

Mansfield Board of Education
May 9, 2019
Minutes

Attendees: Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, John Fratiello, David Litrico, Kelly Zimmermann

Excused: Katherine Paulhus

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Ms. Ward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2019 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD REPORTS: Finance Committee: Ms. Ward reported the committee reviewed the 3rd quarter financial report. There are no concerns at this time. The committee recommends the Board accept the financial report.

Communications Committee: Ms. Everett reported committee members and board member volunteers have been visiting the town committees to update them on the school building project. There is no need for a meeting in May.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:

- Changing Assessment Practices: Kaye Jakan, Reading/Language Arts Consultant and Mike DiCicco, Math/Science Consultant, reported on student-centered assessment practices used to meet the needs of all students.
- Food Service Update: : Ms. Stephanie Richards, Director Mansfield Food Service Program, reported on the highlights of the 2018-19 school year, including pilot of processing local vegetables, completed CSDE Administrative Review, Community Dinners, increased participation in school meals and increased school engagement. There is no need to increase lunch prices for 2019-20..
- Healthy Food Certification:
 - Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Allison, that pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Mansfield Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups. Vote: Unanimous in favor
 - Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Allison, that the Mansfield Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
 - Motion by Ms. Zimmermann, seconded by Mr. Litrico, The Mansfield Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The "school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the food sales. Vote: Unanimous in favor
- Education Specifications Revision: Mrs. Lyman reported revision to Education Specifications are needed to revise grossing factor and technology specifications. Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Allison, to adopt the amended Educational Specifications for the new Mansfield Elementary School dated May 9, 2019. Vote: Unanimous in favor
- Building Committee Update: Ms. Ward reported the Committee met prior to the Board meeting to review firms to be hired to conduct traffic study and site work.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, that the following item for the Board of Education May 9, 2019 meeting be approved. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the Quarterly Financial Statements for the Period ending March 31, 2019.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Kelly would like a report on Social Services caseload to support families and the schools.

Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to adjourn at 9:14pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk