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**Mansfield Board of Education Special Meeting  
August 19, 2021  
Approved Minutes**

**Attendees:** Kathy Ward, Chair, Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, Katherine Paulhus, Kelly Zimmermann

**Absent:** Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, David Litrico, Elizabeth Verge

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Ms. Ward.

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

Ms. Ward welcomed Jil Corso, new Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and BOE Clerk.

**INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:**

- Final ARP/ESSER Grant Application: Mrs. Lyman reiterated the American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides federal funds to support the effects of the pandemic. She gave the Board an update on the grant's requirements, structure, priorities, Mansfield's process, defined focus areas, stakeholder engagement and the allocation of funds over the three-year period through September, 2024.

Ms. Kelly arrived at 5:52pm

Mr. Litrico arrived at 5:53pm

- Schools Reopening: Mrs. Lyman reminded the Board the ARP Grant required a Continuity of Learning Plan be updated and published by the end of June, 2021. Final, official guidance from the state has not yet been received but Mrs. Lyman has communicated all known information to date with families. She reviewed the Operations, Mitigation Strategies and Teaching and Learning plans in place for reopening. Mrs. Lyman indicated the Governor's Executive Order mandates masks in schools through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Lyman invited the Board members to Convocation at MMS on August 30<sup>th</sup>. It will begin with breakfast at 8am and Convocation at approximately 8:30am.
- Efforts toward Equity: Mrs. Lyman reported that two sessions of an Equity Institute were held this summer. The program requires each participant to create an Action Plan and training of all employees will continue this school year. An Equity Advisory Committee will be created to analyze the equity audit and how we live our core beliefs on equity as well as to create a united equity stance.
- New Elementary School Construction Update: Mrs. Lyman shared a current photo and the foundation is partially poured. There was some discussion about playground equipment. Mrs. Lyman reported the construction is on schedule. The construction firm has been very responsive to the needs of Southeast School.
- MMS Roof Update: Mrs. Lyman reported some roofing material has been delivered. Work will be performed during second shift in late fall with the goal of having it completed before snow.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms. Zimmermann, seconded by Ms. Allison to adjourn at 6:31pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jil Corso, Board Clerk