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Mansfield Board of Education Meeting

January 22, 2026

Council Chambers 6:30pm (Conducted in part using electronic equipment)

Board Members: Jeannette Picard, Chair, Kristin Dilaj, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Gregory Cecil, John Fratiello, Haley Gross de Jimenez, Sabrina Hosmer, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus

In accordance with PA 22-3, this meeting will be a hybrid meeting. The public may view the meeting live at <https://mansfieldct.gov/video>. Additionally, a video recording of the meeting will be available on YouTube at "Mansfield Connecticut Streaming Channel" within seven (7) days after the meeting.

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Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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COMMITTEE REPORT:

Transportation/Communications

INFORMATION AND PRESENTATIONS

2026-2027 Superintendent's Proposed Budget Review: Staffing, General Education Programs – Elementary and Middle Schools

Discussion of Proposed Budget/Board Questions

ADJOURNMENT

**Mansfield Board of Education
2021-2026**

Mission:

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Core Beliefs:

- **Lead with equity.** We believe that children must be supported to learn and develop in a safe, antiracist environment free from discrimination, bias, and prejudice against all people where conscious efforts and intentional actions ensure equitable opportunities.
- **Develop the whole child.** We believe schools have an obligation to teach academic and social skills while nurturing the emotional, physical, and behavioral development of all children.
- **Ensure active learning.** We believe students learn best when they engage in joy-filled, empowering, intellectually challenging, and personalized experiences that deepen understanding of the world while building academic and social-emotional skills.
- **Build partnerships.** We believe engaging families and the community as equal partners is necessary to fulfill the mission and vision of Mansfield Public Schools.
- **Prepare global citizens.** We believe schools must develop young people to be stewards of their community, nation, and the larger world around them by instilling the skills needed to contribute to a peaceful society and sustainable world.
- **Grow educators.** We believe that providing an environment that allows for inquiry, supports risk taking, provides for continuous learning, and attends to the whole person is as important for educators as it is for students.

Robert's Rules of Order General Guidelines

As outlined in the MBOE By-Laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Board unless otherwise provided by the by-laws. Following are some general guidelines from Robert's Rules and the By-Laws that should be followed to ensure efficient meetings and the rights of all members, aid decision-making and allow all to be heard.

1. During any discussion, a member must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
2. A member will not be allowed to speak a second time until all other members wishing to speak have been allowed to do so.
3. Members should refrain from speaking a second time unless they have a new point to make or need to respond to new information.
4. As a general rule during discussion, comments should be directed through the Chair to the whole Board, rather than to other or individual members. All discussion is with the Board as a whole. Questions of the Superintendent or other non-BOE members making presentations should be directed to that individual.
5. Private conversations can be distracting to those speaking and should be limited.
6. During discussion, the Chair should try to provide equal time to those in favor or against a given topic or motion.
7. A majority is more than half of the votes cast, not a majority of the Board. For example: if only 7 members choose to vote, and the result is 4-3 in favor, the motion is adopted. Members who abstain are "refraining from voting".
8. If discussion on a ***motion*** is lasting a long time, any member can "move the previous question" or "call the question". They must be recognized by the Chair in order to do so. This is not debatable, and a two-thirds vote is required to pass. If two-thirds vote in favor of ending debate, the Board ends all discussion on a motion and then moves to an immediate vote on that motion.
9. Committee reports that recommend action should be submitted in writing. This allows for clear understanding of recommendations.



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Mansfield Board of Education Meeting January 15, 2026 DRAFT Minutes	
Attendees:	Jeannette Picard, Chair, Kristin Dilaj, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Gregory Cecil, John Fratiello, Haley Gross de Jimenez, Sabrina Hosmer, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus
Absent:	

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Ms. Picard

Mr. Fratiello read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Kelly requested a correction to the minutes of the December 11, 2025, Regular Meeting, and submitted a written statement to the Board Clerk. Based on additional information and details, it was determined the statement referred to discussions during the December 11, 2025, Finance Committee meeting. There were no objections to approving the minutes of the December 11, 2025, Regular meeting, with Mrs. Kelly's statement included.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Clauson, Parent, addressed the Board regarding the MES water testing and availability of bottled water.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: Mr. Cecil, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Paulhus, indicated they would like more time to review the budget than the current schedule allows. Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Cecil, to change the February 5th meeting to February 12th. Vote was unanimous to add this subject to this agenda.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Superintendent Morell and her team of Administrators, teachers and students, delivered the second of three Reports of Progress – Support the Whole Child.

The Board held the second read and discussion of the 2025-2026 Board of Education Policy Updates. Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Mr. Cecil, to adopt the Proposed 2025-26 Policy Updates. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Ms. Picard acknowledged upcoming certified staff retirements.

Superintendent Morell presented an overview of her proposed 2026-27 budget for the district.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Cecil, to change the February 5th meeting to February 12th. Vote: Motion passed with seven in favor with Ms. Picard abstaining and Mrs. Hosmer opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Mrs. Paulhus requested a list of suggestions for future agenda items. Mr. Cecil asked if the flu has impacted our district and Superintendent Morell responded.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to adjourn at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk