

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SOUTH RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
May 10, 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	Absent
Mrs. Brait	Yes

Also present were Supt. Mr. Jeffrey Granatino, 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: SRS Writer's Workshop

Principal Baird introduced the presentation on Writer's Workshop where students write about topics that are important to them. The act of writing as authors empowers the students. Some examples of types of writing covered include: opinion, fiction, and non-fiction. Each lesson includes a mini lesson, individual practice, along with sharing. A writing celebration concludes each unit. The students in Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Fiorentino, and Mrs. Lopes' classes proudly shared their writing with the members of the SC and attendees of the meeting.

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- The MEF awarded 9 grants totally \$80,225. The combined total for all grants disbursed since the MEF was founded is now over \$1,000,000
- MHS Pops scheduled for 5/21
- Final MHS Drama Freaky Friday shows on 5/13 and 5/14
- Cops for Kids with Cancer fundraiser at Haddad's on 5/12
- Not My Kid presentation at FBMS on 5/18
- MHS Launch Day on 5/27
- Thanks for all the well wishes while on medical leave. Follow up procedure scheduled for next week

Mrs. Scolaro updated the Committee on 2 upcoming presentations: "How to Talk to Your Kids and Survive" (Seth Ventress Auditorium) on 5/16 and "Language of Behaviors" (Zoom) on 5/23.

Mr. Miller updated the Committee on the following:

- Due to increased MES enrollment, proposal to move PK to EWS

- Also moving some incoming Kindergarten students (with no older siblings) from the northern MES neighborhoods to EWS with an opportunity for other families in the loop to also move to EWS
 - Current Kindergarten enrollment is #35 at EWS and #69 at MES

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Campbell mentioned that the PAC now is a board of 7 rather than the typical 9 as 2 members were not reelected to their respective School Committees.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

- We Are Marshfield Project and High Five Friday held on 4/29
- FBMS Club 7 planned for 5/13
- Math and STEM MCAS upcoming in May
- Elementary conferences scheduled for 5/11
- Many elementary field trips upcoming along with elementary book fairs

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MEA UPDATE

Mrs. Marples thanked SRS for the wonderful presentation on Writer's Workshop. She also congratulated Mrs. Brait and Mr. Greer on their reelection to the SC and thanked Mr. Eric Kelley for his willingness to serve. She thanked the parents for supporting their children and acknowledged that parents' attitudes toward MCAS influences their students.

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2022. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-1

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of April 25, 2022. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 4-0-0

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

Preschool Location Change

Supt. Granatino stated that both the PK and ASD programs have been housed at Martinson Elementary for a number of years. Principal Campia generously offered space for the 65-75 PK students at Eames Way Elementary. Dr. Courtney Coutts, Director of Early Childhood Education, is in favor of the move.

Mrs. Campbell, also a MES parent, spoke in favor of alleviating crowding at MES. Ms. Boyd asked if the move was permanent. Supt. Granatino answered that a district wide child care center is being considered and shifts might be needed with future developments.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to relocate preschool from MES to EWS. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0

MHS World Language French Language & Quebec Culture Tour

Ms. Karen Lehmann proposed a bus trip for MHS French students to Montreal and Quebec City for February vacation 2023. She indicated that travel insurance is now mandatory and expressed excitement for students having the opportunity to travel again.

MHS World Language Spanish Costa Rica Trip

Ms. Maura Bulman proposed a choice of trips for MHS Spanish students to either Costa Rica or Peru for February vacation 2023. If approved, the students will choose the destination.

Mr. Greer commented that trips would not be available to all students based on their vaccination status. Ms. Boyd asked if students must be currently taking the language to which Ms. Bulman stated that they must complete 2 years of the language for the trip they wish to participate in.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve both the trip to Canada and to South America. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0

School District Physician

Supt. Granatino highlighted Dr. Irons' valuable guidance throughout the school year and his desire to remain the MPSD physician with no change to his salary.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to appoint Dr. David Irons as the MPSD physician for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 4-0-0

School Committee Representatives to Local Collaboratives

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to appoint Supt. Granatino as South Shore Educational Collaborative Representative for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to appoint Mrs. Campbell as Pilgrim Area Collaborative Representative for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Private Music Lesson Rate

Mr. Miller discussed the current music instructor rate of \$24/30 minutes with the last increase occurring in 2018. Marshfield Friends of Music assists students when needed.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to increase the private music lesson rate to \$25/30 minutes. Ms. Boyd second. Vote 4-0-0

School Committee Reorganization Discussion

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to table this item until the school year ends. Mrs. Campbell second. Vote 4-0-0

Acceptance of Donation

Supt. Granatino thanked Sunovion Pharmaceuticals for their donation of flipcharts and Expo markers that were distributed to all 7 schools.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to accept the donation from Sunovion Pharmaceuticals. Mrs. Campbell second. Vote 4-0-0

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for May 24 at the Seth Ventress Building.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn to Executive Session not to return to Open Session at 7:45. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary