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Mansfield Board of Education Meeting September 9, 2021 DRAFT Minutes	
Attendees:	Kathy Ward, Chair, Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, David Litrico, Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, Katherine Paulhus, Kelly Zimmermann
Absent:	Elizabeth Verge

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

Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mr. Litrico to move the agenda item "Video Streaming BOE meetings" and address it now. Vote: Unanimous in favor. Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Kelly to livestream BOE meetings. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Ms. Ward stated the public may now view this meeting at [Mansfieldct.gov/video](https://mansfieldct.gov/video).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021, meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021, Special Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION: Ms. Lyman described the hiring process. New, certified staff were introduced by the principals. Each teacher addressed the board.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Thank you cards from Mansfield Human Services and Celeste Griffin were shared with the board. The resignation letter from Linda Robinson was omitted from the agenda packet therefore a copy was distributed to members.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:

- New School Completion Timeline – Scott Pellman from Colliers International presented slides to review the timeline and site designs. He reported the project is on time and under budget.
- New School Name (M) - Ms. Ward shared that the Town Council has requested a recommendation from the Board this month regarding a name for the new school. This timeline is necessary to meet procurement requirements. Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Ms. Allison to recommend to the Town Council that the new elementary school on Warrenville Road be named Mansfield Elementary School. Following discussion the motion was passed with Mrs. Paulhus opposed and Ms. Kelly in abstention.
- Superintendent's Report on Opening of School and Enrollment – Mrs. Lyman reported on all the activities held during the summer professional development days and reported Mansfield Public Schools had a great opening with students and teachers settling in quickly. Ms. Lyman explained the bus challenges due to the driver shortage. Ms. Lyman also shared enrollment and homeschool figures.
- Report of Summer Learning Experiences – Dr. Patwa presented a summary of the Extended School Year/Intervention Summer School. Mrs. Morell presented the MMS Learning Pathways and school opening events.
- Teacher Evaluation Waiver (P. 6), (M) Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Aubrey to request a waiver from the Connecticut State Department of Education to allow teacher goals in the Mansfield Education Evaluation Plan

for 2021-22 to focus on social and emotional learning; student engagement; engaging families; cultural responsiveness; and/or academic achievement. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

- Update on School Building Project – Mrs. Lyman reported the owners, architects and construction teams meet every other week to discuss the progress in detail. Construction is 5% complete and photos and real-time videos are available to see the progress.
 - Watch our school grow https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTD_kqI39ZY
- MMS Roof Project Update – There is no new information; the work is expected to begin in October. Interior work was completed this summer.

NEW BUSINESS (if needed): None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: (M) Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Allison the following items be approved. Vote in favor with Ms. Kelly in abstention.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves Allison Thody's request for maternity and unpaid childbearing leave beginning December 13, 2021 for a period of eight weeks. (P. 7)

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the retirement of the following teachers (P. 8):

Lisa Corriveau, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School; effective June 30, 2021.

Christiane Hazen, Teacher, Goodwin Elementary School; effective June 30, 2021.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the resignation of the following (P. 10):

Julia Cackowski, Teacher, Vinton Elementary School; effective June 30, 2021.

Linda Robinson, Library/Media Services Coordinator; effective July 31, 2021.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the hiring of the following teachers: (P. 11)

Alexi Boix, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School; effective August 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$55,867, Level 2, Step 1 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Laurel Brandon, Teacher, Goodwin Elementary School; effective July 1, 2021 at an annual salary of \$74,389, Level 4, Step 8 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Hannah Falk, Teacher, Vinton Elementary School; effective August 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$66,849, Level 2, Step 6 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Rebekah Harding, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School; effective August 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$99,495, Level 4, Step 14 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Pauline Hayes, Teacher, Vinton Elementary School; effective July 1, 2021 at an annual salary of \$68,885, Level 1, Step 9 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Stacie Ristau, Library/Media Specialist, Mansfield Middle School; effective September 20, 2021 at an annual salary of \$94,753, Level 2, Step 14 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Christina Stepalavich, Teacher, Goodwin Elementary School; effective August 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$63,382, Level 1, Step 6 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Allison Thody, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School; effective July 1, 2021 at an annual salary of \$61,119, Level 2, Step 3 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Aubrey to go into Executive Session at 9:02pm. Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mrs. Everett to amend the motion to invite Mrs. Lyman to discuss a personnel matter. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Ms. Aubrey, seconded by Mr. Litrico to leave Executive Session at 9:12pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk