

Mansfield Board of Education
January 3, 2019
Minutes
Council Chambers: 7:30 pm

Attendees: Kathy Ward, Chair; Martha Kelly, Secretary; Edith Allison, Rebecca Aubrey, Katherine Paulhus, Kelly Zimmerman

Excused: Susannah Everett, John Fratiello

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by Ms. Ward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms. Zimmermann, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018, meeting. Unanimous in favor.

Ms. Everett arrived at 7:37 pm.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD REPORTS: None

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS: Superintendent requested the order of presentation be altered. Decision to change order: unanimous vote in favor. "Enrollment Update" was discussed first; followed by "Review and Discussion of Educational Specifications Presented December 13, 2018."

- Consultant Peter M. Prowda, Ph.D, submitted a new enrollment projection, dated November 30, 2018, which supersedes his October 13, 2018, report. More information is provided; i.e., data are broken out by each PreK-4 school. New projected enrollment report figures estimate a ten-year enrollment decline from 1,140 students in 2018 to about 950 – vs. the prior figure of 910 – in 2028. His revision considers new birth-record information from CT Department of Health and results in a slight increase in the ten-year enrollment forecast. This updated projection will be used by building planners and will be submitted to the state in new building application report.
- Ryszard Szczypek, TSKP Studio architect, and Scott Pellman, Colliers International Group consultant, reviewed with the Board on a page-by-page basis, the forty-page December 7, 2018, draft of the Education Specifications for the projected new Mansfield elementary school. A red-lined document, showing proposed revisions, will be submitted to the Board of Education. The final square footage number is a work in progress; after the BOE reviews the revision, it will be forwarded to the building committee.

NEW BUSINESS: None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Aubrey, to adjourn at 10:19 pm. Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Kelly, Secretary