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<b>Mansfield Board of Education</b> <b>April 2, 2020</b> <b>DRAFT Minutes</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, David Litrico, Katherine Paulhus, Elizabeth Verge, Kelly Zimmermann
<b>Excused:</b>	Kathy Ward

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

Ms. Everett noted for the public that members are participating by Zoom based on State and CDC guidance for social distancing to prevent community spread of COVID-19 and that members of the public have also been invited to send their comments to [MBOEpubliccomments@mansfieldct.org](mailto:MBOEpubliccomments@mansfieldct.org) and may view the meeting at [townhallstreams.com/town/Mansfield\\_Ct](http://townhallstreams.com/town/Mansfield_Ct).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Ms. Zimmermann, seconded by Mr. Litrico, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2020 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:** None

**ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA;** Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann, for a discussion of sending letter of gratitude to MBOE staff. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:**

- **COVID-19 Update:** Mrs. Lyman updated the Board on the Governor's Executive Orders pertinent to schools, Food Services free breakfast and lunch program, and School at Home virtual learning.
- **School Building Projects Update:** Mrs. Lyman reported that an RFQ/RFP for the architectural design has been issued and site previews are being scheduled with interested firms. Ryszard Szczypek, Jeff Brown, and Mehmet Sahin from TSKP Studio presented the design selected by the Elementary School Building Committee for the new school. They took questions and comments from the Board members.
- **Healthy Food Certification:**
  - Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, that 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. Vote: Unanimous in favor
  - Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, that 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. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
  - Motion by Ms. Allison seconded by Ms. Aubrey, The Mansfield 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 food sales. Vote: Unanimous in favor

- Budget Update: Mrs. Lyman reminded the Board they will present their budget to the Town Council on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers. The Governor has announced town budgets (2020-21) may be determined without a town meeting or referendum. The governing board of the town can set the budget.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Paulhus, that the Board of Education will send a letter to all staff to express appreciation of the work they do. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, to go into Executive Session for the discussion of non-renewal of teachers with Superintendent Lyman and with Mr. Russell to manage the technology during this session. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The Board returned to regular meeting at 9:18pm. Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of a non-renewal of a teacher. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adjourn at 9:22pm Vote: Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk