

MINUTES OF THE MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
January 20, 2011

The Mansfield School Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 7:00am. The meeting was held at 45 Third Street, Mansfield, GA 30055.

School Council members present: 7

G.W. Davis – school principal  
Rachel McCoy – teacher representative  
Lisa Perkins – teacher representative  
Becky Morgan – parent representative  
Lisa Holmes – parent representative  
Shelia Massey – parent/business representative  
Whitney Woodward – parent/business representative

Seven members were present representing a quorum.

G.W. Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00am.

G.W. Davis gave the inspiration.

Shelia Massey led council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes from the last meeting, January 20, 2010, were approved.

There were no visitors.

Mr. Davis reviewed the superintendent's recommendations for the Stakeholder Survey.

- 1) Change high school scheduling to a seven period day to include remediation/enrichment for students. (Savings = \$2,820,000)
- 2) Contract with Ombudsman to provide a new – and potentially more educationally effective – delivery model for alternative education in NCSS. (Savings = \$1,941,962)
- 3) Implement a three-tier student transportation system. (Savings = \$1,477,441)
- 4) Eliminate 70 six-hour per day regular education instructional paraprofessional positions at the elementary schools. (Savings = \$1,127,000). This item was not included on the superintendent's recommendations. The BOE did not approve this cut.
- 5) Reorganize and reduce maintenance and custodial staffs. (Savings = \$954,000)
- 6) Reduce the school year by one day for students and reduce employee work days (non-school days) by one additional day. (Savings = \$950,000). This item was not included on the superintendent's recommendations.

- 7) Change to one of the following school schedules:
    - Option A: Four day school week (156 school days) (Savings = \$820,000)
    - Option B: 158 School days and the day would be lengthened by approximately 42 minutes for elementary and 52 minutes for secondary (Savings = \$750,000)
    - Option C: 169 School days and the day would be lengthened by approximately 20 minutes for elementary and 28 minutes for secondary (Savings = \$375,000). **This item was not included on the superintendent's recommendations.**
  - 8) Eliminate 28 eight-hour per day regular education instructional paraprofessional positions at the elementary schools. (Savings = \$582,400). **This item was not included on the superintendent's recommendations.**
  - 9) Reduce the 1% Board contribution to the 403b retirement plan for Teachers Retirement System employees to .5%. (Savings = \$422,000)
  - 10) Eliminate two Assistant Principal positions. (Savings = \$215,000)
  - 11) Reduce the number of school resource officers (security) from 18 to 14. (Savings = \$171,428). **The superintendent's recommendations also include the elimination of a Sharp SRO cutting an additional \$42,857.**
  - 12) Require a 10% cut in all Central Office budgets. (Savings = \$160,000)
  - 13) Combine Newton College and Career Academy CEO and Director of Career, Technical, and Agriculture Education (CTAE) positions. (Savings = \$65,000)
- These recommendations total **\$8,269,688 in expenditure cuts.**

The Council was presented with a copy of the approved school calendar for 2011-2012. PreK was cut to 160 days, no slots are guaranteed for students, and there will be 22 students per class.

Also distributed was a copy of the Instructional Budget for classroom supplies.

Upcoming events are:

3/18 - Jump Rope for Heart

Penny Jars will be set out for donations to the American Red Cross to send to Japan to help with earthquake/tsunami relief efforts.

3/23 – Kindergarten Round-up

4/4-8 – Spring Break

4/15 – CRCT Pep Rally

4/18-22 – CRCT

5/6 – PreK Farm Day; 5<sup>th</sup> grade middle school field trip

5/13 – Field Day at Beaver Park

Shortly after 5/13, test scores should be returned from the CRCT and intensive remediation will begin for those needing to retest. Summer school will not be offered this year.

5/26 – Last day of school

Mansfield received an H.B. Fuller Grant for \$10,000 as a result of Mrs. Cain's efforts. This money was used to purchase 3 white boards, one each for 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Pre-K registration went well.

Parents are encouraged to help their children do well on the CRCT by ensuring the following:

- Be at school on testing days. Students always test better with their class as opposed to make-up testing.
- Make sure children are well rested.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.

Praise was extended for the hard work to get white boards in all upper grades classrooms and the consistency with which students have passed the CRCT to date, with credit given to teachers and parents.

This was the final meeting for the current Parent Council.