



It is the mission of the Mansfield Public Schools, in partnership with the Mansfield community, to ensure that each and every child develops the knowledge, skills, and dispositions essential for civic engagement and personal excellence in learning, life, and work within our local and global community.

Mansfield Board of Education Special Meeting May 19, 2022 DRAFT Minutes	
Attendees:	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary (electronically), David Litrico, April Morin, Katherine Paulhus (electronically), Jeannette Picard, Kelly Zimmermann
Absent:	Edith Allison

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Ms. Ward.

Ms. Ward thanked Ms. Everett for presenting the BOE Budget at the annual town meeting.

Ms. Zimmermann read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms. Morin, seconded by Ms. Picard to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022, Regular Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Susan Audette

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD REPORTS: Ms. Ward reported the Finance Committee met today to review the Q1 financials and an updated report will be available in June.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Mrs. Lyman provided the Board with updates of numerous recent and upcoming spring events in the district including the Connecticut State Department of Education's recognition of both the 20-21 and 21-22 Teachers of the Year, conversations with the state regarding potential facilities projects, the hiring of an Assistant Principal for Mansfield Elementary School and the MMS drama production to take place this Saturday.

The Report of Progress – Support the Whole Child was presented to the Board by Administrators. This is the third of three reports compiled this school year to convey many of the actions and outcomes focused on the District Development Plan.

The Elementary Instrumental Program was presented by Shannon Webster and Kate Smallidge via video. Of special note is the high percentage of student participation.

MMS Roof Project Update - Mrs. Lyman indicated there isn't any new information to share at this time; we are waiting for an update on the solar installation.

Update on School Building Project – Mrs. Lyman provided an update on the various sections of the new elementary school and shared updated photos of the construction progress. The roof is complete and siding and windows are being installed.

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Mrs. Lyman explained the homeowner whose letter was identified as a communication has been visited and efforts towards a solution are underway.

NEW BUSINESS (if needed): None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Rochelle Marcus, resident and parent - thanked the administrators for their hard work and the support provided to the children over the past two years and asked if the Board is considering a conversation regarding the return of masking given the increase in end of year activities and Covid cases.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Morin the following items be approved. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the March 31, 2022, Quarterly Financials.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the resignation of the following:

Kaye Jakan, Reading/Literacy Consultant; effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Mrs. Kelly commented about drug use prevalence and asked what we're finding in our community given that prescription drugs are easily accessed. She is also interested in tracking of yearly income, distributions and balance of the Hodovan Fund.

Ms. Zimmermann asked if the diversity and equity and upcoming Social Emotional trainings will be accessible to future hires.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to adjourn at 8:55pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk