

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
DANIEL WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
November 14, 2023  
6:30 p.m.**

Mr. Costello called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked Supt. Granatino to take Roll Call as Mrs. Pozerski was unable to attend.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Brait	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Dargan	Yes
Mr. Greer	Absent
Ms. Stetson	Absent

Also present were Supt. Mr. Jeffrey Granatino, Asst. Supt. Dr. Ellen Martin, Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Ms. Amy Scolaro, and Asst. Supt. Business & Finance Mr. Thomas Miller.

Mr. Costello noted under the Open Meeting Law, he was informing the public of this meeting being videotaped by Marshfield Community Media. If anyone in the audience is taping the meeting, either audio or video, please inform us of such at this time.

**SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: DWS Connections**

Principal MacNeil and Assistant Principal Jackson worked with site council to create new goals based on the new strategic plan. At recent parent conferences, 90% of EL families attended. They highlighted their new program, DWS Connections, which encourages belonging in the DWS community. All students were divided into small groups lead by staff members throughout the building. Four DWS students spoke on their positive experiences with DWS Connections.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Student representatives Olivia Parent and Addison Brown updated the Committee on the following:

- Parent teacher conferences held at elementary schools
- K9 demonstration planned at DWS
- Food drive underway at EWS
- GWS had fire safety assembly
- MES held Veterans Day program
- MHS/FBMS parent teacher conferences planned for this week and next
- FBMS sock drive underway
- The Play that Goes Wrong showing this Friday and Saturday at MHS
- MHS Pride week 11/16-11/22

**INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Thanks to the community for support at Special Town Meeting

- \$250,000 toward facilities projects
- Congratulations to MHS students inducted into NHS
- Participated in MPDE conference at Regis College with Erika Stacey and Asst. Supt. Martin
- Very productive Professional Development day on 11/7
- Presentation by SSVT regarding their proposed renovation/building project
- 9<sup>th</sup> year for homework free weekend for Veterans Day
- Regional US Military Showcase at Scituate HS scheduled for 11/18
- MEF Fall Giving Campaign currently underway with goal of \$75,000
- COPS for Kids with Cancer event at Haddad's on 11/16

Asst. Supt. Martin updated the Committee on the following:

- Full Day PD – 450 staff attended 22 sessions with 7 outside consultants and 10 MPSD facilitators
  - Aimee McAlpine already reviewed exit surveys and is planning for next year
- Family early literacy Zoom session scheduled for 11/15
- Planning family math night at MES on 12/4; all elementary schools invited

Mrs. Scolaro complimented Aimee McAlpine on the professional development offerings for special educators.

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the following:

- SSVT held meeting where 5 building designs were highlighted
  - Planning to submit to SSBA in December with potential for a district ballot in January, 2025. Updates at [Southshoretechproject.com](http://Southshoretechproject.com)
- School start time subcommittee to reconvene
  - Survey for staff, parents, and students

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

## **MEA UPDATE**

Mr. Raymond highlighted 4 colleagues for Above & Beyond Recognition:

- Jayda Vitez – English teacher and Student Council Advisor who coordinates activities like the Halloween Fest and Pride Week which bring the Marshfield community together
- Valerie Quigley – New addition to EWS front office. Helps wherever needed
- Janet Daley – New EWS Special Education Tutor making a difference supporting teachers and students
- Oliva Stys – New EWS kindergarten teacher with a smile and calm demeanor

Wished all a safe and highly caloric Thanksgiving!

## **MINUTES**

Minutes were tabled to a future meeting.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Superintendent Search Process**

Mr. Costello updated the SC on the Superintendent Search Committee which includes:

- 2 School Committee members: Sean Costello (chair); Lara Brait
- 2 Parents: Andrew Kolb; Amy Smith
- 1 District Administrator: Amy Scolaro, Director of Special Education
- 1 Principal: Karen Hubbard
- 1 Assistant Principal: Dr. Jeanine Smith
- 1 High School Staff Member: Dr. Paula Minichello
- 1 Middle School Staff Member: Kristin Haddigan
- 1 Elementary Staff Member: Cassidy Laforest
- 1 Union Representative: Ben Raymond, MEA President
- 1 Student: Delaney Mayo
- 1 Community Representative: Robert Keuther

Applications for the Superintendent position are open until 11/ 22. At that point, the Search Committee will review the applications and determine which applicants to interview as semi-finalists. The Search Committee is currently reviewing the hundreds of responses (#600) received from the community survey. Semi-finalists will be interviewed by the Search Committee between December 4 and December 8. Due to state privacy laws, semi-finalist interviews are closed and the names of semi-finalists cannot be made public.

The Search Committee will select 3-5 finalists to be brought forth to the School Committee, at which point their duties are complete. These finalists will be announced publicly at a special School Committee meeting on Monday, 12/11.

Finalists will be scheduled to visit MPSD between 12/12 and 12/15. During this time, forums will be held with each individual candidate where parents/families, staff, and students will have an opportunity to hear directly from the finalists. A more precise schedule will be shared once the finalists are determined.

On Saturday, 12/16, the SC will hold a special meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor auditorium at the Ventress Building (76 South River Street) to interview the finalists. This meeting will be open to the public, and under the Open Meeting Law, only School Committee members will be permitted to ask questions of the finalists. The School Committee will hold one final special meeting on Tuesday, 12/19. At this meeting, we will vote on and announce the appointment of our new Superintendent of Schools. The new Superintendent will officially begin on July 1, 2024.

Mrs. Dargan asked if the forums would be recorded or televised. Mr. Costello has provided all dates to MCM.

### **MCM Contract with MPSD**

Supt. Granatino presented the updated contract with MCM as a first read. The new contract will be for 3 years. Mr. Grabowski expressed appreciation for the partnership between MCM and MPSD.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **MHS Boys Hockey Trip**

Athletic Director Billy Battis and MHS Hockey Coach Dan Connelly requested permission for the hockey team to travel to Connecticut (12/2) with a second game in Marlborough on 12/3. The trip is a team bonding event for 24-26 players and 2 coaches. Along with games, there are team meals and activities. Many parents also attend.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Dargan moved to approve the MHS Boys Hockey trip December 2-3, 2023. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-0

Mrs. Dargan thanked the team for their annual leaf raking community service project.

### **MCAS Overview**

Asst. Supt. Martin and Mike Rich, MPSD Data and Accountability Specialist, discussed MCAS data and ensuring that data ties to our visions and core values. Grades 5 and 8 have participated in the STE pilot. Asst. Supt. Martin highlighted results across grades and discussed planning for new elementary literacy adoption. Mr. Rich is building a data dashboard for internal use. External dashboards are also being reviewed for additional data evaluation.

Mrs. Dargan asked if any of the current testing is optional and Asst. Supt. Martin answered that it is all required. Mrs. Dargan then asked about time requirements for iReady. Asst. Supt. Martin said that the "sweet spot" is 45 minutes/week which is a combination of in class and homework. Currently iReady is mostly diagnostic. Mrs. Dargan also asked if data could be evaluated male v. female. Although available, that has not been viewed yet. Finally Mrs. Dargan asked for clarification of the engineering curriculum.

### **Policy Review/Update**

Supt. Granatino discussed revising the SC bullying policy JICFB to align with MASC updates.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Dargan moved to approve policy JICFB as amended. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-0

## **IV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for December 5 at Eames Way Elementary School.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Brait moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 3-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Brait	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Dargan	Yes
Mr. Greer	Absent
Ms. Stetson	Absent

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Minutes were compiled using the MCM video recording.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan M. Pozerski  
School Committee Secretary