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Mansfield Board of Education Meeting February 10, 2022 APPROVED Minutes	
Attendees:	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus (electronically), Jeannette Picard, Kelly Zimmermann
Absent:	Elizabeth Verge

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Allison to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022, Regular Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Ms. Picard arrived at 7:03pm.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Board received a letter from Elyse Poller.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Brian Coleman, resident, concerning the proposed budget.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD REPORTS: Ms. Ward reported that the Finance Committee met earlier today to review the Quarterly Financials for period ending December 31, 2021, and she summarized the revenue and expenditures. Ms. Ward referred the Board to the packet for further details and indicated the committee recommends the Board approves the December 31, 2021 Quarterly Financial Report via tonight's consent agenda.

Ms. Zimmermann reported the Personnel Committee met to discuss the custodial and administrative contracts and will be meeting to discuss the secretarial contract.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Mrs. Lyman provided a detailed Covid update as well as an explanation of the Governor's Executive Order regarding the requirement that masks be worn in schools and what might happen next. The Board will need to establish a policy only if it votes to continue mask wearing in schools. Mask wearing on school buses will remain in place based on the federal requirement. Because the future of mask wearing is yet to be determined and therefore not included in the agenda, Ms. Ward indicated the Board will not take up this topic tonight so the public will have notice when it will be discussed.

MMS School Counselors Eileen Melody and Kristina Lee were invited to present to the Connecticut Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and School Climate Advisory Collaborative of the Connecticut General Assembly's Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity on February 15, 2022. This invitation is based on their efforts integrating SEL into the environment in our schools and the presentation will be recorded.

Mrs. Lyman congratulated four 7th and 8th grade award-winning students being recognized for their submissions to the Connecticut Scholastic Art and Writing Contest.

The first of five videos created in partnership with Insight Education Group - highlighting our Core Beliefs and depicting members of the Mansfield School Community - was shared with the Board.

Mrs. Lyman indicated there is a revision to the proposed calendar; the April, 2023, vacation was moved to align with Region 19's April vacation. Motion by Ms. Zimmermann, seconded by Mr. Litrico to approve the 2022-2023 Proposed School Calendar. Ms. Everett made a friendly amendment to include the word "revised" to the motion so that it reads, "to approve the 2022-2023 Revised Proposed School Calendar". Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Mrs. Lyman introduced this evening's Report of Progress – Know Students. Mrs. Lyman reminded the Board of the the three key drivers of the 2021-2022 Development Plan and Core Beliefs. Know Students is the second key driver to have its progress tracked, analyzed and reported. Mrs. Lyman and Administrators presented student performance data and detailed the efforts made over the course of the last twelve months toward achieving the goals of knowing students. Each of the four Principals reported on the observations, assessments, equity surveys and data collection utilized to develop instruction, curriculum and programs. Mr. Barlow presented the Minute Meetings practice at MMS. Administrators described ways in which the school community comes together to support students and families.

Mr. Litrico departed at 8:41pm.

Mrs. Lyman reviewed the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget and reminded the Board the budget's purpose is to support the whole system of teaching and learning in Mansfield. She highlighted the specifics related to the Elementary School consolidation, major cost drivers, and budget history. Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Picard to approve the 2022-2023 Proposed School Budget. Vote in favor with Mrs. Kelly opposed. Motion passed.

MMS Roof Project Update - Mrs. Lyman stated the Roof Committee met Friday and the remainder of the work will be finished this week. A date for solar panel installation will be provided soon.

Update on School Building Project – Mrs. Lyman reported the School Building Committee met this afternoon and Newfield Construction provided a revised schedule identifying August 12 as the substantial completion date. There was some discussion whether there is a possibility the C-wing (gymnasium) will not be completed on time. It has been requested that Newfield fine-tune the schedule and Newfield has indicated an additional supervisor and second shift will be brought in if necessary.

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NEW BUSINESS (if needed): None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann the following items be approved. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the December 31, 2021 Quarterly Financials.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the retirement of the following: **Mark Jones**, Teacher at Mansfield Middle School; effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Based on Ms. Allison's inquiry, Mrs. Lyman indicated both a review of the Equity Audit and Special Education Review in process will occur in March. Ms. Zimmermann asked to clarify the Board will be prepared to act on any necessary mask mandate activity once there is more direction available.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Everett to adjourn at 9:15pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk