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Mansfield Board of Education Meeting

May 9, 2019

Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.

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| Board Members: | Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, John Fratiello, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus, Kelly Zimmermann |
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 11, 2019 (M) (P. 1)

HEARING FOR VISITORS

COMMUNICATIONS

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA

BOARD REPORTS: Finance Committee

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS

- Changing Assessment Practices
- Food Service Update
- Healthy Food Certification (M) (P. 3)
- Education Specifications Revision (M)
- Building Committee Update

NEW BUSINESS (If needed)

CONSENT AGENDA (M)

The following items for the Board of Education May 9, 2019 meeting be approved or received for the record, unless removed by a Board member or the Superintendent of Schools.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the Quarterly Financial Statements for the Period ending March 31, 2019. (Encl.)

HEARING FOR VISITORS

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Robert's Rules of Order General Guidelines

As outlined in the MBOE By-Laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Board unless otherwise provided by the by-laws. Following are some general guidelines from Robert's Rules and the By-Laws that should be followed to ensure efficient meetings and the rights of all members, aid decision-making and allow all to be heard.

1. During any discussion, a member must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
2. A member will not be allowed to speak a second time until all other members wishing to speak have been allowed to do so.
3. Members should refrain from speaking a second time unless they have a new point to make or need to respond to new information.
4. As a general rule during discussion, comments should be directed through the Chair to the whole Board, rather than to other or individual members. All discussion is with the Board as a whole. Questions of the Superintendent or other non-BOE members making presentations should be directed to that individual.
5. Private conversations can be distracting to those speaking and should be limited.
6. During discussion, the Chair should try to provide equal time to those in favor or against a given topic or motion.
7. A majority is more than half of the votes cast, not a majority of the Board. For example: if only 7 members choose to vote, and the result is 4-3 in favor, the motion is adopted. Members who abstain are "refraining from voting".
8. If discussion on a *motion* is lasting a long time, any member can "move the previous question" or "call the question". They must be recognized by the Chair in order to do so. This is not debatable, and a two-thirds vote is required to pass. If two-thirds vote in favor of ending debate, the Board ends all discussion on a motion and then moves to an immediate vote on that motion.
9. Committee reports that recommend action should be submitted in writing. This allows for clear understanding of recommendations.

Mansfield Board of Education 2016-2021

Mission:

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We Believe:

- It is our obligation to teach academic and social skills while promoting the emotional, physical, and behavioral development of all children.
- Children thrive and experience success when we provide instruction and opportunities that value individual abilities and interests.
- Equal access to our district's programs and services will be afforded to all children.
- All children and staff deserve a safe, secure and supportive school environment.
- Schools excel when staff engage in continuous improvement of practice and life-long learning.
- It is the responsibility of our schools to engage, support, and involve families.
- Our schools are strengthened when the school and community work together, each contributing to the success of the other.

District Framework:

1. The district is committed to promoting rigorous academic outcomes, social skills, and the habits of mind necessary for growth in life, learning, and work beyond school including the ability to communicate effectively, work collaboratively, and think critically and creatively.
2. The district is committed to providing student-centered instructional practices that are responsive to student learning styles, promote resilience, and allow for personalization and individual growth in academics and the related arts.
3. The district uses purposeful assessments to inform instruction and monitor individual student progress aligned with learning goals.
4. The district supports embedded professional learning that advances the goals of the district and engages staff in continuous improvement.
5. The district celebrates the unique and diverse community of Mansfield by building partnerships between families, schools, and the larger community.
6. The district works in a fiscally responsible manner to align its organizational systems and resources to achieve established goals.

**Mansfield Board of Education
Special Meeting
Board Workshop
April 30, 2019
Minutes**

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| Attendees: | Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus, Kelly Zimmermann |
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| Excused: | John Fratiello |
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Call to Order: The special meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Ms. Ward.

Mr. Fratiello arrived at 7:35pm.

Proposed Elementary School Operating Cost Projections: Mrs. Lyman presented estimated operating costs including staffing, supplies and equipment, energy, transportation, and cost avoidance. Questions by Board members regarding information presented was answered by the Superintendent.


Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Aubrey to adjourn at 9:00pm.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program

FROM: John D. Frassinelli, Chief 
Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education

DATE: January 28, 2019

SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum No. 05-19
Process for Submitting the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement for
School Year 2019-20

This memo summarizes the requirements for submitting the 2019-20 HFC Statement to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). It also provides information on the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS), HFC resources, and state beverage requirements.

Annual HFC Statement

Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) requires that each local board of education or governing authority for all Connecticut public school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) must **take action annually** to certify whether all food items sold to students separately from reimbursable meals will or will not meet the CNS. This includes all public schools, regional educational service centers, the Connecticut Technical High School System, charter schools, interdistrict magnet schools, and endowed academies.

For school year 2019-20, the HFC period is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. All public school districts participating in the NSLP must submit the online Healthy Food Certification Statement (Addendum to Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs (ED-099)) by **July 1, 2019**. The vote by the board of education or governing authority on whether to participate in HFC must occur by July 1, 2019, or the district is ineligible for HFC during school year 2019-20.

HFC Application Process for 2019-20

The annual HFC Statement will be completed online in the CSDE's Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System), as part of the district's 2019-20 application module for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs. The 2019-20 module is expected to be available in the CNP System in **May 2019**. The CSDE will notify sponsors when the module is open and the HFC application module becomes available.

In the meantime, public school sponsors of the NSLP **must follow the procedures below** to ensure timely submission of the 2019-20 HFC Statement by the deadline of July 1, 2019.

1. Schedule the HFC votes at a meeting of your board of education or governing authority that occurs **before June 30, 2019**. The board of education or governing authority for each public school that participates in the NSLP must vote "yes" or "no" on whether to

implement the healthy food option, i.e., follow the CNS for all foods sold to students separately from reimbursable meals. **The motion and meeting minutes for the healthy food option should include the specific criteria for the healthy food option required by C.G.S. Section 10-215f, as indicated below.**

- **Healthy food option:** Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.

If the board of education or governing authority votes “yes” for the healthy food option above, the board of education or governing authority must also vote on whether to allow food exemptions. **The motion and meeting minutes for food exemptions should include the specific criteria for food exemptions required by C.G.S. Section 10-215f, as indicated below.** **Note:** If the board of education or governing authority votes “no” for the healthy food option above, a vote on whether to allow food exemptions is not required.

- **Food exemptions:** The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

For more information, see the CSDE’s handout, *Exemptions for Foods and Beverages in Public Schools*.

2. Conduct the HFC votes at the scheduled meeting of the board of education or governing authority. **Maintain a copy of the meeting minutes** indicating the results of the HFC votes for the healthy food option and food exemptions, as outlined in step 1.
 - The meeting minutes must indicate whether the board of education or governing authority voted “yes” or “no” to implement the healthy food option, and must include the specific language for “Healthy food option” in step 1.

- If the board of education or governing authority voted “yes,” for the healthy food option, the meeting minutes must also indicate whether the board of education or governing authority voted “yes” or “no” to allow food exemptions, and must include the specific language for “Exemption for food items” in step 1.
3. In **May 2019**, when the CSDE notifies districts that the HFC application module is available, complete the online HFC application module and upload the meeting minutes indicating the results of the HFC vote. **Note:** The CSDE will e-mail school nutrition programs when the 2019-20 HFC application module of the CNP System is available. Instructions on how to access the HFC application module will be provided at that time. **Please do not access the CNP System prior to receiving this notification from the CSDE.**

For additional guidance on the HFC application process, review the CSDE’s presentation, Application Procedures for HFC, and visit the “Apply” section of the CSDE’s HFC webpage.

Interschool Agreements for HFC Schools

A public school or district (recipient site) that receives meals under contract from a HFC district (providing sponsor) can choose to certify for the healthy food option and follow the CNS for all foods sold to students separately from reimbursable meals. This must be indicated in section 3 of the Full-service Interschool Agreement Form between the recipient site and the providing sponsor district.

In order for the providing sponsor to receive HFC payments for any recipient sites, the interschool agreement must be submitted to the CSDE by **July 1, 2019**. If the CSDE receives the interschool agreement **after** this date, the CSDE will **not** include the recipient site’s lunch counts in the total number of reimbursable lunches used to determine HFC payments for school year 2019-20. For more information, see CSDE Operational Memorandum No. 4-19: Interschool Agreements for School Year 2019-20.

Schools must submit **hard copies** of the interschool agreements to the CSDE. Interschool agreements are not submitted through the CNP Online System. The interschool agreements for school year 2019-20 are available in the “Interschool Agreements” section of the CSDE’s Forms for School Nutrition Programs webpage.

Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS)

The CSDE did not make any changes to the CNS for school year 2019-20. For a summary of the CNS, see the CSDE’s handout, *Summary of Connecticut Nutrition Standards for Foods in Schools*. Additional information on the CNS is available on the CSDE’s CNS webpage. The CSDE’s HFC webpage provides numerous resources to assist districts with implementing HFC including:

- Complying with HFC (Presentation);
- Ensuring District Compliance with HFC;
- Guide to Competitive Foods in Schools;
- Questions and Answers on Connecticut Statutes for School Food and Beverages;

- Requirements for Food and Beverage Fundraisers in Public Schools Choosing HFC;
- Requirements for Food and Beverages in Vending Machines in Public Schools Choosing HFC; and
- Requirements for Foods and Beverages in School Stores in Public Schools Choosing HFC.

State Beverage Requirements

As a reminder, the beverage requirements of C.G.S. Section 10-221q apply to **all public schools**, regardless of whether the district certifies for the healthy food option of HFC under C.G.S. Section 10-215f. This includes all public school districts, interdistrict magnet schools, charter schools, endowed academies, and the Connecticut Technical High School System. Additional information on the beverage requirements is available on the CSDE's Beverage Requirements webpage.

C.G.S. Section 10-221q addresses requirements for the sale of beverages to students in public schools, and allows exemptions if beverage sales meet specific conditions. Beverage exemptions are not part of the annual HFC Statement, which applies only to food sales. If a public school district chooses to allow beverage exemptions, the CSDE recommends that the board of education or governing authority conducts the vote on beverage exemptions at the **same time** as the HFC vote. If the district does not have a beverage exemption in place, noncompliant beverages can never be sold to students on school premises.

The motion and meeting minutes for beverage exemptions should include the specific criteria for beverage exemptions required by C.G.S. Section 10-221q, as indicated below.

- **Exemptions for beverages:** The board of education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The "school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

For more information, see the CSDE's handout, *Exemptions for Foods and Beverages in Public Schools*.

For questions or additional information, please contact Susan Fiore at 860-807-2075 or susan.fiore@ct.gov or Teri Dandeneau at 860-807-2079 or teri.dandeneau@ct.gov.

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Important: This is a numbered Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) operational memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain in a binder for future reference. All CSDE operational memoranda are posted on the CSDE's Operational Memoranda for School Nutrition Programs webpage.

Motion
Healthy Food Certification Statement
May 9, 2019

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Mansfield Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.

Motion
Mansfield Board of Education
Connecticut Nutrition Standards Exclusion
Sale of Food Items
May 9, 2019

The Mansfield Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held.

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Adopted:

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk
Mansfield Board of Education