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Mansfield Board of Education March 11, 2021 DRAFT Minutes	
Attendees:	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus, Elizabeth Verge
Excused:	Kelly Zimmermann

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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 Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Allison, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting.
Vote: unanimous.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD REPORTS: Finance Committee: Ms. Ward reported there are no expenditure concerns at this time for Board of Education. Personnel Committee: Ms. Ward reported negotiations with the nurses have been scheduled and there has been one session with the secretaries. Negotiations will continue.

Ms. Zimmermann arrived at 7:14pm

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Lyman gave the Board a Covid-19 update. She also reported the district had students compete in National History Day. The Middle School library had a Celebration and Book Give-Away. Mansfield Food Services were highlighted in School Nutrition Association Magazine.
- Efforts to Address Student Wellness: Mrs. Morell, Middle School Principal, with Eileen Melody and Kristina Lee, MMS Guidance Counselors, reported ways the Middle School is supporting students social and emotional well-being.
- Assessment Practices: Mr. Dart and Mrs. Morell reviewed types of assessments used in the elementary and middle schools and how progress of all students is monitored.
- Grant Funds to Address Pandemic Operations: Mrs. Lyman reviewed the federal and state funds awarded the district to assist with Covid-19 expenditures.
- Mansfield Middle School Facility Needs: Mrs. Lyman reviewed the 2017 Facilities Planning Report's six key areas for growth. Action to address these needs at the elementary level has been taken. Possible actions to address these needs at Mansfield Middle School were reviewed. The Board discussed the need for an Owners Project Manager.
- MMS Roof Update: Ms. Ward reported the project is moving along on schedule.
- New Elementary School: Ms. Ward reported the plans are complete and approved by the State. A RFQ has been posted for construction.

NEW BUSINESS: None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Allison that the following items for the Board of Education March 11, 2021 meeting be approved. Vote: Unanimous in favor
That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the Financial Statements for the Period Ending December 31, 2020
That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves Laurel Brandon's request for maternity and unpaid childrearing leave beginning March 12, 2021 for the remainder of the school year.
That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves Julianne Belair's request for maternity and unpaid childrearing leave beginning April 26, 2021 for the remainder of the school year.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Ms. Everett would like the district to explore Pollinator Pathways. Mrs. Kelly would like an overview of the district's efforts on Equity.

Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, to adjourn at 9:20pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.