

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	21	3/2	25	5/1	26	8/1		
K	37	3/6	41	0/1	35	2/2		
1	33	4/6	42	1/3	51	3/0		
2	32	3/1	50	4/5	50	3/1		
3	36	3/2	51	1/0	50	2/1		
4	40	2/0	39	2/1	48	3/0		
5							142	6/4
6							141	4/4
7							137	2/3
8							164	5/3
# Boys	108		126		136		300	
# Girls	92		121		124		284	
Total	200	+1	247	+2	260	+16	584	+3

*Entries/Withdrawals

- Homeschool year to date total: 7 families with 13 students.

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	5	3	2	3	13
ELL**	7	5	3	8	23

*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.
- Attended Town Meeting to adopt budget.
- Participated in Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Reverse Auction Webinar
- Food Service Comparison:

Aug. – May 2007-2008		Aug. – May 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
96,603	130,749	90,406	132,767

Personnel

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

- Conducted UPSEU negotiations.
- Attained ratification of the Nrses' contract.
- Attended quarterly employee benefits update meeting.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted tenth meeting of Response to Intervention/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (RTI/SRBI) district committee.
- Facilitated curriculum evaluations and school site visits in Math, PE, FCS, and IT with Region 19.
- 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 via phone conference call.
- Facilitated preschool staff meetings for 09-10 program planning.
- Met with conveners and administrators to discuss and fund summer curriculum proposals.
- Conducted orientation meeting with 09-10 UCONN internships and staff and assigned 09-10 senior and student teacher placements.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment *Continued*

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted Preschool parent orientation meeting with special education director and preschool staff.
- Facilitated preschool screening at Buchanan Center.

Policies

- Facilitated distribution of recommended policy update to Policy Committee for adoption at June Board Meeting
- Conducted Wellness Policy Committee meeting to discuss possible policy revisions.

Building and Grounds

- Evaluated potential issue and remedies for Vinton playscape.
- Attended MMS Fuel Conversion weekly meetings regarding project implementation.
- Organized and conducted school visit committee to Nayaug Elementary School in Glastonbury.
- Piloted use of an air conditioner on MMS 2nd floor.
- 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.
- Facilitated analysis and remediation of Southeast Multi-Purpose Room sound system.
- Facilitated resolution of septic system backup at Goodwin.

Programs

Liberty Bank Grant – Study Island Through May 30, 2009

Grade 3				Grade 4			
Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
44,906	86.37	18,580	71.3	38,323	84.8	13,883	69.0

**Number of questions attempted on grade level*

Communication

- Directed district response and dissemination of H1N1 virus information to parents and staff via kid mail, email, and internet.
- Held monthly meetings with bargaining unit leaders.
- Disseminated Administrative Council minutes to all staff.
- Conducted a meeting of technology staff to review budget.
- Coordinated with Town and Board employees in the development of a budget in brief mailing to all residents.
- Facilitated with Youth Services Department to review programs and participation rates in schools.
- Continued discussion with town and school librarians regarding summer program to provide library books by bus weekly.
- Attended initial Regionalization Committee meeting.
- Conducted Professional Development Steering Committee meeting.
- Attended Tri-Town Superintendents meeting to discuss transportation.
- Attended URSA and Hockanum Superintendent's meetings.

Professional Development

- Distributed to certified staff 09-10 Professional Development courses via ProTraxx.
- Conducted follow-up training and support AESOP attendance system.
- Sergeant Kodzis will arrange for an officer to be trained in radKIDS later this spring.
- Developed a draft 2009-2010 Professional Development calendar.

Technology

Administrative Applications

- Continued implementation 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.
- Completed implementation of QNotify system for all 4 schools.

Security

- Facilitated purchases for second Security Grant for all four schools.

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.
- Monitored use of energy efficient refrigerators to replace classroom use of small refrigerators.

Other

- Participated in Department of Education Conference Calls regarding the H1N1 virus.
- Participated in supplementary meetings of Blueprint for Mansfield's Children Leadership Work Group.
- Attended SERC *How Welcoming is Your School Conference*.
- Attended 2 UCONN Spotlight on Assessment Colloquia
 - Using Data to Drive Great Instruction.
 - Developing the Vertical Scale for the CMT.
- Attended CAPSS Legal Seminar and Spring Conference.
- Attended EASTCONN Technology Council and Regional Staff Development Council meetings.
- Attended Conference on *Ten Healthiest Things Educators Can Do*.
- Attended CT Data Conference.
- Attended CABA Collective Bargaining workshop.
- Attended Northeast Superintendents' Leadership Council Institute.
- Attending *Using the NAEYC Code of Ethics* workshop at EASTCONN.

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

Upcoming Events in June:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Suzuki Concert 6/2/09 1:15pm	Parents' Hour/PTO 6/1/09 6:00pm	Community Conversations 6/2/09 8:30am & 7:00pm
Community Conversations 6/3/09 8:30am & 6:30pm	Baker Woods, Kindergarten FT 6/2/09	Baker Woods, Kindergarten FT 6/2/09
50 th Anniversary Celebration 6/5/09	K-2 Concert 6/3/09 7:00pm	PTA Ice Cream Social 6/4/09 6:30pm
50 th Anniversary Celebration Open House 6/5/09 4:00pm	Community Conversations 6/3/09 8:30am & 6:30pm	Suzuki Strings Assembly 6/5/09 2:15pm
Field Day 6/12/09	UCONN Gr. 4 FT 6/4/09	Vinton Fun Fest & Talent Show 6/10/09 All Day
Volunteer Tea 6/12/09 10:00am	Book Fair 6/4/09	Mansfield Hollow – Gr. 2 FT 6/11/09
Waterslide 6/18-19/09	Ice Cream Social 6/5/09 6:00pm	Mystic Aquarium visits PreK & K 6/11/09
Grade 4 Promotion 6/18/09 7:00pm	Suzuki Concert 6/8/09 2:30pm	Library Book Swap 6/16/09
Grade 4 Class Night 6/19/09 5:30pm	Mystic Seaport Gr. 3 FT 6/10/09	Grade 4 Promotion 6/16/09 7:00pm
	Pen-Pal Gr. 2 FT 6/11/09	Teddy Bear Picnic Kindergarten 6/16/09
	Moving On Ceremony 6/17/09 7:00pm	
	Fun In Our Own Backyard 6/19/09	
MMS		
Community Conversations 6/2/09 7:30am & 6:00pm	Medieval Faire Gr. 7 6/4/09 3:00pm	E.O. Smith Gr. 8. Tri-Town Dance 6/4/09
Altnaveigh Gr. 8 French & German Students 6/9/09	Author's Night Gr. 5 6/11/09 5:00pm	Class Picnic Gr. 8 6/18/09 10:00am
Field Day 6/19/09 11:10am	Class Night Gr. 8 6/22/09 5:30pm	Closing Ceremonies Gr. 8 6/23/09 7:00pm
District		
MBOE Meeting 6/11/09 7:30pm	MBOE Retirement Party Council Chambers 6/15/09 4:00pm	Mansfield Budget Referendum 6/16/09 or 6/23/09 (pending confirmation and legal notification)
MBOE Meeting 6/18/09 7:30pm		