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Mansfield Board of Education Meeting October 28, 2021 DRAFT Minutes	
Attendees:	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, David Litrico, Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, Kelly Zimmermann
Absent:	Elizabeth Verge

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Ms. Ward.

Ms. Allison read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mr. Litrico to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2021, Regular Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION: Ms. Ward commenced Recognition and Celebration with a ceremony to honor Sarah Desso, Paraeducator of the Year. A second ceremony was then held to honor Kim King, teacher of the Year. Principal Rodriguez spoke about Mrs. Desso and Principal Seal spoke about Mrs. King. Both honorees were presented with plaques and addressed the Board.

Ms. Ward acknowledged and thanked Rebecca Aubrey for her service to the Board as her term is ending.

COMMUNICATIONS: A contribution request was received from Mansfield Human Services for their holiday fund. Board members have the information in their packets and are welcome learn more and make a private donation if desired.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS: Ms. Ward pointed out the 2022 Proposed Board of Education Calendar in the packet will be voted on at the next meeting.

Mr. Peter Dart and Dr. Shamim Patwa provided an overview of the Special Education Review and Equity Audit.

Mrs. Paulhus arrived at 8:09 pm (telephonically).

Mrs. Lyman presented the 2020-21 Development Plan outcomes as well as the 2021-22 Development Plans for each school and Support Services and reminded the Board that a thorough overview was provided during the September workshop. A report on the first key driver – Ensure Deep Learning – will be made at the 11/18 Board meeting.

Mrs. Lyman stated the school building committee met today and current photos were shared at that meeting. Nearly two-thirds of the building outline is evident from the air by drone. The State Department's review of the approved Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment Specifications Plan went very well and TSKP also received positive acknowledgement. Mrs. Lyman also described her conversation with Governor Lamont when he visited Southeast school this morning, including a tour of the new school site, regarding its net zero properties.

MMS Roof Project Update – Mrs. Lyman reported all materials are on-site. The rain has delayed the start which is now estimated for 11/1 and will take approximately six to eight weeks to complete. The next roof building committee meeting is 10/29.

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NEW BUSINESS (if needed): None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

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

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves Laura Smith's request for maternity and unpaid childbearing leave beginning December 6, 2021 for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Allison to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue related to the superintendent contract at 8:26pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Ms. Ward declared the end of Executive Session at 8:31pm.

Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Everett to amend the superintendent contract. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adjourn at 8:32pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk