



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 29, 2026 APPROVED Minutes	
Attendees:	Jeannette Picard, Chair, Kristin Dija, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Gregory Cecil, John Fratello, Haley Gross de Jimenez, Sabrina Hsomer, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus
Absent:	

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Ms. Picard.

Ms. Dija read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no objections to approving the minutes of the January 22, 2026, Regular meeting.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS

Superintendent Morrell continued the presentation of her proposed 2026-27 budget, focusing on District Management and Support Services. Dr. Shanim Patwa, Director of Student Support Services, Amanda Backhaus, Director of Finance, Jaime Russell, Director of IT, Michael Posocco, Director of Facilities, Michele Beers, Director of HR and Talent Management, and Jason Tidbaum, Operations Manager, detailed how the proposed budget supports these programs and addressed Board members' questions.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by M. Litrico, seconded by M. Cecil to adjourn at 8:18pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk