RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Board of Education Meeting

January 20 2026

The Mansfield City Schools Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Lowell T. Smith Boardroom of the Raemelton Administration Building. The following members answered the roll: Chris Elswick, present, Linda Golden, absent, Deena Hamilton, present, Jennifer Kime, present, Leslie Ward, present. Superintendent Stan Jefferson was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

26 - 20 Resolution to approve the Agenda

Mr. Elswick moved, seconded by Mrs. Kime, to approve the agenda

Roll call: Mr. Elswick, Yes; Mrs. Golden, Absent; Mrs. Hamilton, Yes; Mrs. Kime, Yes; Ms. Ward, Yes;

26 - 21 Board Matters - Adoption/Approval

Mr. Elswick moved, seconded by Mrs. Kime, to approve the K-6 Handbook and the 7-12 campus handbook.

Roll call: Mr. Elswick, Yes; Mrs. Golden, Absent; Mrs. Hamilton, Yes; Mrs. Kime, Yes; Ms. Ward, Yes;

Presentation: School Board Recognition Month:

January is School Board Recognition Month, and we are celebrating our board members for their dedication and commitment to the Mansfield City Schools and its students.

The dedication, commitment, and vision of our school board members shape the future of our schools and students. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way of thanking them for all they do. Our school board members are citizen-servants who shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices for our district, all with minimal pay. This year, they will be asked to make tough decisions that need to be made to address the fiscal stability of our district. We hope that the community and our school families will support our board and the district as we make the necessary changes needed to become fiscally sound and stronger as a district.

During School Board Recognition Month, we are proud to recognize our newest board member, Deena Hamilton, a lifelong Mansfield resident and proud alumnus of Mansfield Senior High School. She serves on the Mansfield City School Board with a strong commitment to student well-being, equity, and inclusive school environments. As the founder of a local nonprofit organization, she brings a deep understanding of community partnership and advocacy to her role. She is honored to serve and remains dedicated to ensuring every student feels seen, supported, and empowered to thrive.

Mr. Elswick, A 1982 graduate of Mansfield Senior High School, brings a deep, lifelong connection to the district and a continued commitment to serving students, staff, and the community. A dedicated board member who is beginning his

17th year of service on the Mansfield City Schools Board of Education was recently re-elected President of the Board for the 2025–2026 school year.

Mrs. Golden holds a bachelor's degree in career technical education from the University of Toledo. She dedicated 17 years to education as a high school culinary arts instructor, including 13 years at Mansfield Senior High School, bringing valuable classroom experience to her role on the Board. She is also the owner of the Aah Teas concession trailer and is beginning her fifth year of service on the Mansfield City Schools Board of Education.

In addition, she has volunteered with the Tyger Booster Club for the past 14 years, serving as an officer and helping raise funds in support of student-athletes and student programs. Her extensive background in education and long-standing commitment to the Mansfield community provide meaningful insight and leadership in support of student success.

Mrs. Kime serves on the Mansfield City Schools Board of Education as well as the district's Legislative Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association. She is honored to represent Central Ohio as a member of the Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Platform Committee, contributing to statewide policy discussions that impact public education.

Jennifer serves as Chief Executive Officer of Downtown Mansfield, Inc. and is a member of the Mansfield Rising team, where she plays a key role in coordinated efforts focused on downtown revitalization, historic preservation, and long-term community investment. Her commitment to the community extends through service on numerous local boards and committees, including the City of Mansfield Downtown Improvement Board, Richland County Historical Society Board, Richland Area Chamber of Commerce Board, Destination Mansfield Board, the Richland County Land Bank Development Committee, and the Brand Richland Branding Committee.

Additionally, Jennifer is a part-time radio co-host, an author, and a licensed Public School Treasurer in the State of Ohio. She is also a proud parent of two Mansfield Senior High School graduates and one current senior at Mansfield Senior High School, further strengthening her personal connection to Mansfield City Schools.

Ms. Ward, born and raised in Mansfield, Ohio, is a proud graduate of Mansfield Senior High School and a lifelong member of the Tyger community. That Tyger tradition continues through her family, as her son is also a Mansfield Senior High School graduate. Leslie has spent the past 12 years working for a local, family-owned insurance agency, where she has built strong relationships throughout the Mansfield community. For more than seven years, she was actively involved with the Mansfield Senior Tyger Marching Band, serving on the Band Booster Club as secretary. Leslie currently serves on the Mansfield City Schools Board of Education and was elected Vice President of the Board for the 2025–2026 school year. Outside of her community service, Leslie enjoys spending time with her family and camping.

26 - 22 Resolution to Approve Board Matters/Adoption

Public Meeting on the issue of the re-employment of Kimberly Brookins-Lindsay during her SERS service retirement

Members of the public are invited to provide input to the Board on the issue of re-employing Kimberly Brookins-Lindsay as aParaprofessional during her service retirement. Speakers are limited to four (4) minutes each, and all public comments will be closed after thirty (30) minutes. A sign-up sheet will be used, if necessary, to determine the order in which persons will address the Board.

Superintendent's Report:

We have a full week of athletic events this week if we can get past the weather. Every night, there will be some sort of middle or high school sports activity for boys and girls. Starting tonight versus Lexington at Pete Henry Gymnasium in boys' basketball.

