

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS AUDITORIUM
January 25, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Brait called meeting to order at 6:40 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, 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.

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to open the FY23 Educational Budget Hearing. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Brait invited those who would like to be heard on the topic to make themselves known. No individuals came forward.

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to close the FY23 Educational Budget Hearing. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL

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

SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: GWS 50th Anniversary

GWS Principal Karen Hubbard, Grade 2 Teacher Christina Jacobucci, and Innovation Specialist Blake Doyle highlighted the GWS Family and their delayed celebration of the school's 50th Birthday (actual anniversary was in 2020). Mrs. Jacobucci described the

community culture built at GWS which includes many longtime traditions. The GWS 5th grade Peace Leaders worked with Mrs. Doyle to create a fun and informative video commemorating this milestone and the time capsule that was hidden at GWS which will be opened at a community celebration this spring. Mr. John Gallagher and Mr. Mark McNulty attended in support of their fellow GWS educators.

Mrs. Brait and Mr. Greer commented on the excitement of celebrating 50 years and expressed appreciation for the tremendous video presented by Mrs. Doyle.

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- FBMS 8th grade students and jazz band held their concert on 1/19
- “Not My Kid” presentation moved to late February/early March
- MEF Road Race scheduled for 3/19
- MHS graduation planned for 6/4 at 2:30 along with traditional Grad Nite
- College planning night scheduled for Junior parents on 1/27
- Marshfield Together campaign underway to support local restaurants

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

- Working to get back to the 5 year curriculum cycle; MHS will complete curriculum review by September
- Evaluating new math materials for K-8; decision in May
- Elementary Innovation Specialists participated in Zoom parent night to support parents regarding technology
- The 3rd Beginner Teacher Institute held with more than 40 attending; discussed peer observation

Mr. Greer questioned the cost of the new math materials. Asst. Supt. Martin answered that ESSER funds will be used along with a DESE grant to continue iReady.

Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Ms. Scolaro updated the Committee on the SEPAC presentation: Neuropsychological Testing and Basics of the Evaluation scheduled for 1/26 via Zoom.

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

- Discussion continues regarding joining South Shore Vocational Technical High School; a placeholder was added to April Town Meeting
- Statements of interest submitted for MES and DWS roofs with MSBA
- Discussion of implementing a transportation fee

Supt. Granatino reminded the SC that transportation is only required for K-6 students living more than 2 miles from school and detailed how other districts direct the transportation income to address transportation needs such as parking lot upkeep. Mrs. Brait requested that the transportation subcommittee be reconvened.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Campbell highlighted the upcoming High School Musical play at FBMS on 2/11 and 2/12 along with the need for volunteers to support Grad Nite Live.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student representative and Lisa Parson, updated the Committee on the following:

- Term 2 report cards for MHS/FBMS on 1/28
- MHS/FBMS parent conferences scheduled for 2/2 & 2/3 respectively
- AP exam fees due for MHS students
- FBMS Book Fair scheduled for 1/31-2/4

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eric Kelley, 121 Peterson Path, commented on the Zoom session supporting elementary students' Chromebook usage and asked that all school meetings have a Zoom option. He feels that a recent DESE letter "encourages students to get vaccinated" and requested that close tabs be kept on the spending of the donation to EWS. Mr. Kelley also questioned the timing of the new MPSD positions in the FY23 Operating Budget.

MEA UPDATE

Mrs. Sally Marples updated the Committee on the following:

- Encouraged all to participate in the Together Marshfield campaign supporting local restaurants
- Requested that parents not attend upcoming parent/teacher conferences if they are unwell and to wear a mask if they do attend
- Asked that students take care of the Chromebooks as #90 are waiting to be repaired at FBMS and an additional #90 at MHS

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022 as amended. Mr. Costello second. VOTE: 5-0-0

II. OLD BUSINESS

Covid-19 Update

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- The new DESE testing standards eliminate contact tracing along with Test & Stay
 - To date, #327 staff and #544 students have signed up
 - Staff test on Wednesdays beginning 2/2
 - Students test on Tuesdays beginning 2/8
 - Voluntary program currently through 4/22
 - Symptomatic testing continues
- Individual schools have not reached 80% vaccination status
- Town vaccination/booster/PCR testing clinics continue at Fairgrounds

Mr. Greer asked about distribution plans for COVID test kits and Mrs. Brait questioned reporting of positive cases. Supt. Granatino answered that distribution plans are to be determined and that tracking of positive cases will continue. Mr. Greer also asked about high numbers of absences for students. Mr. Costello highlighted the RAMS and MAST programs for students to make up missed assignments.

FY'23 Operating Budget

Asst. Supt. Miller presented the 2nd read of the FY23 Operating Budget. The proposed budget includes a 4.29% increase from FY22 and \$628,931 in items from the Financial Plan.

Mr. Greer asked if the items from the Financial Plan can be prioritized. Mr. Miller answered that prioritization will be completed by the appropriate subcommittee. Mrs. Campbell highlighted the increasing population at Martinson Elementary School and the need to form a subcommittee to submit recommendations.

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to approve the \$54,830,441 FY23 Operating Budget. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0

III. NEW BUSINESS

Tiered Focus Monitoring

Mrs. Scolaro updated the SC on the TFM process which occurs every 3 years, specifically CR24 (Curriculum Review) and CR25 (Institutional Self Evaluation). The analysis will be completed by 3/15.

Mr. Greer expressed concern with politically biased content and requested that political and personal opinion be eliminated from classroom lessons. Mr. Costello thanked Mrs. Scolaro for the massive undertaking and agreed with Mr. Greer regarding equity in classrooms.

MPSD Cafeteria Workers

Moved to future meeting.

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for February 1 at Eames Way Elementary School. The February 15 meeting is postponed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:30. Mr. Costello second. 5-0-0

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary