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## **Mansfield Board of Education Meeting**

**March 9, 2023**

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

**Board Members:** Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus, Jeannette Picard, Kelly Zimmermann

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### **Agenda**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- February 2, 2023 Budget Workshop (P. 1)
- February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting (P. 2)

#### **RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION**

- Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Bonnie B. Carney Awards of Excellence for Educational Communications
- ASPCA presentation from MMS staff and students
- 2022 Teacher of the Year, Kim King
- Connecticut Board of Education Appreciation Month

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: Transportation**

#### **INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS**

- Superintendent's Report
- Proposed 2023-2024 Mansfield Public Schools Calendar Review (M) (P. 4)
- Mansfield Middle School Roof Project Update
- Mansfield Elementary School Building Project Update

- The Board of Education recognizes the retirement of the following certified staff:  
*Marcy Rudge, Teacher, Mansfield Elementary School*; effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year

**NEW BUSINESS (if needed)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**



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<b>Mansfield Board of Education Budget Workshop</b> <b>February 2, 2023</b> <b>DRAFT Minutes</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, David Litrico (electronically), April Morin, Katherine Paulhus, Jeannette Picard, Kelly Zimmermann
<b>Absent:</b>	Kathy Ward, Chair

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

Ms. Allison read the mission statement.

2023-2024 Superintendent's Proposed Budget Review: Superintendent Dart initiated the review by describing the process of developing this proposed budget beginning in November, demonstrating the elementary school consolidation savings and sharing the many district-wide accomplishments of students and staff.

Ms. Zimmermann arrived at 7:07pm.

Dr. Shamim Patwa explained the services provided by, as well as the focus and goals of the Special Education budget. Jaime Russell provided Information Technology highlights and progress. Allen Corson, Bill Trietch and Mary Combs presented district-wide custodial work and capital improvements completed and planned to maintain facilities and operations, particularly at MMS.

Candace Morell, Michele Beers, Cherie Trahan, and Superintendent Dart explained how the budget supports all areas under District Management.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms. Picard, seconded by Ms. Morin to adjourn at 8:07pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jil Corso, Board Clerk



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<b>Mansfield Board of Education Meeting</b> <b>February 9, 2023</b> <b>DRAFT Minutes</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	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)
<b>Absent:</b>	

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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

# 2023-2024 District Calendar



The MPS District Calendar is designed to note the start/end dates of school, vacations, early dismissals, and professional learning days. **Snow days are not built into the calendar this year. Therefore, if the district closes for inclement weather, additional days will be added to the end of school in June to ensure that students attend 182 days of school.** If the total number of snow days exceeds five additional days, consideration will be given to Professional Learning Days and the February/April vacation days.

Mansfield is a diverse and inclusive community that celebrates many cultural and religious holidays. MPS encourages all students, families, and staff members to respect each other's heritage and cultural diversity. The district encourages families to take time as a student excused absence to celebrate and honor various dates that do not currently align to this calendar. A list of dates for secular holidays as well as other festivals and holy days observed in our community is on the reverse side. For more information regarding these events please refer to community calendars and the district's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion web page.

August 2023 (1)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September 2023 (20)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2023 (20)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November 2023 (19)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2023 (16)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January 2024 (21)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2024 (18)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March 2024 (21)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April 2024 (17)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2024 (22)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2024 (7)						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

**Color Key/Notes**

First/Last Student Day: 8/31/23; 6/11/24

No School for Students

Professional Learning for Staff

Early Dismissal

182 Student Days

7 Professional Learning Days

**NOTE: 6/11/24 Last Day of School for Students Without Added Inclement Weather Days.**



### 2023-2024 Holidays and Cultural Observances

MPS encourages all students, families, and staff members to appreciate and respect each other's heritage and cultural diversity. Below is a list of dates for secular holidays as well as other festivals and holy days observed in our community.

MPS Schools will not schedule student activities or other key events on the dates below out of respect to the diverse members of our community. The district encourages families to take time to celebrate and honor various dates that do not currently align to the school calendar. Students will be excused for these holidays. Dates highlighted indicate days on which schools are closed.

Holiday/Observance	Religion/Culture	Dates
Labor Day		Sept. 4, 2023 (Mon)
Janmashtami	Hindu	Sept. 6-7, 2023 (Wed-Thurs)
Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	Sept. 15-17, 2023 (Fri-Sun)
Yom Kippur	Jewish	Sept. 24-25, 2023 (Sun-Mon)
Mawlid-al-Nabi	Islamic	Sept. 26-27, 2023 (Tues-Wed)
Sukkot	Jewish	Sept. 29-Oct. 6, 2023 (Fri-Fri)
Shemini Atzeret	Jewish	Oct. 6-8, 2023 (Fri-Sun)
Simchat Torah	Jewish	Oct. 7-8, 2023 (Sat-Sun)
Indigenous Peoples' Day		Oct. 9, 2023 (Mon)
Columbus Day		Oct. 9, 2023 (Mon)
Navaratri/Dussehra	Hindu	Oct. 15-24, 2023 (Begins Sun)
Veterans Day		Nov. 11, 2023 (Sat)
Diwali	Hindu	Nov. 12, 2023 (Sun)
Thanksgiving Day		Nov. 23, 2023 (Thurs)
Native American Heritage Day		Nov. 24, 2023 (Fri)
Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	Dec. 7-15, 2023 (Begins Thurs)
Christmas Day	Christian	Dec. 25, 2023 (Mon)
Boxing Day		Dec. 26, 2023 (Tues)
Kwanzaa		Dec. 26, 2023- Jan. 1 (Tues)
New Year's Day		Jan. 1, 2024 (Mon)
Three Kings' Day/Epiphany	Christian	Jan. 6, 2024 (Sat)
Orthodox Christmas	Christian Orthodox	Jan. 7-8, 2024 (Sun-Mon)
Martin Luther King Day		Jan. 15, 2024 (Mon)
Lunar New Year		Feb. 10, 2024 (Sat)
Lincoln's Birthday		Feb. 12, 2024
Ash Wednesday/ Beginning of Lent	Christian	Feb. 14, 2024 (Wed)
President's Day/Washington's Birthday		Feb. 19, 2024 (Mon)
Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	March 8, 2024 (Fri)
Beginning of Ramadan	Islamic	March 10, 2024 (Sun)
Purim	Jewish	March 23-24, 2024 (Sat-Mon)
Holi	Hindu	March 25, 2024 (Mon)
Good Friday	Christian	March 29, 2024 (Fri)
Easter	Christian	March 31, 2024 (Sun)
Laylat al-Qadr	Islamic	April 6-13, 2024 (Sat)
Eid al-Fitr	Islamic	April 10, 2024 (Wed)
Ram Navami	Hindu	April 17, 2024 (Wed)
Passover (Pesach)	Jewish	April 22-30, 2024 (Begins Mon)
Orthodox Good Friday	Christian Orthodox	May 3, 2024 (Fri)
Orthodox Easter	Christian Orthodox	May 5, 2024 (Sun)
Memorial Day		May 27, 2024 (Mon)
Shavuot	Jewish	June 11-13, 2024 (Tues-Thurs)
Eid al-Adha	Islamic	June 16-17, 2024 (Sun-Mon)
Juneteenth		June 19, 2024 (Wed)

*All Jewish, Muslim, and Bahá'í holidays begin at sundown on the evening of the first date shown.*