October 21 2009

The Board of Education of the Mansfield City Schools District met in a Board Community Linkage Session at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at Malabar Middle School, 205 West Cook Road, Mansfield, Ohio.

Sondra Asher, President, called the meeting to order.

The roll, as taken by the treasurer, was as follows:

Members Present -	Mrs. Sondra Asher, Mr. Domenick Danza,	
	Ms. Deanne Osgood, Mr. Dale Musilli	4
Members Absent –	Mr. George Rusiska	1

Dr. Lloyd Martin, Superintendent, and James Lehmann, Treasurer, was in attendance along with community members and staff. Dr. Terry Boyd, the Policy Governance facilitator, was in attendance to answer Policy Governance questions.

Opening Comments:

Mrs. Asher welcomed members of the community and staff to the first Board Community Linkage session. The Board will be holding a Community Linkage session every four to six weeks. The date for the next session will be announced on Tuesday, October 27th at the Board's regular monthly meeting.

District Mission Statement (Policy E-1):

Ms. Osgood defined the Board's meaning to each phrase within the mission statement. Several questions or statements from the audience were addressed concerning the mission statement and Policy Governance.

Malabar Middle School:

Mrs. Stacey Cooper, principal of Malabar Middle School, explained some of the new procedures the Malabar administration and staff have put in place this year. She reported that the Mayor's Task Force volunteers have been a great addition at Malabar with their one-on-one interaction and mentoring with students. Several other programs that assist students include the CACY and POP Life Skills programs, the Mansfield Police after-school program, the U-Turn after-school program, the High 3 (respect, responsible, and safe) program to name a few. Malabar's slogan is "Accountability Matters". Along with the slogan, a list of goals has been developed that are posted around the building for staff and students. Those goals include improving attendance by 20%; reduce suspensions by 15%; and improving academic performance in reading and math by 20%. Several parents and a couple of students talked about the change in the environment at Malabar this year.

Policy Governance:

Questions were raised from the audience concerning Policy Governance and the cost of Dr. Terry Boyd's fees for facilitating the Policy Governance trainings for the Board. Dr. Boyd reported that he did not need to defend the Policy Governance procedures, they speak for themselves. He stated that if the procedures did not work, the National School Boards Association would not promote the program across the country.

09-214 Resolution to Adjourn

Mr. Danza moved and Mrs. Asher seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

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