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Mansfield Board of Education

October 8, 2020

DRAFT Minutes

Attendees: Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, David Litrico, Elizabeth Verge, Kelly Zimmermann

Excused: Katherine Paulhus

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

Ms. Ward read the following statement: In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B and social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC to slow community spread of COVID-19, this meeting is physically closed to the public. The public may view the meeting live at <https://mansfieldct.gov/video> or on Charter Spectrum Cable Channel 191 (the website is recommended as it is a higher image clarity). Public Comment will be accepted by email at mboesupt@mansfieldct.org or by USPS mail care of the Mansfield Board of Education, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268 and must be received by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to be included in an updated meeting packet. Public comment received after this time will be shared at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Allison to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting.

Vote: unanimous in favor.

Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Allison, to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2020 special meeting. Vote: Unanimous

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Email from Mary Lynch regarding renaming Columbus Day, Karen Menuz and Sarah Wolfing regarding support for returning to school 5 days a week, and MEA Co-Presidents regarding decision determining next steps for educating Mansfield's children. In addition, an email from Alexia Smith regarding concerns about changes in remote learning. Members of the Board discussed the email from Mary Lynch about renaming Columbus Day.

BOARD REPORTS: Personnel Committee: Kelly Zimmermann gave a report on negotiations.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:

- October 1, 2020 Enrollment: Mrs. Lyman reported there are 1038 students enrolled in the district which is down from 1130 in 2019-20. She informed the Board there are 984 total students enrolled in grades K-8. 265 of those students (26.9%) have opted in to remote learning 5 days a week.
- SEL Framework and School Opening: Dr. Patwa, Director of Student Support Services, reported on the Mansfield Public Schools Approach to Social Emotional Learning. A SEL Task Force was formed in the fall of 2018 to shape Mansfield's own definition of SEL and framework for approaching social emotional learning. The framework was shared with all staff at the start of this school year and plans developed to support students' social and emotional needs as they return to school.
- Teacher and Paraeducators Attrition: Mrs. Lyman reviewed the last three years of certified staff and paraeducators attrition. She noted the number of staff who retired as well as those who resigned for other reasons and their years of service in Mansfield.
- Draft 2021 Board Meeting Dates: Mrs. Lyman presented draft 2021 meeting dates. The Board was asked to review and be ready to adopt at next regular meeting, November 12, 2020.
- Authorized Signature Change Form: The second signature needs to be updated so Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill is an authorized signer. Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Everett to revise the Authorized Signers of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition designate Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill, in the absence or incapacity of Kelly M. Lyman, as the second person authorized to sign claims. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- Update on School Building Projects: Ms. Ward reported the building committee met this afternoon. The well drilling funding was approved by the state.
- Professional Improvement: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, to approve the increase in salary, retroactive to the start of the school year as outlined in the current contract between the Mansfield Board of

Education and the Mansfield Education Association for Kaye Jakan, Pamela Holley, Brenda Bissell, and Richard O'Donnell.

NEW BUSINESS: None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Kelly requested information on assessing student learning. Ms. Zimmermann would like end of year remote learning program successes, what was learned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Aubrey to move to Executive Session for the purpose of a legal matter and to invite the Superintendent into the session at 8:45pm. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Aubrey to adjourn at 9:00pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.