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Mansfield Board of Education May 13, 2021 Minutes	
Attendees:	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, , Katherine Paulhus, Elizabeth Verge
Excused:	David Litrico, Kelly Zimmermann

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Ms. Ward

Ms. Allison read the Mission Statement of the Mansfield Board of Education.

Ms. Ward read the following statement: In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B and social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC to slow community spread of COVID-19, this meeting is physically closed to the public. The public may view the meeting live at <https://mansfieldct.gov/video> or on Charter Spectrum Cable Channel 191 (the website is recommended as it is a higher image clarity). Public Comment will be accepted by email at mboesupt@mansfieldct.org or by USPS mail care of the Mansfield Board of Education, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268 and must be received by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to be included in an updated meeting packet. Public comment received after this time will be shared at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms Everett, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting.

Vote: unanimous in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Verge, seconded by Ms Allison, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting,

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Aubrey to approve the minutes of April 28, 2021. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Ms Zimmermann arrived at 7:15pm

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: A request for maternity leave and unpaid child rearing leave beginning October 25, 2021 until February 1, 2022 from Merin Chiramel, teacher at the middle school.

A request for maternity leave and unpaid child rearing leave beginning May 30, 2021 until January 18, 2022 for Britta Spinella, teacher at Goodwin School.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: Motion by Ms Everett, seconded by Ms Aubrey, to add to the Consent Agenda to include the votes to grant maternity and unpaid child rearing leaves to Merin Chiramel and Britta Spinella. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

BOARD REPORTS: Personnel Committee: Ms. Ward reminded the Board there will be an Executive Session following this meeting. Finance Committee: Ms Ward reported Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill, Director of Finance presented to the Committee the Financial statements dated 3.31.21. There are no expenditure concerns at this time.

Mr. Litrico arrived at 7:45

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Lyman gave the Board a Covid-19 update. She reported the number of students opting into remote learning continues to decline. She reported many of the traditional end of year activities will be held.
- Food Services Update: Stephanie Deason, Director of Food Services, presented a report on the 2020-21 Food Services Program. With the onset of COVID-19, the USDA announced schools may provide universal free meals. During the summer, the department established pick-up areas on specific days for families to pick up free lunches. Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill reviewed the financials for the program.
- Efforts to Promote Equity: Mrs. Lyman, Mr. Dart, and Mrs. Rodriguez reviewed the districts efforts to promote equity. They announced that this summer the district will host a 2021 Equity Institute for all staff and expect an equity audit to follow.

- ESSER Grant Process: Mrs. Lyman reported the ESSER II Grant Application has been completed. The total allocation is \$400,634 and must be spent as specified by the grant. Some areas of spending are academic supports, learning loss, school safety, remote learning, and staff development. Details on the American Recovery Plan funds are being received. Mansfield will receive \$745,781.
- Core Beliefs and Mission Statement: The Board and district have been working on revised Core Beliefs and a Mission Statement. It is complete and was in the packet.
- MMS Roof Update: Mr. Litrico reported Imperial Roofing Company was chosen as the contractor. An RFQ will be posted to hire an owner's rep.
- Elementary School Update: Ms Ward reported Newfield Construction has been hired as general contractor.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Everett that the Consent Agenda Items for Board of Education April 8, 2021 meeting be approved.

The request for maternity leave and unpaid child rearing leave October 25, 2021 until February 1, 2022 from Merin Chiramel, teacher at the middle school.

The request for maternity leave and unpaid child rearing leave beginning May 30, 2021 until January 18, 2022 for Britta Spinella, teacher at Goodwin School.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion Ms Aubrey, seconded by Ms Allison, to move into an executive session at 9:05pm for the discussion of personnel, and contract negotiations with Superintendent Lyman in attendance.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:18pm.

Motion by Ms Allison, seconded by Ms Zimmermann, to approve the proposed agreement between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Mansfield Public Schools' Secretaries' Association effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Motion by Ms Everett, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to adjourn at 9:21pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor

Celeste N. Griffin
Board Clerk