

Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education Update

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Information regarding the current status of the Mansfield Public Schools: items, issues, challenges, and opportunities district staff addressed during the month, as well as upcoming district and school events.

Enrollment

Gr.	GW		SE		VN		MMS	
		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*
PK	20	0/0	21	0/0	22	3/1		
K	40	0/1	42	0/0	35	1/1		
1	35	3/1	44	5/3	50	6/2		
2	32	2/0	50	4/2	49	2/1		
3	36	5/1	51	7/2	49	2/1		
4	38	0/0	39	2/1	45	1/2		
5							140	12/5
6							140	6/7
7							135	6/6
8							160	8/10
# Boys	109		126		133		299	
# Girls	92		121		117		276	
Total	201	+7	247	+10	250	+7	575	+4

*Entries/Withdrawals

- Homeschool year to date total: 7 families with 12 students.

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	5	3	2	3	13
ELL**	8	4	3	7	22

*Eligible immigrant children are defined as a) ages 3-21 enrolled full-time in school, b) not born in any state, c) have not been attending 1 or more schools in 1 or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

**English Language Learners

Connecticut Mastery Test – Fourth Generation Results

#/% of students at/above goal

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
3 – 122	96/78.7%	95/77.9%	83/68%	-----
4 – 132	92/69.7%	95/73.1%	89/68.5%	-----
5 – 141	115/81.6%	116/84.1%	109/77.3%	121/85.8%
6 – 136	103/75.7%	92/67.6%	106/78.5%	-----
7 – 159	126/79.7%	125/78.6%	135/86%	-----
8 – 150	150/74.5%	119/78.5%	125/83.9%	127/84.7%

- Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (current grade)

Gr. 4 – 51/41%	Gr. 7 – 59/43.4%
Gr. 5 – 64/48.5%	Gr. 8 – 49/30.6%
Gr. 6 – 49/34.8%	Gr. 9 – 37/30%

Budget

- Conducted budget meetings with administrators.
- Administered account for additional supplemental instruction that will be held outside the regular school day.
- Food Service Comparison:

Aug. – Dec. 2007-2008		Aug. – Dec. 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
41,991	56,970	41,713	59,986

Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
Retirements	1	1
Resignations	0	0
Requests for Leave	2	0
New Hires	1	2

- Awaiting ratification of agreement with SEIU.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted 60 day building Level Tier I, II, III meetings
- Conducted fourth meeting of Response to Intervention/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (RTI/SRBI) district committee.
- Initiated curriculum evaluations in Math, PE, Music, FCS, and IT with Ashford, Willington, and Region 19.
- Continued work on ED 165 report for 2008-2009 (Strategic School Profile).
- Initiated Study Island software program for all district grade 3 and 4 students to use both at school and at home as the result of a Liberty Bank Grant.
- Conducted follow-up meetings with Dr. Margie Gillis and Margaret Marinelli from Haskins Laboratory with K-4 Administrative Council, Literacy Coaches, and Consultant and 5-8 Administrative Council and LA Consultant.
- Taped the first teacher sharing a technology strategy at a technology committee meeting for replay by staff on demand.

Policies

- Reminded all schools of policy regarding religious pluralism/respect.
- Investigated district need for a formal energy policy.

Building and Grounds

- Attended MMS Fuel Conversion and 4 School Building Committee meetings.
- Refined timetable with Building Committee regarding the rebidding of the MMS fuel conversion project with options.
- Awaiting resolution regarding rain leaking on occasion into Mansfield Middle School library.
- Continued composting at all 4 schools.
- Continued delivery of Federal Surplus Food Program to all four schools.

Programs

Initiated Enhancing Student Achievement Program.

Sch.	Gr.	Activity Name	# Served
GW	1-2	Writer's Workshop	8-10
GW	3-4	On-Line Literary Magazine	8-10
GW	1-2	Crazy for Games	8-10
GW	3-4	Crazy for Games	14
SE	4	Early Starts w/ LA Program	6
SE	3-4	Fall Writing Academy	12
SE	3-4	Math Academy	12
MMS	5-8	ALEKS for Math Remediation	82

Communication

- Held monthly meetings with bargaining unit leaders.
- Disseminated Administrative Council minutes to all staff.
- Conducted fourth Technology Committee 08-09 meeting via video conferencing from all 4 school locations.
- Conducted third Professional Development Steering Committee meeting.
- Spoke with Bob Dubos, 1st Selectman regarding the feasibility of Chaplin 7th and 8th grade students attending Mansfield Middle School at a future date.
- Inquired about police department interest in radKIDS.
- Discussed with the Town Manager and Town Communications Committee the development and dissemination of a citizen's guide, as well as budget in brief.

Security

Professional Development

- Conducted initial training and support AESOP attendance system.
- Planned for software upgrade in HealthOffice and follow-up training.
- Hosted AimsWEB training.
- Parent conducted presentation on radKIDS to Administrative Council.

Technology

Administrative Applications

- Continued work on creating a district curriculum web page.
- Continued set-up and training of automated system for recording substitutes.
- Implemented spread sheet submission of fall language arts assessments.
- Continued review of library system software.

Energy

- Provided building level data regarding energy usage.
- Implemented school building energy committees.
- Implemented new guidelines for after school building use in an effort to reduce energy consumption.
- Reduced hall lighting in grade 5 wing of MMS.
- Initiated administrative regulations on energy for all staff in conjunction with Town.

Other

- Participated in December meeting of Blueprint for Mansfield's Children Leadership Work Group.
- Attended one Neag School Assessment Colloquium.
- Attended University Region Superintendent's Association (URSA) Legislative Breakfast.
- Conducted UCONN Steering Committee Meeting to determine procedures for 09-10 UCONN IBM Interns.
- Began Diesel Conversion on school buses.
- Attended meeting with Region 19, Ashford, and Willington exploring regionalization (ie. transportation).
- Received an award to Town of Mansfield, Mansfield BOE and Region 19 BOE for their coordinated efforts provide a comprehensive employee wellness program to staff at all town and school worksites by Eastern Highlands Health District.

Additional information will be provided upon request by calling 429.3350 or by emailing mboesupt@mansfieldct.org.

Upcoming Events in January:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Town Meeting 1/13/09 1:15pm	Parents' Hour/PTO Meeting 1/5/09 6:00pm	PTA Meeting 1/12/09 7:00pm
High Touch Gr. 1 1/26/09	Sweeney School FT Gr. 3 1/22/09 9:30am	Celebrate Vinton Assembly 1/22/09 9:30am
		Eshu Bumpus, Storyteller 1/23/09 1:15 and 2:15pm
		PTA Movie Night 1/23/09 6:30pm
		PTA Family Ice Skating at UCONN 1/24/09 1:14pm
		Vinton School opened in 1952! 1/27/09
MMS		
K-12 String Fling 1/14/09 6:30pm		
District		
School Building Committee 1/14/09 5:00pm	BOE Meeting: Goodwin School 1/15/09 Tour: 7:00pm, Meeting: 7:30pm	Ice Skating at UCONN – Gr. 4 1/21/09 9:15am
BOE Meeting: Middle School 1/22/09 Tour: 7:00pm, Meeting: 7:30pm	BOE Meeting: Southeast School 1/29/09 Tour: 7:00pm, Meeting: 7:30pm	