

**Mansfield School Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, July 16, 2019
Superintendent's Office, 2 Park Row, Mansfield, MA 02048**

An **Open Meeting and Workshop** of the Mansfield School Committee was held in the Superintendent's Office on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. The open meeting session was called to order by Chair Kiera O'Neil at 6:17 p.m.

Members Present:

Kiera O'Neil
Lynn Cavicchi
Lauren Scher
Jenn Walsh

Administration Present:

Teresa Murphy, Superintendent of Schools

Members Absent:

Linda Fernando

New Business:

Policy Updates:

The following policies were discussed and voted upon:

Code	Title	Notes	Action	Motion 1	Motion 2	Vote
ECAF	School Security Cameras	Update per MHTL and agreed upon MOU with all negotiation groups.	Revise	LC	LS	4 - 0
FF	Naming New Facilities	Revise for new district plans.	Revise as amended	LS	LC	4 - 0
FFA	Memorials	Update to new district procedures	Revise	LS	LC	4 - 0
JJIF	Head Injury Management	Revisions per Head Nurse and District attorney	Revise	LC	JW	4 - 0
JJIF-R	Head Injury Management Plan	Revisions per Head Nurse and District attorney	Revise	Voted with above		

Memorandum of Understanding - Security Cameras:

The district met with representatives of all bargaining units, attorneys and MEA representatives to review and revise the proposed policy. An agreement was reached and requires approval by the committee and each union representative. Updated policy was approved above.

Motion to approve the Security Camera MOU by Lynn Cavicchi / Lauren Scher

Motion carries 4 - 0

Appointment to OPEB Task Force:

The Town of Mansfield is forming a group to review the retirement fund. This group will include a member from the select board, finance committee, Town Manager and a member of the school committee.

Motion to appoint Lynn Cavicchi to the OPEB Task Force by Jenn Walsh / Lauren Scher

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Discussion: Please ask the Town Manager to include Edward Donoghue as a non voting member.
Motion carries 4 – 0

Field Trip- MHS Volleyball team to RI Tournament :

Motion to approve the MHS Volleyball teams to attend a tournament in RI by Lynn Cavicchi / Lauren Scher

Discussion: Does this fall during SAT or PSAT testing? No.
Motion carries 4 – 0

Student Activity Account - A World of Difference :

Motion to establish "A World of Difference Club" as a student activity.

Discussion: Would students be responsible for a bus? Yes, fundraising would be required for the bus. It was suggested that the high school attempt to find a department to support this group so that it could be added to their budget. This would allow transportation to be paid out of the budget.
Motion carries 4 – 0

Zonghetti Memorial at MHS:

At the last meeting, the school committee approved the placement of a plaque on the Alumni Field press box. Since the approval, the committee has been aware that it is a large banner rather than a plaque and the banner would be raised during every football and lacrosse seasons. This update has been brought to school committee for a new vote.

A **motion** was not made; the committee chose not to vote on the change as they would like to stick with the original approved design. Teresa will circle back with the Gridiron club on options.

District Goals for 2019-20:

Teresa Murphy suggested that we start looking toward the school improvement plans which will be due in June 2020. As a reminder we had overarching goals to which all school improvement plans were linked. DESE has specific goals set for the state; we should take these into consideration as we move forward. Teresa would like to keep the goals relatively similar for this year. However, her educator evaluation goals will change.

- Student learning: Teresa would like to focus on the playgrounds at every school including but not limited to playground surfaces, play structures, blacktop areas, seating and greenery. Benchmarks and Evidence include a report of needs assessment due fall of 2019, cost estimates due winter 2020 and a multiyear plan due by April 2020.
 - Kiera asked if we could focus on more than just the physical structure. For example research the benefits of structured play and how we can give kids a break at QMS.
 - It was noted that the JJ playgrounds were upgraded in 2004 and Robinson in 2008.
- District Improvement: Teresa would like to explore the acceptance of international students. This project will require collaboration with Principals, Guidance, Ed Donoghue, Mike Connolly and our legal advisor. Teresa will meet with representatives from various organizations and research legal requirements. She will review with Ed the financial implications. Benchmarks and Evidence include an initial investigation by November 2019, plans to accept registrations in January 2020 and a final report to School Committee in May 2020.
- Professional Practice: Teresa has been accepted into a Leadership program with Ron Sellon,

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Kevin Dumas and John Stanbrook. This will enhance our community engagement as well as building leadership skills. This is an extensive program which will take place during the course of the year. Additionally there are several required reading selections.

Motion to approve Teresa Murphy's Preliminary goals by Lynn Cavicchi/Jenn Walsh.
Motion carries 4 - 0.

Next steps-

- In September, School Committee will provide feedback and work with Teresa to fine-tune the goals and update action plans.
- Teresa will be asking for School Committee input on the 2020 - 22 school improvement plans. Included could be equity, and the 4 themes from the commissioner. For equity we should start with a self assessment. Also, we are currently reviewing equity gaps that exist in special education as well as other sub groups.
- A group of administrators will attend a conference on cultural competency.
- Lynn Cavicchi asked us to focus on curriculum development at the elementary level. Can we have a curriculum person ensure that we are teaching to state standards?
- Kiera asked that we take a look at what we are not doing well; where are we lacking as a district; where we may need to close gaps between us and the state.
- Lauren asked that once the new department heads settle in, we should take a hard look at the math and ELA feeder programs. Do we have the proper paths set out for our students?

Other- Items not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to this meeting: None

Documents Referenced:

Policy updates
Security Camera MOU
District Goals

Motion to adjourn: At 9:00 p.m., **Motion** to adjourn the open meeting by Lynn Cavicchi / Jenn Walsh .

Motion Carries 4 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Nugent, Secretary to the
Superintendent & School Committee