

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	21	1/1	22	4/1		
K	38	1/4	42	0/1	35	2/2		
1	33	2/4	43	1/2	51	3/0		
2	33	3/1	49	2/5	50	3/1		
3	36	3/2	51	1/0	49	0/1		
4	39	1/0	39	2/1	47	2/0		
5							142	6/4
6							141	3/3
7							137	2/3
8							160	1/3
# Boys	104		126		134		301	
# Girls	94		119		120		279	
Total	198	-2	245	-3	254	+9	580	-1

*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**	6	5	3	8	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 meeting with Mansfield Board of Education at Southeast School.
- Administered account for additional supplemental instruction that will be held outside the regular school day.
- Facilitated adoption of MBOE 2009-2010 Budget in the amount of \$20,830,570, a reduction of -.48% from 08-09 budget.
- Food Service Comparison:

Aug. – Feb. 2007-2008		Aug. – Feb. 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
62,442	84,660	59,171	84,861

Personnel

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

- Initiated negotiations with Mansfield School Nurses' Association and United Public Service Employees Union.
- Attended quarterly Employee Benefits Update meeting.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted 90 day building Level Tier I, II, III meetings.
- Conducted sixth meeting of Response to Intervention/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (RTI/SRBI) district committee.
- Facilitated curriculum evaluations in Math, PE, Music, FCS, and IT with Ashford, Willington, and Region 19.
- Submitted 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.
- Requested follow-up information and pricing from Dr. Margie Gillis and Margaret Marinelli from Haskins Laboratory.
- Provided scheduling, materials and coordination support in preparation for the Connecticut Mastery Test.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Including Instructional Technology Applications cont.

- Completed review of our current technology plan with district technology committee.
- Distributed CT Mastery Test materials.
- Clarified in writing to Suzuki staff the current program and plans for the 2009-2010 school year.

Policies

- 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 awarding of the MMS fuel conversion project with options.
- Monitored 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.
- Conducted Facilities Management/Personnel meeting.

Programs

Liberty Bank Grant – Study Island Through January 31, 2009

Sch.	Grade 3				Grade 4			
	Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
GW	5,596	85.5	804	63.8	6,639	85.9	3,934	69.1
SE	12,736	84.8	4,281	71.8	5,715	78.4	359	59.6
VN	8,697	85.4	3,614	65.6	10,232	85.6	3,208	72.3

**Number of questions attempted on grade level*

Communication

- Held monthly meetings with bargaining unit leaders.
- Disseminated Administrative Council minutes to all staff.
- Conducted sixth Technology Committee 08-09 meeting via video conferencing from all 4 school locations.
- Conducted fifth Professional Development Steering Committee meeting.
- Disseminated with the Town Manager a Citizen's Budget Guide.
- Discussed with the Town Manager the development of a budget in brief to be disseminated to all residents.

Security

- Received award letter regarding security grant application followed by a warning regarding funding from the Department of Homeland Security.

Professional Development

- Conducted follow-up training and support AESOP attendance system.
- Implemented software upgrade in HealthOffice and follow-up training.
- Sergeant Kodzis will arrange for an office to be trained in radKIDS later this spring.
- Discussed 2009-2010 Professional Development needs regarding RTI/SRBI.
- Conducted follow-up training and support as needed for the AESOP attendance system.

Technology

Administrative Applications

- Updated 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 Horizon library system software.
- Attended IT Management quarterly meeting.

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.

Other

- Participated in supplementary meeting of Blueprint for Mansfield's Children Leadership Work Group and attended school presentation at Southeast.
- Attended University Region Superintendent's Association (URSA).
- Continued Diesel Conversion on school buses.
- Attended Tri-Town Superintendent's meeting.
- Provided update to Chamber of Commerce "State of Mansfield" meeting.
- Attended EASTCONN Summit on Regional Cooperation.
- Attended Hockanum Superintendents' meeting.
- Attended CABA "The Governors Budget" meeting.
- Attended CAPSS Legislative Priorities meeting.
- Attended 2 UCONN Spotlight on Assessment Colloquia
 - Initial Concepts of the College Readiness Indicator System
 - Value Added Assessment
- Attended CABA Legislative Issues & Lobbying Strategies Workshop.

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

Upcoming Events in March:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
PTO Meeting 3/18/09 6:30pm	Parents' Hour/PTO Meeting 3/9/09 6:00pm	PTA Meeting 3/9/09 7:00pm
Back Pack Brigade 3/19/09 6:00pm	Pot Luck Supper 3/24/09	Celebrate Vinton Assembly 3/19/09 9:15am
Family Ice Skate – UCONN 3/22/09 4:00pm	Science Fair & Invention Convention 3/25/09 6:30pm	Healthy Choices Assembly 3/26/09 9:30am
Healthy Choices Assembly 3/26/09 1:15pm	Healthy Choices Assembly 3/26/09 11:00am	
3 rd Grade Museum of CT History Program 3/30/09 1:15pm		
MMS		
Strings Group at Senior Luncheon 3/4/09	Spring Country Dance 3/10/09 7:00pm	Mark Woods Violin Workshop/ Evening Performance 3/23/09
District		
Board of Education Meeting 3/12/09 7:30 Council Chambers	School Building Committee 3/11/09 5:00pm	COLT Rhyme Celebration (2-4) Burlington, CT 3/18/09
No School – Professional Development Day 3/23/09	Town Council/Board Budget Meeting 3/30/09 6:30pm Council Chambers	