

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	22	2/1	26	8/1		
K	38	3/5	42	0/1	35	2/2		
1	34	3/4	43	1/2	51	3/0		
2	33	3/1	50	3/5	50	3/1		
3	36	3/2	51	1/0	49	1/1		
4	40	2/0	39	2/1	47	2/0		
5							142	6/4
6							142	4/3
7							137	2/3
8							162	3/3
# Boys	107		126		136		303	
# Girls	93		121		122		280	
Total	200	+1	247	-1	258	+14	583	+2

*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

- Administered account for additional supplemental instruction that will be held outside the regular school day.
- Participated in Town Council/MBOE Budget meeting.
- Food Service Comparison:

Aug. – March 2007-2008		Aug. – March 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
73,783	100,023	70,341	101,137

Personnel

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

- Conducted negotiations with Mansfield School Nurses' Association and United Public Service Employees Union.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted seventh and eighth meetings of Response to Intervention/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (RTI/SRBI) district committee.
- Facilitated curriculum evaluations in Math, PE, Music, FCS, and IT with Region 19.
- Completed 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.
- Received follow-up information and pricing from Dr. Margie Gillis and Margaret Marinelli from Haskins Laboratory and reviewed with principals.
- Facilitated Connecticut Mastery Testing in grades three – eight.
- Returned CT Mastery Test materials to Measurement Inc.
- Facilitated preschool staff meetings for 09-10 program planning.

Policies

- Investigated need for revision of bullying policy.
- Conducted Wellness Policy Committee meeting to discuss possible policy revisions.

Building and Grounds

- Attended MMS Fuel Conversion meetings regarding awarding of contract.
- Organized and conducted school visit committee to Colchester Elementary and Jack Jackter School.
- 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 and facilitated the development of a draft Custodial/Maintenance Policies & Procedures Manual.

Programs

Liberty Bank Grant – Study Island Through March 28, 2009

Sch.	Grade 3				Grade 4			
	Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
GW	7,615	87	2,840	69.8	10,088	88.1	6,015	71.2
SE	21,572	86.3	8,707	72.6	11,272	79.8	2,329	62.4
VN	12,934	85	5,770	69.9	14,468	85.6	4,988	73.5

*Number of questions attempted on grade level

Communication

- Held monthly meetings with bargaining unit leaders.
- Disseminated Administrative Council minutes to all staff.
- Conducted seventh Technology Committee 08-09 meeting via video conferencing from all 4 school locations.
- Initiated a request through the district Professional Development Committee for Certified Staff Status Forms.
- Discussed with the Town Manager the development of a budget in brief to be disseminated to all residents.
- Held quarterly meeting with Town Manager, Finance Director, and Maintenance Director.
- Met with Youth Services Department to review programs and participation rates in schools.
- Initiated discussion with town and school librarians regarding summer program to provide library books by bus weekly.
- Discussed organization of Regionalization Committee with Region 19 sending superintendents.

Security

- Received letter confirming funding of security grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

Professional Development

- Conducted follow-up training and support AESOP attendance system.
- Sergeant Kodzis will arrange for an officer to be trained in radKIDS later this spring.
- Discussed 2009-2010 Professional Development needs regarding RTI/SRBI, technology, and specific subject areas.

Technology

Administrative Applications

- 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.

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 hallways in all 4 schools and some classrooms at MMS.
- Installed energy efficient refrigerators to replace classroom use of small refrigerators.

Other

- Participated in supplementary meeting of Blueprint for Mansfield's Children Leadership Work Group and Results Based Accountability workshop.
- Attended University Region Superintendent's Association (URSA) and Hockanum Area Superintendents meetings.
- Completed Diesel Conversion on school buses.
- Attended Tri-Town Superintendent's meeting.
- Attended CABA *Day on the Hill* and *Purchasing Health Benefits* meetings.
- Attended CAPSS Legislative Committee meeting.
- Attended CAPSS *Educational Implications Seminar*.
- Attended 3 UCONN Spotlight on Assessment Colloquia
 - Visible Learning-Visible Teaching-Visiting Assessment
 - Putting the *Value* back in Evaluation
 - Assessment for Learning, As Opposed to Assessment of Learning
- Attended CABA Legislative Issues & Lobbying Strategies Workshop.
- Attended CSDE/CAPSS Superintendent Briefing.
- Attended COEEA Sustainability Seminar.
- Attended *Using Data to Drive Instruction* workshop.
- Participated in CT Common Core of Teaching workshop.

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

Upcoming Events in April:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
"Beauty & the Beast" Teaser 4/1/09 12:00	Gr. 4 FT Griswold Museum 4/6/09 9:15am	Kindergarten Registration 4/1-2/09
PTO Meeting 4/8/09 6:30pm	Parents' Hour/PTO 4/6/09 6:00pm	"Beauty & the Beast" Teaser 4/1/09 9:30
Internet Awareness for Parents & Educators 4/14/09 7:00pm	Kindergarten Registration 4/16/09	PTA Assembly – Dennis Warring 4/6/09
Parent Kindergarten Orientation Night 4/15/09 7:00pm	TV Turn Off Week 4/27-5/1/09	PTA Meeting 4/7/09 7:00pm
Town Meeting 4/28/09 1:15pm	Talent Show 4/29/09 6:30pm	Invention Convention 4/7/09
Turnoff TV Week 4/27-5/1/09		PTA Book Fair/No TV Week 4/13-17/09
		PTA Bingo Night 4/13/09 7:00pm
		PTA – Brian Gillie Song & Dance 4/14/09 7:00pm
		PTA Math Night 4/15/09 7:00pm
		Celebrate Vinton Assembly 4/16/09 10:15am
		PTA Craft Night 4/16/09 7:00pm
		Gr. 3 Animal Expo 4/17/09 2:30pm
		PTA Assembly PK, K, 1 Mike Kachuba "Seastars" Doodlebugs" 4/28/09 TBA
MMS		
Gr. 5 FT Opera New England 4/1/09	"Beauty & the Beast" Performance 4/3-4/09 7:00pm 4/5/09 1:00pm	Gr. 7 Worcester Art Museum FT 4/7/09
Gr. 6 FT Sturbridge Village 4/9/09	Gr. 5 FT Roger Williams Zoo 4/29/09	
District		
Town Public Information Session on Manager's Budget 4/2/09 7:00pm Beck Bldg.	Public Hearing on Town Budget 4/13/09 7:30pm Beck Bldg.	MBOE Meeting 4/16/09 7:30
Town Council Adoption of Budget 4/20/09 7:30pm Buchanan Auditorium	Public Information Session #2 4/23/09 7:00pm Buchanan Auditorium	April Vacation 4/20-24/09
Mobile Dentist 4/28-29/09		

Links of interest:

<http://mansfield.htnp.com/2009/03/29/recess-does-a-body-good-%E2%80%93-that%E2%80%99s-their-message/>

<http://www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast/newsletters>