The high school report cards have been sent home, so they are in the full 3rd nine weeks of the grading period.

The winter weather has been challenging for our students, staff, and families as we try to drive out academics. For our athletic programs, we know we have more weather-related issues on the horizon. But we must continue to hold strong by keeping our students engaged and collaborating with our staff and families.

Treasurer's Agenda Items:

26 - 23 Resolution to approve the Financial Forecast

Mr. Elswick moved, seconded by Ms. Ward, to approve the Financial Forecast.

Roll call: Mr. Elswick, Yes; Mrs. Golden, Absent; Ms. Ward, Yes; Mrs. Kime, Yes; Mr. Feagin, Yes;

Gifts to the District

The following donations were made to the District's S.A.F.E. Program:

Carolyn Porterfield-Maxey	$25.00
David & Carol Liles	$100.00
Brennan's Barber Shop	$100.00
Eden & Theodore Allison	$200.00
Pete & Lindsey Anderson	$100.00
First Assembly of God	$2,500.00

Mitchell Chapel AME Church donated 4 bags of items for the S.A.F.E. Program Christmas drive.

The following donations were made for the Peace on my Block Community Event:

North Central State College	$750.00
Malabar K-Kids	$2,000.00
JoAnn Hipsher	$2,000.00
Winston Greene	$750.00
Russell & Mary Gimbel Foundation	$4,000.00
H. David Kracker	$100.00
Fraternal Order of Eagles	$100.00

Julie Frankl donated two wigs with a total value of $519.00 to the Cosmetology program at Mansfield Senior High.
Meijer made a $200 gift card donation to the District to be used for the JC Gorman Tournament.
The Russell & Mary Gimbel Foundation donated $1,250.00 to the Band and $1,250.00 to the Orchestra at Mansfield Senior High.

26 - 24 Resolution to Approve the Superintendent's Recommended Personnel Actions

Mrs. Golden moved, seconded by Mrs. Kime, to approve the Superintendent's recommended Personnel Actions

Roll call: Mr. Elswick, Yes; Mrs. Golden, Absent; Mrs. Hamilton, Yes; Mrs. Kime, Yes; Ms. Ward, Yes;

A. Appointments

Name	**Position**	**Building**	**Eff. Date**	
Non-Certificated				
Booth, Lisa	Floating Custodian	District	2/4/26	Step 4, $16.63 per hour
Lee, Therisa	Floating Custodian	District	1/21/26	Step 4, $16.63 per hour
Smith, Cory	Paraprofessional	Sherman	1/21/26	Assoc. Deg. Step 1, $15.80 per hour

B. Change of Status

Name	**Position**	**Building**	**Eff. Date**	
Lee, Janie	Food Service - 7-Hour General Help	Sherman	1/22/26	Step 6, $15.50 per hour

C. Resignations

Name	Position	Building	Eff. Date	
Eaton, Amy	Food Service 7-Hour General Help	Sherman	1/9/26	
Myers-Fulgham, Stephen	Paraprofessional	Sherman	1/27/26	
Walton, Tina	Custodian	Malabar	12/12/26	

D. Retirements

Name	Position	Building	Eff. Date	
Weld, Margaret	Adapted Physical Education Teache	Multiple, SH/SP	7/1/26	
White, Linda	Science Teacher	Middle School	6/30/26	

E. Substitutes - 2025-2026

Name	Position
Bise, Alex	Teacher
Curry, Miatta	Teacher
Escobar Fernandez, Cesar Augusto	Teacher
Gottschling, Danielle	Teacher
Hristovski, Natalie	Teacher
Johnson, SaQuann	Bus Aide
Naples, Angelina (Alex)	Teacher

F. Supplementals - 2024-2025

Miscellaneous Duties			
Hairston, Mechelle	Secretary performing clerk/cashier duties	Springmill STEM	$150.00

G. Supplementals – 2025-2026

Academics			
Briggs, Alexis	Spelling Bee Coordinator	Malabar	$1,456.16 (4%)
Moton, Kimberly	Spelling Bee Coordinator	Mansfield Middle	$1,456.16 (4%)
Athletic Coaches			
Baseball Coach			
Todd, Fred	Assistant Varsity Coach	Senior High	$2,184.24 (6%)

Miscellaneous Duties			
Hairston, Mechelle	Secretary performing clerk/cashier duties	Springmill STEM	$150.00

H. Stipends - 2025 - 2026

Talented and Gifted Professional Development; 15 hours, 150.00; general funds				
Cid Silvan, Teresa	Conzobre, Maria	Dunfee, Shannon	Egner, Carmen	Friend, Amber
Grogg, Cody	Incanno, Alison	Mejia, Beatriz		

Future Meetings: Regular Board of Education Meeting - February 3, 2026: 5:30 P.M.

26 - 25 Resolution to adjourn

Mr. Elswick moved, seconded by Mrs.Kime, to Adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Roll call: Mr. Elswick, Yes; Mrs. Golden, Absent; Mrs. Hamilton, Yes; Mrs. Kime, Yes; Ms. Ward, Yes;

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Chris Elswick, President Tammy Hamilla, Treasurer

School District Board of Education, Certificate Section 5705.412, Ohio Revised Code It is hereby certified that the Mansfield City Richland County, Ohio, has sufficient funds to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number of day's instruction was or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.