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Mansfield Board of Education Meeting February 9, 2023 DRAFT Minutes	
Attendees:	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, David Litrico (electronically), April Morin, Katherine Paulhus, Jeannette Picard, Kelly Zimmermann (electronically then in person)
Absent:	

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Ms. Everett.

Ms. Allison read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Everett explained to the Board motions will no longer be necessary to approve minutes from prior meetings. There were no objections to approve and no corrections to the minutes of both the January 19, 2023, Regular Meeting and the January 26, 2023, Budget Workshop.

Ms. Zimmermann arrived at 6:35pm.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brian Coleman, resident – expressed disappointment in the budget which he feels does not reflect the savings expected with the school consolidation and thanked the Board for their hard work during budget season.

Rochelle Marcus and Jen Zugarazo, Co-Presidents of the Mansfield Education Association (MEA) – thanked the Board and expressed their support for the budget.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: Ms. Everett requested adding a consent agenda to this meeting to approve the quarterly financials. Motion by Ms. Picard, seconded by Ms. Allison to add a consent agenda to the present agenda. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Everett reported the Personnel and Policy/Curriculum Committees met last week. Ms. Everett also reported the Finance Committee met today and recommends the Board accepts the quarterly financials via this evening's consent agenda.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Superintendent Dart, members of the MPS Administrative Team - Dr. Shamim Patwa and Principals Rodriguez and Barlow - and school psychologist, Roseann Holden, presented the second Report of Progress – Support the Whole Child.

Ms. Everett acknowledged and thanked everyone who has worked on the budget. Superintendent Dart provided a recap of his 2023-2024 Proposed Budget. Board members shared their views on the proposed budget. Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Morin to adopt the 2023-2024 Proposed District Budget. Vote: Motion passed with Mrs. Kelly opposed and Mrs. Paulhus in abstention.

Superintendent Dart shared the proposed 2023-24 MPS School Calendar, described the new, simpler format created with a focus on diversity and equity, and requested input. The Board will review the calendar again and vote on it at the March meeting.

Superintendent Dart recognized the many contributions of four teachers in the district – John Burnham, Charles Warinsky, Ruth Sangree and Patrice Welch - who will be retiring at the end of the school year and celebrated at the June Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Picard, seconded by Ms. Allison the following items be approved.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the December 31, 2022 Quarterly Financials. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Ms. Ward, seconded by Ms. Morin to go into Executive Session and invite Superintendent Peter Dart for the purpose of discussing evaluation options for the Superintendent's contract. The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:38pm and returned to regular session at 9:43pm.

Mr. Litrico left at 9:42pm.

Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Morin to accept the changes to Items 9 and 10 of the Superintendent's contract. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adjourn at 9:44pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk