

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS AUDITORIUM
September 12, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

Mr. Costello called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Brait	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Dargan	Yes
Mr. Greer	Yes
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: MPD Educator Academy

Aimee McAlpine and Rhian Hill, Educator Academy coordinators, provided highlights of the 3 days spent with newly hired professional staff. The 26 attendees were diverse and included teachers, nurses, and social workers. This year's program built on the historically strong offerings and included a bus tour around Marshfield with a stop at Dairy Queen. The program continues with 5 Beginner Teacher Institute sessions planned throughout the upcoming school year.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

- Welcome Back Wednesday with MPD/MFD held at all schools
- EWS decorated in this year's theme – "It takes all kinds of fish to be a school."
- Band and strings programs started
- Willy Wonka auditions scheduled at FBMS
- FBMS Open House scheduled for 9/14
- MHS Open House held on 9/6
- MHS annual band cookout scheduled for 9/22

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- The opening of the Marshfield Early Education Center was flawless
 - Thanks to Dr. Coutts for countless hours preparing

- MPD/MFD participated in Welcome Back Wednesday and were honored at the 9/15 MHS football game
- Thanks to Mary Price and the FACTS committee for the Overdose Awareness Vigil
- Building Something Special unveiled the new MHS scoreboard at an event recognizing donors
- Community Rib Cook-Off was a huge success; benefactors include McKinney-Vento and the Marshfield Food Pantry
 - Mr. Greer served as a judge
- Marshfield Lobsterfest upcoming – weekend of 9/16

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

- An additional literacy coach added at elementary level
- Coaching cycles started
- Title I grant approved

Mrs. Scolaro updated the Committee on the following:

- DESE Tiered Focus Monitoring – onsite monitoring year (5/2024)
- New IEP form to be implemented 9/2024
- Specialized Professional Development for Special Education teachers planned for this year

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

- No response to bus registration – #55 at FBMS and #400 at MHS
- Please attach bus tags to backpacks

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MEA UPDATE

Mr. Ben Raymond expressed gratitude for the MPSD mentor program. He highlighted 2 MHS educators – Jen Hickey and Yve O'Brien and their tremendous work with MHS EL students.

MINUTES

MOTION: Mrs. Dargan moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2023. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-1 (Greer abstain)

MOTION: Mrs. Brait moved to approve and release the executive session minutes of June 20, 2023. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 3-0-1

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION: Mrs. Dargan moved to approve and release the executive session minutes of August 29, 2023. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 3-0-1

ROLL CALL

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

II. OLD BUSINESS

MPSD Strategic Plan Visual

Supt. Granatino presented the marketing version of the Strategic Plan created by TLA.

Superintendent Search Process

Supt. Granatino discussed the two bidders for the Superintendent search process – NESDEC and MASC. Both organizations provide similar services.

Mr. Greer spoke in support of MASC as they completed previous MPSD search and in his opinion that they know the district. Mrs. Brait questioned how they know the district which Mr. Greer answered was professionally through the prior search and policy sessions.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to select MASC for the Marshfield Superintendent Search. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 4-0-0

III. NEW BUSINESS

MHS Bench Donation

Supt. Granatino discussed the proposed bench donation brought forth by Brian Murphy and the MHS Class of 1983 in recognition of their 40th reunion. The bench would be placed outside of the MHS gymnasium.

Mrs. Brait asked what would be engraved on the bench. Supt. Granatino answered that a final sketch will be provided prior to fabrication.

MOTION: Mrs. Brait moved to accept the bench donation from MHS Class of 1983. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 4-0-0

Acceptance of Donation

Dustin Tourinho and Derek from VIP Tires & Service in Marshfield presented a \$2,870 donation to MPSD as a result their Oil Changes for Education program.

Mr. Greer expressed appreciation to the company for their program and donation.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to accept the \$2,870 donation from VIP Tires & Services. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 4-0-0

MHS DECA Trips

DECA advisors Paula Minchello and Meghan Weber discussed potential trips to Austin, Texas and Anaheim, California. The Ultimate Power Trip is November 17-19 in Austin and teaches networking skills to the officer team of 10-12 students. The International Career Development Conference is April 26-May 2 in Anaheim. Typically 10-12 students qualify to attend and compete against their international peers.

Supt. Granatino thanked Dr. Minchello and Mrs. Weber for their dedication to the DECA program as it is a highlight at MHS.

MOTION: Mrs. Brait moved to approve the DECA trip to Austin, Texas from 11/17-11/19. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 4-0-0

MOTION: Mrs. Brait moved to approve the DECA trip to Anaheim, California from 4/26-5/2. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 4-0-0

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for September 26th at Seth Ventress Auditorium.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Costello requested a moment of silence for all victims of September 11th.

MOTION: Mrs. Brait moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 4-0-0

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary