



It is the mission of the Mansfield Public Schools, in partnership with the Mansfield community, to ensure that each and every child develops the knowledge, skills, and dispositions essential for civic engagement and personal excellence in learning, life, and work within our local and global community.

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting January 20, 2022 DRAFT Minutes	
Attendees:	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus (electronically), Jeannette Picard, Kelly Zimmermann
Absent:	Elizabeth Verge

The public may view the meeting live at <https://mansfieldct.gov/video>.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Ms. Ward.

Ms. Allison read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2021, Regular Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Mrs. Kelly arrived at 7:03pm.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Board received a letter of thanks from Windham Area Interfaith Ministry.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

Ms. Everett arrived at 7:04pm.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD REPORTS: Ms. Ward shared that the Finance Committee met on January 4, 2022, to review the salary budget transfers for fiscal year 2021-2022. She provided highlights of the meeting and referred the board to the packet for further details. Ms. Ward indicated the committee recommends the board accepts the fiscal year 2021-2022 salary budget transfers via tonight's consent agenda.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Mrs. Lyman provided a detailed Covid update and commended parents and families for their cooperation as well as the staff - including administrators and nurses - for their continued hard work. She reported on the distributions of test kits and masks to staff and families. She also reiterated children who need to stay home to quarantine or isolate are provided a learning plan and receive support from the staff.

Mrs. Lyman highlighted some of the many school transition activities taking place and advised the board that a special newsletter containing information on recent and upcoming activities has been distributed.

The proposed 2022-2023 MPS School Calendar was introduced and Mrs. Lyman pointed out the two significant changes: one of the PD days has been moved from November to March to align with other Region 19 schools and the start of school has been pushed off to the Tuesday after Labor Day. The proposed calendar will be voted on in February.

Mrs. Ward invited questions or comments pertaining to the 2021-2022 Board of Education Policy Updates which were discussed at the December meeting. Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to adopt the 2021-2022 Proposed Policy Updates. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Mrs. Lyman introduced the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget and reminded the board the budget's purpose is to ensure the district can meet the mission and goals established for our children. She shared accomplishments based upon the district's core beliefs and provided an overview of the proposed budget. The budget will be reviewed in detail at the workshops on January 27th and February 3rd.

Mrs. Bradshaw-Hill described the budget development process.

MMS Roof Project Update - Mrs. Lyman stated the weather has not been cooperative or conducive to complete the work but the roof is sound and leak-free and will be completed as soon as feasible.

Update on School Building Project – Mrs. Lyman shared a new drone photo and explained the work involving the geothermal system, pipes, etc. Again the weather has not been helpful but the work continues regardless of the temperature.

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NEW BUSINESS (if needed): None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Mr. Litrico the following items be approved. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the FY 2021-2022 Salary Budget Transfers.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the resignation of **Britta Spinella**, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School; effective December 13, 2021.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the retirement of the following employees:

Carrie Holman, Teacher at Mansfield Middle School; effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year

Connie Ziko, Speech Pathologist at Southeast School; effective June 30, 2022

Judy Quinn, Teacher at Goodwin School; effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of **Rebecca**

Bernardo, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School; effective January 25, 2022 at an annual salary of \$63,382, Level 1, Step 6 (prorated 2021-22 salary of \$31,858) of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Mr. Litrico to adjourn at 8:25pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk