

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS AUDITORIUM
January 18, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Brait called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Boyd	Yes
Mrs. Campbell	Yes
Mr. Greer	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Brait	Yes

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

Mrs. Brait noted under the Open Meeting Law, she was informing the public of this meeting being videotaped by Marshfield Community Television. 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 School Resource Officers

Supt. Granatino recognized the 3 MPD School Resource Officers and their partnership with MPD: Tim Cleary (MHS), Bryan Hernon (FBMS), and Justin Crowley (Elementary schools). Officer Crowley spoke of assisting with acclimating EL students and helping 2 MHS students find appropriate housing; Officer Hernon enjoys being in the classroom, coaching hockey at MHS, and working on the Criminal Justice Club with FBMS teacher Maryann Clifford; Officer Cleary spoke of getting to know the students which has been complicated by COVID.

Mrs. Brait thanked the SROs for the difference they make in the community every day. Mr. Costello spoke of former SRO Officer Quigley and the current SROs continuing his good work. Mrs. Campbell spoke of the exceptional impact on the students. Ms. Boyd and Mr. Greer expressed gratitude for the MPD partnership with MPD and that the students know that there are caring adults they can turn to.

INFORMATIONAL

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student representatives Nicole October and Lisa Parson, updated the Committee on the following:

- EWS is planning an inclusion themed week
- Health classes starting at DWS for 2nd and 5th grade students

- Term 2 ends for MHS/FBMS students on 1/21
- MHS Key Club members are making cards for senior citizens

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eric Kelley, 121 Peterson Path, commented on the “China Virus” and the SC remaining silent regarding the mask mandate.

Mr. Costello vehemently objected to Mr. Kelly’s use of the term “China Virus”.

MEA UPDATE

None

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2021. Mr. Costello second. VOTE: 5-0-0

II. OLD BUSINESS

Covid-19 Update

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- No school has reached the 80% vaccination rate threshold to consider removing masks
- COVID case numbers spiking with #283 last week
 - 75% of total cases this year since 12/25 (#1,025 total cases to date)
- Large numbers of students absent – #555 on 1/10 and #312 on 1/18
- Marshfield began offering COVID testing to Marshfield residents on Tuesdays and continues to offer vaccinations/boosters to all on Thursday, Friday, Saturday at the Marshfield Fairgrounds
- DESE announced a new testing program which will eliminate contact tracing and Test & Stay
 - MPSD will continue to provide symptomatic testing
 - Kits will be provided to staff/students who opt in for weekly at home testing
 - MPSD can opt in beginning 1/21
 - Nurse Director Jane Landry is in favor of participating

Mr. Greer asked what percentage of the MPSD population has had COVID.

Supt. Granatino confirmed about 20%. Mr. Greer also asked what the reporting responsibility is with the new DESE testing. Supt. Granatino is awaiting additional information as the program was just announced.

III. NEW BUSINESS

ESS Update/Overview

Mrs. Scolaro along with Effective School Solutions Duncan Young and Elizabeth Cotter shared a mid-year progress update. Mr. Young discussed the return to full time in person learning causing a cascade of mental health issues with 1 in 5 students suffering from a mental health disorder. Their MTSS (multiple levels of intervention) approach stresses that every student interaction matters.

Ms. Cotter spoke of teachers learning to recognize signs of trauma along with how to modify a situation in their classroom before it escalates. To date, 10 workshops have been offered with more than 80 hours of learning including building support for the family unit with the Caring for the Caregiver workshop. There are 17 MPSD members on the ESS Champions Committee.

Mara Hayes, grade 1 GWS teacher and 2016 MHS graduate, spoke of incorporating ESS suggestions into her classroom specifically identifying and talking about students' emotions.

Mr. Young concluded the presentation discussing synchronizing general education and special education. Mrs. Scolaro emphasized the positive impact that ESS is having on students.

Mrs. Campbell thanked the presenters and relayed her elementary aged daughter's discussion of students' invisible backpacks. Mrs. Brait asked about the frequency of additional updates; she also asked that ample notice be given for parent workshops and how often the playbook would be reviewed once completed. Mr. Young answered that an annual review of the playbook is ideal and added that the MPSD playbook will be completed in May, 2022.

Supt. Granatino thanked all for the detailed update.

FY'23 Operating Budget

Asst. Supt. Miller presented the FY23 Operating Budget as a 1st read. He mentioned grade levels with lower enrollment moving up through FBMS to MHS. The SC Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for 1/25.

Mr. Greer expressed concern that the percent of the budget for salaries is close to 85% with the goal being 80%. He is also concerned that the budget has increased 30% since he has been a SC member. Mr. Costello agreed that the budget increase must be closely monitored.

Acceptance of Donation

Supt. Granatino thanked the Deegan family for their generous donation in memory of their mother Patricia Deegan, former EWS Special Education and 2nd Grade Teacher. Asst. Supt. Miller spoke to EWS Principal Bill Campia regarding a committee being formed so that an impact is made on the EWS community by this donation.

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to accept the donation from the Deegan Family. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0

MPSD Cafeteria Workers

Moved to future meeting.

Surplus Equipment

Asst. Supt. Miller discussed the #1,639 obsolete Chromebooks for which MPSD will receive a \$15 credit/Chromebook to be used toward replacement

Chromebooks (\$250-\$280/Chromebook) and screens (\$90/Chromebook to replace).

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to declare the equipment as surplus. Ms. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for January 25 at the Seth Ventress Auditorium including the Public Budget Hearing.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to adjourn meeting at 8:50. Mr. Greer second. 5-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ms. Boyd	Yes
Mrs. Campbell	Yes
Mr. Greer	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Brait	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary