

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	19	1/2	20	0/1	22	3/1		
K	39	1/3	42	0/1	35	2/2		
1	34	2/3	43	1/2	51	3/0		
2	33	2/0	50	2/4	50	3/1		
3	36	3/2	51	1/0	49	0/0		
4	38	0/0	39	2/1	47	2/0		
5							143	6/3
6							141	3/3
7							137	2/3
8							160	1/3
# Boys	110		126		134		302	
# Girls	89		119		120		279	
Total	199	-1	245	-3	254	+9	581	0

*Entries/Withdrawals

- Homeschool year to date total: 6 families with 11 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 Mansfield Board of Education at Goodwin, Middle School, and Vinton.
- Administered account for additional supplemental instruction that will be held outside the regular school day.
- Food Service Comparison:

Aug. – Jan. 2007-2008		Aug. – Jan. 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
53,819	72,925	51,162	73,387

Personnel

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

*includes staff member returning from leave

- Ratified agreement with SEIU.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Initiated 90 day building Level Tier I, II, III meetings.
- Conducted fifth 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.
- Completed work on ED 165 report for 2008-2009 (Strategic School Profile).
- Continued 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 Administrators, Literacy Coaches, and Consultant and 5-8 Administrators and LA Consultant.
- Conducted review of our current technology plan with district technology committee.
- Attended District Test Coordinators' meeting.
- Met with Suzuki staff to discuss current program and plans for the 2009-2010 school year.

Policies

- Investigated district need for a formal energy policy.

Security

- Received initial information regarding security grant application.

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.

Professional Development

- Conducted follow-up training and support AESOP attendance system.
- Implemented software upgrade in HealthOffice and follow-up training.
- Hosted AimsWEB training.
- Sargeant Kodzis will arrange for an office to be trained in radKIDS later this spring.

Programs

Initiated Enhancing Student Achievement Program.

Sch.	Gr.	Activity Name	# Served
GW	1-4	Homework Club	50
GW	3-4	Physics is Phun	10
GW	3-4	Engineering is Elementary	10
SE	3-4	Winter Math Academy	18
SE	3-4	Winter Writing Academy	18
SE	3-4	Expanding Horizons I	TBD
SE	3-4	Study Island Academy	14
SE	3-4	Expanding Horizons II	TBD
MMS	5-8	After School Homework Help	TBD

Technology

Administrative Applications

- Initiated a district curriculum web page.
- Completed update of HealthOffice Software.
- Implemented automated system for recording substitutes.
- Implemented spread sheet submission of winter 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 and began piloting at the elementary schools.
- Finalized administrative regulations on energy for all staff in conjunction with Town.

Communication

- Held monthly meetings with bargaining unit leaders.
- Disseminated Administrative Council minutes to all staff.
- Conducted fifth Technology Committee 08-09 meeting via video conferencing from all 4 school locations.
- Conducted fourth Professional Development Steering Committee meeting.
- Discussed with the Town Manager and Town Communications Committee the development and dissemination of a citizen's guide, as well as budget in brief.

Other

- Participated in January meeting of Blueprint for Mansfield's Children Leadership Work Group.
- Attended University Region Superintendent's Association (URSA).
- Continued Diesel Conversion on school buses.
- Attended Tri-Town Superintendent's meeting.
- Participated in panel discussion for UCONN Master's students.
- Attended National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation overview.

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

Upcoming Events in February:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Gr. 3/4 Musical "Snow Biz" 2/3/09 1:15pm	Parents' Hour/PTO Meeting 2/2/09 6:00pm	PTA Meeting 2/9/09 7:00pm
Gr. 3/4 Musical "Snow Biz" 2/5/09 7:00pm	Gr. 4 National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) 2/6/09	Celebrate Vinton Winter Concert 2/11/09 2:15pm & 7:00pm
Town Meeting 2/10/09 1:15pm	UCONN Family Skating 2/22/09	
	K-2 Assembly – Captain Super Tooth 2/24/09 9:45am	
MMS		
French FT to Quebec 2/5-8/09	Gr. 8 National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) 2/9/09	Science Genie Show – Gr. 5/6 2/27/09 12:30pm
CMEA Eastern Region Music Festival Trip 2/27-28/09		
District		
Board of Education Meeting 2/5/09 Southeast School	School Building Committee 2/11/09 5:00pm	February Vacation 2/16-20/09