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<b>Mansfield Board of Education Meeting</b> <b>March 9, 2023</b> <b>DRAFT Minutes</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary (electronically), Edith Allison, David Litrico (electronically), Katherine Paulhus, Jeannette Picard, Kelly Zimmermann
<b>Absent:</b>	

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Ms. Ward.

Ms. Allison read the mission statement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There were no corrections and no objections to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023, Budget Workshop. There was one correction and no objections to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023, Regular Meeting. Ms. Ward indicated the correction the February 9, 2023, Regular Meeting is she left at 9:38pm.

Mrs. Paulhus arrived at 6:34pm.

Ms. Zimmermann arrived at 6:42pm.

#### RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATIONS:

Ms. Ward and Superintendent Dart welcomed Leonard Lockhart, First Vice President, CAFE Executive Committee and Vice President of the Windsor Board of Education to present the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Bonnie B. Carney Awards of Excellence for Educational Communications. Mr. Lockhart described Mansfield's submissions and the unique honor of receiving three awards at once. Margaret Chatey, Communication Specialist, described the collaborative, behind the scenes efforts put into the district's various electronics and print communications and programs.

Ms. Ward and Superintendent Dart introduced Mansfield Middle School teachers Nora Dickinson and Robert Burrington, along with three 8<sup>th</sup> grade students – Melia, Lily and Kyosimire – who explained their collaborative projects: researching, designing and constructing 20 elevated dog beds and baking healthy dog biscuits. Mansfield Animal Control Officer Rachel Leek received the donations to be shared by the Mansfield and Ellington Animal Shelters. The students passed out biscuit goody bags to the Board and guests.

Ms. Ward welcomed Mansfield's 2022 Teacher of the Year and Connecticut's 2022 Teacher of the Year, Kim King, to present highlights and photographs from her year-long experience representing Mansfield to the Board.

Superintendent Dart thanked the Board for their hard work and leadership and gifted a plant to each member in honor of Board of Education Appreciation Month.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Allison reported the Transportation Committee met yesterday.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Superintendent Dart gave his monthly report which included upcoming events in the district including the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) calendar launch, Peace at Home workshops and activities at both MES and MMS.

Superintendent Dart shared the proposed 2023-24 MPS School Calendar with the Board for a second read. Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Everett to approve the 2023-2024 Proposed School Calendar. Vote: Seven members in favor with Mrs. Paulhus in abstention. Motion passed.

Superintendent Dart shared many updates and plans regarding MES as well as the MMS roof project.

Superintendent Dart recognized the contributions of Mansfield Elementary School teacher Marcie Rudge, who will be retiring at the end of the school year and celebrated at the June Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rochelle Marcus, Co-President of the Mansfield Education Association (MEA), thanked the Board for its support and gave a shout out to MES teachers as well as Principal Laruen Rodriguez, Assistant Principal Becky Granatini and Superintendent Dart for their support as well.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Mrs. Picard to adjourn at 8:14pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jil Corso, Board Clerk