

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SOUTH RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
February 7, 2023  
6:30 p.m.**

Mr. Costello called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

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.

Prior to official business, the SC and guests sang Happy Birthday to Mrs. Brait.

SRS Senior Custodian Joe Zdankowski was recognized as he will retire on 2/17 after 20 years at MPSD. SRS celebrated him at their Monday morning meeting. He was acknowledged as a huge role model known for being compassionate and kind. Mr. Costello commented that Mr. Z makes the days brighter for staff and students. Mr. Zdankowski expressed gratitude for the acknowledgement and stated he was so appreciative to be able to work at what he loves.

**SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: SRS — Number Corner and the Bridges Math Program**

Principal Baird and Assistant Principal Fultz highlighted the Number Corner, an essential component of the Bridges Math Program. Number Corner is a skill-building program that revolves around the classroom calendar, providing daily practice as well as continual encounters with broader mathematical concepts. Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Fultz recognized teachers for the additional time they are taking to prepare lessons for this new program. Following their presentation, the SC and attendees visited Ms. Pollard's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class who completed their Number Corner activities for the group.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mr. Costello recognized Ms. Boyd for a moment of personal privilege. Ms. Boyd stated that since joining the SC in 2017, the role and the chance to work alongside such a talented and dedicated team has been one of the most rewarding experiences in her personal and professional life. At this time, she has decided to give someone else in community a chance to be part of this important work and will not seek reelection. She expressed her gratitude to the hard work of all SC members and MPSD administrators, literally around the clock.

Mr. Costello thanked Ms. Boyd for being an outstanding representative on the SC.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Student representatives Isabella Leith and Nicole October updated the Committee on the following:

- FBMS will present Shrek Jr. on 2/10 and 2/11
- MHS Evening of Jazz scheduled for 2/8
- SRS planning beach spirit day for 2/17
- Kindergarten registration ongoing at elementary schools

## **INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Serving lunch at all 7 schools before February vacation; important to see the connections that cafeteria staff have with students; SEL not only in classrooms
- Meeting held with Safety Committee including MPD, Mrs. Brait and Ms. Stetson; discussion included fire/lockdown drills
- Visited Ms. Santoro's class at MES to share memories of the Blizzard of '78
- Working with Early Childhood Coordinator Courtney Coutts to prepare the new building for September opening; 4 PK classes at DWS and 4 at new building
- MEF grant applications open through 3/1; MEF looking for new members
- Congratulations to MHS Boys Hockey and Gymnastics teams on their league titles

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

- Professional development committee met to start planning for 2023-2024
- Elementary math curriculum team met
- Informative session on PANS/PANDAS at FBMS

Mrs. Scolaro updated the Committee on the following:

- Kindergarten registration open (online and in person); please register by 3/17
- PK registration open through 3/1; Open House at DWS on 2/15 from 10:30-11:15
- Congratulations to Mr. Zdankowski; a genuinely kind and caring person; hired when Mrs. Scolaro was SRS principal

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee that the line item budget is in process.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Scott Swain, 21 Bradford Street, expressed thanks to Ms. Boyd for the countless hours she dedicated to SC.

## **MEA UPDATE**

None

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Costello tabled the minutes to a future meeting.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Principal Search Updates**

Supt. Granatino announced that Jean Milch was appointed interim EWS principal through the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Milch has been a valued member of EWS staff since 2001. The search for a new EWS principal will begin in late February.

Asst. Supt. Martin updated the SC on the MHS principal search. Numerous staff, parents, and students applied to be part of the search committee. The initial meeting is scheduled for 2/8 with the hope to have a final decision in late March/early April.

### **Northeastern University Partnership**

Supt. Granatino discussed a potential partnership with Northeastern University to study coastal environmental issues in Brant Rock. The program would incorporate past/current students with potential dual enrollment for MHS students. Marshfield would provide space to house the NU equipment.

Mrs. Brait added that from the Chamber of Commerce perspective, the partnership would aid in sustaining the Brant Rock area for the future and she is applying for a grant to bring the lab space to Marshfield.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **New England Academy**

Supt. Granatino and Mrs. Scolaro discussed the school building a second location in Marshfield of their school for students with social/emotional concerns. Their other location is in Beverly. The day school has been approved by DESE/NEASC and is expected to have 75-80 grade 7-12 students.

Mr. Greer asked if the students would participate on MHS sports teams. Mr. Granatino answered that they could participate if they were Marshfield residents.

## **IV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> at Seth Ventress Auditorium.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Ms. Stetson moved to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session not to return to Open Session at 7:50 p.m. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan M. Pozerski  
School Committee Secretary