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Mansfield Board of Education Meeting September 8, 2022 DRAFT Minutes	
Attendees:	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison (electronically), David Litrico (electronically), April Morin, Katherine Paulhus, Jeannette Picard, Kelly Zimmermann
Absent:	

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Ms. Ward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms. Morin, seconded by Ms. Everett to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022, Regular Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Motion by Ms. Picard, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2022, Special Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION: Mr. Dart described the rigorous hiring process and welcomed new staff to Mansfield. New, certified staff introductions were made by principals and administrators and new staff in attendance addressed the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS: A letter from Suzanne Gormley was received on September 6 therefore not included in the packet, however it was provided to the Board at this meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: Ms. Ward explained to the Board she eliminated the second public comment opportunity to align with the Town Council's agenda but has received valid reasons to continue to provide two periods of public comment therefore a second opportunity will be added to new business tonight and, moving forward, will resume its prior place following new business.

BOARD REPORTS: Ms. Ward reported the Finance Committee met today and reviewed the Yearend 2022 Budget Transfers and the June 30, 2022 Yearend Financials. The Hodovan fund discussion was postponed. Ms. Ward provided a detailed summary of the committee's discussion.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Mr. Dart reported on opening activities including Convocation, professional learning, bus transportation, Extended School Year Program, MMS Achievement and Challenge Camp, and recycling and donating efforts.

Ms. Ward thanked administrators and staff for coming together and responding to the bus transportation situation.

Mr. Dart proposed amendments to the 22-23 school calendar to the Board. Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to approve the proposed amendments to the 2022-2023 school calendar. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Ms. Ward explained the Board needs to vote on Superintendent Dart becoming an authorized signer with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Morin to authorize Peter Dart, Superintendent, as the designated representative for the district to sign the Agreement for Child Nutrition programs and other documents as required by CSDE. This designation replaces the authorization previously held by Kelly Lyman. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Ms. Ward indicated the Board recognizes the staff who have left due to retirements, resignations and reductions in force and wished them the best.

NEW BUSINESS: Second opportunity for Public Comment - None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Morin, seconded by Ms. Everett the following items be approved. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the June 30, 2022 Yearend Financials.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the Yearend 2022 Budget Transfers.

Motion by Ms. Picard, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to go into Executive Session at 8:20pm for the discussion of school security and FOIA information and invite Superintendent Dart; Adam Libros, Deputy Fire Chief; Jaime Russell, Director of IT and Ryszard Szczypek, Partner of TSKP STUDIO. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adjourn at 9:12pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk