

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS AUDITORIUM
August 29, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

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.

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- First day of school went smoothly
- Thanks to Mr. Sullivan (MSP parent) for directing traffic when bus broke down at Pine Street and 3A
- Thanks to the MHS jazz band for performing at opening day for staff
- A.J. Juliani presented to staff
- Elementary meet & greets held 8/28
- Kindergarten begins 8/31 and preschool on 9/5
- Overdose Awareness Vigil scheduled for 8/31 at 6:30 p.m. at Harbor Park
- Opening week themes include: Start with Hello; Welcome Back Wednesday (with MPD/MFD); Attitude of Gratitude; and Marshfield Spirit Day
- Beginner Teacher Institute (BTI) held 3 days last week
- Community Rib Cook Off upcoming on 9/9

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

- Math and Literacy Coaches planned professional development over the summer
 - Nicole Silva (GWS) appointed Literacy Coach for this school year
- Observed crisis drills conducted at MHS by MPD/MFD
- Thanks to all who helped with BTI

Mrs. Scolaro updated the Committee on the following:

- Successful summer learning at ESY
 - #106 PK-POST attended
 - #47 attended tutorial program
 - Amazing group of staff created a fun learning environment
 - Highlights included visits from MPD/MFD and field day

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

- #2,460 bus passes printed
 - #500 declined transportation
 - #500 did not respond
- Mike Rich, Data Systems Specialist – tremendous hire

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

Mr. Costello congratulated Mr. Greer on his involvement on the successful running of the Marshfield Fair.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eric Kelley, 121 Peterson Path, questioned why the SSRVSD school committee representative is non-voting.

MEA UPDATE

Mr. Ben Raymond welcomed all to the new school year. He thanked the School Committee for the collegial negotiations on the Tutor contract which was passed by the unit unanimously.

Supt. Granatino thanked Mr. Raymond for inviting the leadership team to stay at the opening day assembly to hear his speech to the MEA members.

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2023. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 4-0-0

II. OLD BUSINESS

South Shore Regional Vocational School District Update

SSRVSD Supt. Hickey updated the SC on the state signing off on Marshfield joining their district and now each of the 8 current communities will also sign the agreement. Current Marshfield 8th grade students are eligible to apply. An Open House is scheduled for 10/21.

Supt. Hickey also discussed the early planning of the construction project to renovate or replace their current school building. A preferred design is expected to be submitted to the MSBA in 6/2024. There will be “Town Hall” forums in each member community for input. The project is not expected to be completed until the 2028-2029. Updates can be found at southshoretechproject.com.

MPSD Strategic Plan Visual

Mr. Costello tabled this item to a future meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Facilities/Maintenance Update

Facilities Manager Fred Russell and Assistant Facilities Manager Tony Bullock highlighted recent projects including:

- Marshfield Early Education Center – including front security vestibule, rear wall with French drains, replace gutters, new septic, update air conditioning, created nurses station and handicap bathroom, updated electrical system, new fence
- SRS – developing plan and budget for ADA access
- DWS – replaced fire alarm panels, gym floor, and classroom doorknobs
- EWS – replaced classroom fire detectors, installed new megaphones in classrooms
- MES – replaced loading dock stairs, repaired roof leafs, replaced kindergarten rugs
- FBMS – erected partition in library
- MHS – worked to install new Jumbotron
- Central Office – replaced back entry stairs
- Alamo – installed exterior lights

SSRVSD School Committee Representation

Supt. Granatino discussed the option to designate a non-voting member to the SSRVSD through 7/1/2024. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Costello nominated Mr. Greer to serve as the non-voting school committee member for SSRVSD. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 4-0-0

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for September 12th at Seth Ventress Auditorium.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session, to discuss union negotiations, not to return to Open Session at 7:35 p.m. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 4-0-0

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary