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**Mansfield Board of Education  
March 14, 2019  
Minutes**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, John Fratiello, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus, Kelly Zimmermann
<b>Excused:</b>	Rebecca Aubrey

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Ms. Ward.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Ms. Zimmermann, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Allison to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019 Special Meeting. Vote: Unanimous.

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:** Katherine Harbec, teacher, parent, and resident regarding closing school on Election Day. Bonnie Majkut, resident, regarding closing school on Veteran's Day. Chris Lapsis regarding closing school on Election Day and opportunities to honor Veterans in schools.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Jennifer Zugarazo regarding closing school on Election Day. Luke Lapsis regarding homework at Vinton School.

**ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA:** None

**BOARD REPORTS:** None

**INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:**

- Student Centered Writing Instruction: Kaye Jakan, District English/Language Arts Coordinator, Valerie Mosely, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the middle school, and Melissa Batulevitz, Literacy Coach at the middle school presented a report on literacy instruction in Mansfield. The district's primary goal is for all students to become skilled, lifelong readers and writers. Report specifics were reviewed along with comparative data for other school districts.
- Next Generation Accountability Report 2017-2018: Mrs. Lyman reported on the 2017-2018 Performance Index scores and Accountability Index scores for the district.
- Purchasing Policy and Legal Services: Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Trahan reported on opinions from Board and Town attorneys regarding Board's Purchasing Policy regarding legal services. Motion by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann, to request the Superintendent to go out to bid for legal services beginning July 1, 2019. Vote: Mr. Litrico, Ms. Allison, Mrs. Paulhus, Mrs. Kelly, Ms. Ward, and Ms. Zimmermann in favor. Ms. Everett and Mr. Fratiello opposed. Motion passed.
- Proposed 2019-2020 School Calendar Adoption: Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Allison, to adopt the proposed 2019-2020 School Calendar. Ms. Zimmermann proposed a Friendly Amendment with a Motion which was seconded by Mr. Litrico, to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar with the following changes: To close school on Election Day, November 5, 2019, resulting in the last day of school being June 22, 2020 with June 23<sup>rd</sup> a Professional Development Day for certified staff. Discussion followed regarding Election Day and Veteran's Day. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar with the amendment to close school on Election Day, November 5, 2019, resulting in the last day of school being June 22, 2020 with June 23<sup>rd</sup> a Professional Development Day.
- Planning for the Future of Mansfield Middle School: Mrs. Lyman provided the Board a statement regarding and an addition to the Educational Specifications regarding Facility Planning. The statement will included returning to the findings and goals of the Planning Study to consider renovations that are needed at the Middle School. Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Mr. Litrico, to amend the Educational Specifications by including facility planning statement provided at this meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- Building Committee Update: Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Lyman reported that due to concerns about the Middle School site, the Building Committee has extended their search beyond the two mile radius and have begun to look at property at Southeast School. The Building Committee hopes to have a site decision soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, that the following items for the Board of Education March 14, 2019 meeting be approved. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Board of Education approves the maternity leave request by Alissa Mahoney effective June 3, 2019 through the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:** None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Kelly requested a report prior to Veteran's Day 2019 of planned school celebrations.

Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to adjourn at 9:29pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk