

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
EAMES WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
March 28, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

Mr. Costello called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Brait	Yes
Ms. Stetson	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mr. Greer	Absent (arrived at 6:50)
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.

SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: EWS – Power of Art

Interim EWS Principal Jean Milch shared the recent art project the students completed with art teacher Kathryn Hahn. Students studied specific artists and their influential messages and then emulated their artistic style. Each grade studied a different artist and created art work which is displayed in the EWS hallways.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student representatives Isabella Leith updated the Committee on the following:

- An Easter egg hunt is planned at Coast Guard Hill on 4/8
- FBMS held Club 7 – Neon Lights Dance
- FBMS has a new comfort dog – Winnie
- 3rd grade ELA MCAS upcoming on 3/30 and 3/31

INFORMATIONAL

Prior to his update, Supt. Granatino asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the school shooting in Tennessee.

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Partnership with SocialSchool4Edu coordinating social media posts launching 5/1 – 90% celebration 10% information
- Strategic plan moving forward gathering data with surveys and focus groups
- Congratulations to National Scholastic Art Award winner Marykate Young
- Plans underway for Superintendent for the Day Evie Campbell on 4/25

Supt. Granatino then updated the committee on his plans to retire on 6/30/24 after 15 years as a superintendent, 8 in Marshfield, and 33 years as an educator. He feels it is the right time for his family and the district. The long notice lets the search process start early. He is grateful that his “job” never feels like “work”. The Superintendent praised the SC members and MPSD staff.

Mr. Costello commented on the incredible 8 years Superintendent Granatino spent in the district and how evident his compassion is for students and staff. Ms. Boyd added that Superintendent always puts people first.

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

- Recently received 2 grants: \$35,000 for curriculum and \$118,000 for Bridges math
- Utilizing “Rising Voices” – diverse literature purchased through a 2022 MEF grant
- Attending Women In Leadership Conference focusing on “belonging at the heart of inclusion” with Aimee McAlpine and Sara MacNeil
- Beginner Teacher Institute held today

Mrs. Scolaro updated the Committee on the following:

- Currently #231 registered for FY24 kindergarten
- ESY planning underway; classes planned for MES, FBMS, POST from 7/10-8/10
- SEPAC elected a new executive board including Amy Smith as chair and Lorrie Dahler as secretary

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

- The Special Town Meeting warrant is available and includes:
 - SSVT
 - \$300,000 in free cash for 255 Furnace Street
 - Easements for the solar project
 - \$290,000 in the capital budget for the DWS gymnasium
 - Installation of dugouts and fencing at MHS JV fields

Mr. Costello recognized Mr. Millers work on the MEF 5K with more than 3,000 runners that raised \$80,000. Mrs. Brait mentioned the MOU signed for Marshfield to partner with Northeastern University.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MEA UPDATE

Mrs. Sally Marples, MEA President, discussed the upcoming MCAS exams and encouraged students to get a good night’s sleep and have a nutritious breakfast. She expressed her gratitude to Supt. Granatino having worked with a number of superintendents, she said that he is compassionate, intelligent, patient, and humorous. He supports all and set a high bar for his successor

MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 3-0-2 (Greer and Brait abstain)

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to approve and release the executive session minutes of February 28, 2023. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 3-0-2 (Greer and Brait abstain)

ROLL CALL

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

II. OLD BUSINESS

Principal Search Updates

Supt. Granatino updated the SC on the MHS principal where 2 finalists were brought forward who will meet with staff, students, parents, and leadership on 3/29 and 3/30 with the hope to bring forward a candidate at the next SC meeting. The application for the EWS principal is now closed and the search committee will begin their review.

New England Academy

Supt. Granatino updated the SC on the school's new location opening in Marshfield. In the first year 30-43 students are expected to attend with no more than 80 anticipated.

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to approve the opening of New England Academy's Marshfield location. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0

School Committee Meetings 2023 – 2024

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the SC Meeting Calendar for 2023 – 2024. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 5-0-0

MHS Anderson Field Video Scoreboard

Mr. Arouca updated the SC on the grass roots effort to replace the scoreboard at Anderson Field. He requested permission to sign the contract with the vendor. Mr. Greer asked for the responsibilities of the SC in regard to the scoreboard. Mr. Miller stated that the scoreboard will be a gift to the school through the scoreboard 501c3 (Mark Stiles, president). Mr. Keuther added that the scoreboard maintenance is paid through the MHS budget.

III. NEW BUSINESS

MHS DECA Trip

Mrs. Stanford and MHS sophomore Lily Minchello discussed the upcoming DECA conference in Florida. The club started with 4 student in 2010 and now has 231 participants.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve DECA students travel to the Florida conference. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Costello added that Lily is one of 2 student representatives on the MHS principal search committee.

Transportation Contract

Mr. Miller discussed the one response to the MPSD Transportation RFP by Totman Enterprises who has been the MPSD transportation vendor for more than 40 years. The contract includes a 22% increase needed to offer benefits to fill open bus driver positions.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the transposition contract with Totman Enterprises. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 5-0-0

2024-2025 Academic Calendar

The SC reviewed the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar as a 1st read. There was discussion regarding the 1st day (a Wednesday) being early release for elementary and the ½ day on 12/23.

Transportation Fee

Mr. Miller discussed a bus transportation fee as a 1st read. Marshfield is one of few South Shore towns who have not implemented a fee. (A fee was passed in FY11 but later rescinded.) MPSD currently provides a seat for every student. (Ridership at MHS is very low.) Goals of the proposed fee include: maximizing bus capacity, reducing the number of routes (goal – #20 routes/tier), and potentially altering school start times in the future. The proposed fee is \$180 for students K-6 who live less than 2 miles from school and for all students 7-12 (except those on Free/Reduced Lunch).

Mr. Costello suggested contacting the state for a traffic study of the Forest/Furnace intersection.

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for April 11th at Seth Ventress Auditorium including the School Choice Public Hearing.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary