

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

Grade	GW	SE	VN	Grade	MMS	District
PreK	26	30	31	5	136	
K	31	28	53	6	147	
1	36	43	33	7	143	
2	34	41	54	8	139	
3	32	50	50			
4	34	48	49			
Total	193	240	270		565	1268

- Homeschool year to date total: 5 families with 9 students.

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	5	3	2	3	13
ELL**	3	2	4	11	20

*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

Books on Bus								
Number of Individuals Getting on Bus and Checking Out Items								
Run	Wk.1	Wk. 2	Wk. 3	Wk. 4	Wk. 5	Wk.6	Wk. 7	Total
Goodwin	24	33	40	39	28	31	79*	274
Southeast	4	5	6	20	17	21	23	96
Vinton	26	37	32	26	28	26	23	198
Week Total	54	75	78	85	73	78	125	568
New MPL card applications	0	2	5	2	1	2	48	60

*GW run for this week included 51 students from Mansfield Discovery Depot.

CMT Continued

- Reviewed by district and building administration along with appropriate teaching and support staff.
- Reviewed preliminary NCLB reports that indicated MMS and the district did not reach AYP in one sub-group in Reading and Math.

Budget

- Food Service Comparison:

Aug. – June 2007-2008		Aug. – June 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
104,788	141,856	99,415	146,104

- Continued 09-10 purchasing in preparation for school year.

Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
Retirements	0	0
Resignations	1	1
Requests for Leave	0	0
New Hires	2	4
Reduction in Force	0	0

- Posted certified/non-certified vacancies and participated in district selection committees.
- Conducted training for 25 new substitute teachers on August 26, 2009.
- Returning substitutes = 59.

Connecticut Mastery Test – Fourth Generation Results

#/% of students at/above goal – March 2009

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
3 – 133	113/85.0%	86/72.2%	98/73.7%	-----
4 – 124	100/83.3%	92/74.2%	91/75.8%	-----
5 – 137	97/71.3%	99/72.3%	101/73.7%	110/80.3%
6 – 141	113/80.1%	109/77.9%	120/85.7%	-----
7 – 136	105/78.4%	110/80.9%	116/87.2%	-----
8 – 160	131/81.9%	139/86.9%	138/86.8%	142/88.8%

- Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (2009-2010 grade)

Gr. 4 – 47/35.3%	Gr. 7 – 44/31.2%
Gr. 5 – 49/39.5%	Gr. 8 – 40/29.2%
Gr. 6 – 63/46.0%	Gr. 9 – 42/26.0%

- Mailed individual student reports to parents.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted back-to-school administrative council meeting
- 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.
- Revised and disseminated to all K-5 Mathematics teachers a year two implementation plan for *Bridges in Mathematics*.
- Revised and disseminated to all appropriate staff the plan for implementing Houghton Mifflin: *Legacy of Literacy*.
- Reviewed summer curriculum work to be completed by teachers during initial Curriculum Council meetings.

Policies

- Revised MBOE Policies which reflect recent changes in legislature drafted by Shipman & Goodwin were completed and sent to members of the MBOE Policy Committee for initial review.

Building and Grounds

- Implemented initial and planned secondary remedy for Vinton playscape.
- Attended MMS Fuel Conversion weekly meetings regarding project implementation to include addressing asbestos found in back of bookcases.
- Facilitated inclement weather use of Southeast School by the Mansfield Recreation Department
- Facilitated safety inspection of Adventure Learning sites at all schools and addition of indoor/outdoor elements at MMS.
- Reviewed draft of Custodian/Maintenance Manual.
- Completed repair of all items noted by Fran Raiola, Assistant Fire Marshall.

Programs

Liberty Bank Grant – Study Island Through July 25, 2009

Grade 3				Grade 4			
Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
319	86.5	74	87.8	38	100	0	N/A

*Number of questions attempted on grade level

Summer School Programs

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Goodwin				MMS	
Grade	Enrollment	Grade	Enrollment	Grade	Enrollment
PreK	10	4	8	6	6
K	3	5	4	7	4
1	14	6	1	8	3
2	7	7	1		
3	14				

Security

- Facilitated installation for second Security Grant for all four schools.
- Continued planning of new required crisis prevention drills for all schools with emergency management officials.

Energy

- 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.

Communication

- Directed district response and dissemination of H1N1 virus information to all staff.
- Distributed Parent Letter via "kid-mail" regarding H1N1
- Implemented Books on Bus program.
- Scheduled meetings with bargaining unit leaders.
- Distributed Opening Day packets, including District Parent Handbook, to all students.
- Distributed emergency card information to include medical coverage for students.
- Conducted Opening Day Welcome and Address with all staff.

Professional Development

- Conducted follow-up training and support AESOP attendance system.
- Sergeant Kodzis will arrange for an officer to be trained in radKIDS at a date to be determined.
- Facilitated RTI/SRBI training for certified staff on August 25, 2009.
- Conducted New Certified Staff Orientation on August 20, 2009.
- Conducted training in First Aid, CPR, and AED for all new instructional assistants.
- Held initial meeting of professional learning communities for all certified staff in 12 course offerings.
- Conducted Curriculum Council meetings on August 24, 2009 to review goals and summer work.

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.
- Supported training and development of PowerSchool software at MMS and Filemaker Pro/EASTCONN RTI software.
- Implemented new PowerSchol cafeteria software in all four schools.
- Attended MyRTI software program meeting at EASTCONN.

Other

- Implemented and revised bus routes to reflect current enrollment.
- Attended Commissioner of Education's Back to School Meeting.
- Met with State Dept. of Education officials regarding funding for MMS Fuel Conversion Project.

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

Upcoming Events in September:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Open House 9/9/09 6:30pm	Open House 9/9/09 6:30pm	PTA Meeting 9/14/09 7:00pm
Book Fair 9/9-11/09	PTO Meeting 9/14/09 7:00pm	Celebrate Vinton Assembly 9/18/09
Town Meeting 9/15/09 1:15pm	Fall Carnival 9/26/09 10:00am	
Playground Social 9/16/09 5:30pm		
PTO Meeting 9/16/09 6:30pm		
Playground Social 9/29/09 6:00pm		
MMS		
Beginning Instrumental Music Orientation 9/1/09 7:00pm	Pot Luck Dinner 6 th Grade 9/3/09 5:00pm	German Exchange 9/13-10/3/09
1 st Quarter After-School Activities Begin 9/14/09	Open House 9/17/09 6:30pm	Mystic FT Gr. 5 9/24/09
Fiddlehike Trip 9/25-27/09		
District		
D. Goodwin Bequest Committee 9/1/09 3:45pm	Labor Day Holiday 9/7/09	MBOE Meeting 9/10/09 7:30pm
MBOE Fall Workshop 9/24/09 5:30pm		