



It is the mission of the Mansfield Public Schools, in partnership with the Mansfield community, to ensure that each and every child develops the knowledge, skills, and dispositions essential for civic engagement and personal excellence in learning, life, and work within our local and global community.

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting November 10, 2022 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
Absent:	

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ms. Ward.

Ms. Allison read the mission statement.

Ms. Ward reminded the Board it is a violation of FOIA regulations to use cell phones at the board table and in the interest of time, requested members limit their comments to two on a particular discussion or topic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Mr. Litrico to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2022, Regular Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jeremiah Macht, parent, shared his thoughts on the new elementary school's bathroom configurations with the Board and invited Kathy Ward to the December 6th Family Advisory meeting.

Min Yang, parent, shared her thoughts on the new elementary school's bathroom configurations as well as the school calendar and holidays with the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mansfield Public Schools received multiple Bonnie B. Carney Awards of Excellence for Educational Communication from CABA (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education). Ms. Ward acknowledged and thanked Margaret Chatey, Communications Specialist, and all the staff that contributed to the creation of the various methods of communication.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to have an executive session to discuss board matters. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Ward reported the Finance Committee met to discuss pandemic pay and its appropriation and also to review the quarterly financials ending September 30, 2022. Ms. Allison reported the Transportation Committee meeting on November 7th was cancelled and has not been rescheduled at this time and Superintendent Dart will give an update on transportation during his presentation this evening.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Superintendent Dart shared CABA award samples with each Board member this evening, and reported on the focus of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and Family Advisory Teams including the school calendar and facilities, transportation, Veteran's Day at MPS, the MMS Writing Center, Food Services events, the November 8th Professional Learning, and the new building's projects and status. Principal Rodriguez updated the Board on MES transition planning. A video of the MES campus and new building - narrated by School Building Committee member Chris Kueffner - was shown.

The 2023 Proposed Board of Education meeting calendar was reviewed and discussed. The December date will be adjusted in light of the first night of Hanukkah. The Board will have a second read and vote on the final schedule at the December meeting.

Superintendent Dart presented an MMS roof project update.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jeremiah Macht, parent, thanked the Board for honoring veterans and commented on the various topics discussed at tonight's meeting.

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

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the September 30, 2022, Quarterly Financials.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts \$85,600 from the Town of Mansfield and to further appropriate these funds for the payment of a one-time pandemic bonus to eligible employees in the amount of \$400.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Mrs. Paulhus asked for an update on how students are doing with regards to their mental health based on the support being provided by school counselors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered executive session to discuss board matters at 8:44pm and returned to regular session at 9:05pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Allison to adjourn at 9:07pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk