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<b>Mansfield Board of Education Meeting</b> <b>January 15, 2026</b> <b>APPROVED Minutes</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Jeannette Picard, Chair, Kristin Dilaj, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Gregory Cecil, John Fratiello, Haley Gross de Jimenez, Sabrina Hosmer, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus
<b>Absent:</b>	

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Ms. Picard

Mr. Fratiello read the mission statement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Kelly requested a correction to the minutes of the December 11, 2025, Regular Meeting, and submitted a written statement to the Board Clerk. Based on additional information and details, it was determined the statement referred to discussions during the December 11, 2025, Finance Committee meeting. There were no objections to approving the minutes of the December 11, 2025, Regular meeting, with Mrs. Kelly's statement included.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** John Clauson, Parent, addressed the Board regarding the MES water testing and availability of bottled water.

**ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA:** Mr. Cecil, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Paulhus, indicated they would like more time to review the budget than the current schedule allows. Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Cecil, to change the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to February 12<sup>th</sup>. Vote was unanimous to add this subject to this agenda.

**INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:**

Superintendent Morell and her team of Administrators, teachers and students, delivered the second of three Reports of Progress – Support the Whole Child.

The Board held the second read and discussion of the 2025-2026 Board of Education Policy Updates. Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Mr. Cecil, to adopt the Proposed 2025-26 Policy Updates. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Ms. Picard acknowledged upcoming certified staff retirements.

Superintendent Morell presented an overview of her proposed 2026-27 budget for the district.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Cecil, to change the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to February 12<sup>th</sup>. Vote: Motion passed with seven in favor with Ms. Picard abstaining and Mrs. Hosmer opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Mrs. Paulhus requested a list of suggestions for future agenda items. Mr. Cecil asked if the flu has impacted our district and Superintendent Morell responded.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to adjourn at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jil Corso, Board Clerk