

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
DANIEL WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
June 7, 2022  
6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Brait called meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Boyd	Absent (arrived at 6:40)
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.

Prior to the start of the meeting, DWS students gave tours of their building.

Mrs. Brait welcomed Supt. Granatino back following his recent surgery.

**SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: DWS Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**

Principal McNeil introduced the program, which is a school-wide design for behavioral interventions, and its 3 goals: Academic Achievement; SEL and Behavioral Health; along with Family and Community Engagement. DWS students are recognized daily for positive behavior and a “think sheet” is used to reflect on mistakes. At the recent pizza Outdoor Pizza Bingo Night, 8 EL families attended. The DWS motto for students and staff is Dedicated, Welcoming, Safe.

Mrs. Brait commented on Principal McNeil’s ability to radiate positivity and passion at DWS.

**INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Thanked all for the amazing support during his absence over the past few months
- Belated congratulations to GWS on celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. (Anniversary was in 2020 but just celebrated.)
- Jack Brait completed his 11<sup>th</sup> puzzle with 40,000 pieces which now hangs at GWS
- Tremendous traditional graduation ceremony held at MHS on 6/4. Perfect day

- Graduation culminated in a return of Grad Nite Live for the Class of 2022. An amazing night at the end of which Bill Bowers and Mike Maresco stepped down after leading the event for more than 10 years.

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

- Many events at MHS including: Senior Week, Junior Prom, Pops, Senior Awards Night, and the Internship Celebration
- Concerts are upcoming at all schools

Mrs. Scolaro did not have an update for the Committee.

Asst. Supt. Miller did not have an update for the Committee.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Costello expressed appreciation to Asst. Supt. Martin, Asst. Supt. Miller, and Mrs. Scolaro for managing MPSD while Supt. Granatino was on medical leave.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

None

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

### **MEA UPDATE**

Mrs. Marples expressed her sincere congratulations to the MHS graduates and highlighted the approximately 25 awards that the MEA presented to seniors. Those awards totaled more than \$20,000 and rewarded hard work and volunteerism. She also expressed her thanks to the Grad Nite Live committee on their mission and gift to the graduates. Lastly, Mrs. Marples requested the SC's support for the fair share amendment which will be on the fall ballot and ensures adequate school funding.

### **MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022 as amended. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-1

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of May 10, 2022 as amended. Mrs. Costello second. VOTE: 4-0-1.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION:** Ms. Boyd moved to approve the minutes of May 31, 2022 as amended. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 3-0-2

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**MHS World Language Spanish South America Trip**

Ms. Maura Bulman informed the SC that the students chose to visit Peru over Costa Rica for February vacation 2023.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**Marshfield Education Foundation**

Marie Kurmin and Susan Anderson, MEF Board Members, highlighted the MEF which was founded in 2010 to raise additional funding for innovative MPSD programs. The MEF board is comprised of 22 Marshfield residents who raise funds and award grants. The primary fundraising events include: Circus Smirkus, St. Patrick's Day 5K, and the Fall Giving Campaign. Grant applications are accepted from November through March. All grant applications are reviewed by MPSD administration to ensure they fit in the school frameworks. Grants are scored according to a rubric and those recommended for approval are presented to the MEF Board. In 2022, 9 grants were funded for \$80, 225. In 12 years, grants awarded total \$1,000,633.

**MHS Science Costa Rica Trip**

Ms. Laura Rose and Mr. Jim Merritt proposed an expedition in science to take classroom learning to Costa Rica. This would be their 4<sup>th</sup> time organizing this trip. Students collect school supplies and bring them to Costa Rica. The trip is open to up to 14 students enrolled in Environmental Science accompanied by 2 chaperones.

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to approve the MHS Science trip to Costa Rica. Mr. Costello second. VOTE: 5-0-0

**Elementary Literacy**

GWS teachers Ms. Janna Murphy and Ms. Pam Roberts presented on the Science of Reading movement which places a heavy focus on phonics and decodable text but does not support balanced literacy. The Science of Reading is a narrow view of a complex topic. MPSD uses many components of reading including: Heggerty; Foundations – Geodes; Geodes – Interactive Read Aloud; along with Journeys, Writing Units of Study, and Interactive Read Aloud. A universal dyslexia screener will be incorporated for grades K-1 in September, 2022.

Asst. Supt. Martin added that the best resources are used for each area of literacy.

**MHS English Book Surplus**

Asst. Supt. Martin reviewed the list of books considered surplus and added that some would be donated to Brockton High School.

**MOTION:** Mr. Costello moved to declare the books listed as surplus. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0

### **Elementary and Middle School Math Program Adoptions**

Asst. Supt. Martin announced that the Curriculum Council selected Bridges for K-5 mathematics and Illustrative Math for grades 6-8. The first year of Illustrative Math is grant funded and a grant application has been submitted for the Bridges program. Professional Development is included with both programs. Bridges also includes an intervention component.

Mr. Greer asked what was different about the new curriculum. Asst. Supt. Martin answered that there is a better understanding of how students learn and the new math program takes that into account. Principal McNeil added that 100% of the Curriculum Council voted to adopt Bridges. Asst. Supt. Miller stated that the portion of the Bridges program that is not grant funded will be funded by ESSER funds. Mrs. Campbell asked how the different programs for elementary and middle school would integrate. Asst. Supt. Martin answered that vertical progression will be monitored.

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to approve the adoption of new elementary and middle school math programs. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0

### **Elementary Math Program Surplus**

Asst. Supt. Martin proposed donating the K-5 Envision Math materials to More Than Words at the end of the school year. Ms. Boyd spoke in support of the More Than Words organization as it is a nonprofit social enterprise that empowers youth who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless, or out of school to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business.

**MOTION:** Mr. Costello moved to donate the K-5 Envision Math materials to More Than Words at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Greer second. Vote 5-0-0

### **Elementary Reading Book Surplus**

**MOTION:** Mr. Costello moved to declare consumable workbooks from our elementary reading program as surplus. Mr. Greer second. Vote 5-0-0

## **IV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for June 21 at the Seth Ventress Building.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment, Supt. Granatino announced that in Executive Session on 5/10 the SC voted and unanimously approved the 4 year collective bargaining agreement with the ESP unit.

Mr. Costello also announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Marshfield Pride event scheduled for Rexicana on 6/16 from 5:00-8:00.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:10. 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski  
School Committee Secretary