

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
EAMES WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
December 5, 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	Absent
Ms. Stetson	Absent

Also present were Supt. Mr. Jeffrey Granatino, Asst. Supt. Dr. Ellen Martin, 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: EWS – SEL Strategies to Build Classroom Culture

EWS Principal Kaitlin Bishop and Assistant Principal Jean Milch presented how they create a positive, safe, and supportive learning environment for all students. They highlighted their “lunch around the world” program and their “Box” which gives all students a voice to share praise, feelings, and frustrations. The “Box” data helps the teacher identify patterns of concern and helps guide classroom conversation.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

- Elementary math night held at MES on 12/4
- Dental visit at DWS; 12 Days of Reading underway
- EWS book fair underway; recently had lunch highlighting Ghana
- GWS is collecting for the food pantry
- MES had lunch highlighting Tanzania and is collecting mittens for their mitten tree
- SRS book fair underway
- MHS/FBMS midterm is 12/8
- FBMS Math teacher Mr. Murphy was named #EOW
- MHS concerts this week
- DECA Shop Local night is 12/12

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Elementary math night was amazing!
- Participated in DWS Connections which was awesome! Students are very engaged
- Congratulations to the groups who went to Gillette Stadium for the Superbowl
- MHS holiday concerts upcoming
- US News & World Reports deemed FBMS and elementary schools high performing (High schools were not ranked in the poll.)
 - GWS ranked #15 of #958

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

- Fantastic MHS art on display at North River Arts Society
- MHS show "The Play that Goes Wrong" was very funny!
- GWS grade 4 play "Out of This World" created using AI
- Elementary Literacy Parent Info Night was informative
- Family Math Night was a huge success with #300 attending
 - Sponsored by Title I
 - Thanks to the math coaches Danielle Johnson and Jeannine Hatch

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the Start Time (Mrs. Dargan and Ms. Stetson) and Transportation (Mrs. Brait and Mr. Greer) subcommittees and their work on start times for the 2024-2025 school year.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MEA UPDATE

Mr. Raymond recognized 2 educators in therapeutic learning centers:

- Rachel Dunn – FBMS MALC/TLC program for her care and compassion supporting children
- Jen Ierardi – GWS lead teacher and social worker who teaches strategies to both teachers and students

MINUTES

MOTION: Mrs. Dargan moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023.
Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-0

II. OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Search Process

Mr. Costello updated the SC that semifinalist interviews are ongoing. He complimented the Superintendent Search Committee on their thoroughness.

Community forums are planned for next week with final interviews on 12/16 at 9:00 a.m. and the new Superintendent announced on 12/19.

MCM Contract with MPSD

Mr. Granatino updated the SC that the MCM board voted unanimously to approve the new contract with MPSD.

MOTION: Mrs. Dargan moved to approve the 2023-2025 MOA between MCM and MPSD. Ms. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-0

III. NEW BUSINESS

AFS Short Term Exchange Request

MHS world language teacher Ms. Salome and her students discussed an exchange trip with Goodland High School in Goodland, Kansas from March 21, 2024 through March 24, 2024. There are #400 students in the school and #4,000 in the town.

MOTION: Mrs. Brait moved to approve travel to Goodland, Kansas from March 21, 2024 through March 24, 2024. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 3-0-0

Acceptance of Donation

Mr. Granatino recognized the Marshfield Community Rib Cook-Off (MCRCO) committee and their dedication to meeting the needs of students in homelessness, foster care and economic hardship. The MCRCO committee donations have made an extensive impact. MCRCO committee member Stephen Halko-Sheehan stated that all money raised goes to local charities with \$45,000 going to the McKinney Vento program over the past 2 years. The 2024 Marshfield Community Rib Cook Off is scheduled for September 7, 2024.

Ms. Robynne Ryan-Lambert, MPSD McKinney Vento Liaison, stated that there are currently 80 homeless students and 20 in foster care. Over the summer of 2023, 80 students were able to attend summer camp thanks to donations.

Mrs. Brait commented on how important it is for students to feel they belong. Mrs. Dargan added that kids just want to be regular kids. Mr. Granatino highlighted Ms. Ryan-Lambert's work to raise awareness in town including holding quarterly meetings that bring all organizations together. He then honored her as the MPSD Educator of the Week.

MOTION: Mrs. Brait moved to accept the \$24,000 donation from the MCRCO committee.. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 3-0-0

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for December 11 at the Seth Ventress Building.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary