:

The School Committee approved the assignment of grade 7 & 8 students to the Saturday School held at the high school and supervised by Mansfield High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Michael Connelly. The purpose for this request is to provide additional opportunities to address student infractions, prior to an out of school suspension.

Motioned by Mrs. Lisa Losiewicz, 2nd by Mr. Jim Perry.

Motion U.C. 4 – 0

FIELD TRIP REQUEST / Washington, D.C.:

The School Committee approved the field trip request for the high school orchestra students to travel to Washington, D.C. on Friday, May 14th and return on Sunday, May 16th. These students will be competing nationally with other orchestra students.

Motioned by Mrs. Lisa Losiewicz, 2nd by Mr. Jim Perry.

Motion U.C. 4 – 0

Other:

Motion to adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the School Committee Meeting of **January 26, 2010 at 9:25 PM** for the sole purpose of adjourning. Motion made by Mr. Frank DeVecchio, 2nd by Mrs. Jean Miller. Roll call vote to close: Jean Miller, yes: Jim Perry, yes: Frank DeVecchio, yes: Lisa Losiewicz, yes.

Motion U.C. 4 - 0

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O. Jackson
Secretary to the Superintendent