

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SETH VENTRESS AUDITORIUM**

**May 23, 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)
Mrs. Dargan	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: Marshfield Education Foundation**

Supt. Granatino thanked 6 year president John Giberti for his amazing work with the MEF. Grant chair Marie Kurmin introduced new MEF president Steve Dion. Marie discussed this year's grant process where \$149,554 was awarded. Of the #33 grant applications received, #23 were fully or partially funded and touched all 7 MPSD schools.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Student representatives Isabella Leith and Nicole October introduced new student representative Olivia Parent and updated the Committee on the following:

- MHS upcoming senior activities include Senior Banquet, Graduation Rehearsal, Elementary School Walkthroughs, and Senior Awards
- FBMS 7<sup>th</sup> graders have upcoming field trips to Tree Top Adventures
- Semester awards and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Night are also planned at FBMS
- Elementary schools planning field days, recorder concerts, field trips, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade recognition ceremonies

**INFORMATIONAL**

Prior to informational updates, Mr. Costello asked for a moment of silence for MPSD retired teacher Ron Weiss, a longtime physical education teacher.

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- MHS held senior clap out; students are clapped out the first day of freshman year and the last day of senior year
- MHS graduation planned for 6/3 at 2:00
- MHS music students had annual awards celebration and Pops concert
- Strategic planning continues; expect to present draft at 6/20 SC meeting
- Planning for partnership with Northeastern University also continues
- MHS internship program celebration planned for 5/25
- Introduced new MHS principal Amy Cetner

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

- Curriculum work continues
- Continuing to try new strategies and ideas following UDL training
- Working with Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents on outlining mandates for literacy bill

Mrs. Scolaro had no updates for the Committee.

Asst. Supt. Miller had no updates for the Committee.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Stetson commented on the PAC graduation she recently attended.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jennifer Barrett, 471 South River Street, Erika Gold, 153 Telegraph Hill Road, and Sarah Balkam, 135 Whiffletree Lane, SRS 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents expressed their concern of 3 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms being reduced to 2 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms. Ms. Balkam also expressed concerns over SRS not being handicap accessible.

## **MEA UPDATE**

Mrs. Sally Marples, MEA President, congratulated the senior class. The MEA will award scholarships, totally more than \$13,000, to #43 seniors. Excited for Grad Nite Live on Graduation night. Thanks to the MEF for the exciting new learning tools.

## **MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Dargan abstain)

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 3-0-2 (Brait and Dargan)

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of April 24, 2023. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-2 (Stetson and Dargan)

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Principal Search Updates**

Supt. Granatino updated the SC Amy Cetner joining MPSD as principal of MHS.

### **Naming of District Venues**

MHS Assistant Principal Dom Centorino discussed naming the MHS Gymnasium after retiring Principal Robert Keuther, Jr.

**MOTION:** Mr. Costello moved to name the MHS Gymnasium the Robert Keuther Jr. Gymnasium. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 5-0-0

Eames Way Assistant Principal Jean Milch discussed the project in front of their school, including a walkway and gazebo, thanks to a generous donation from the Deegan Family. She proposed the area be called the “Deegan Outdoor Learning Center”. She also discussed benches for the area which were gifted from the PTO along with bricks honoring retirees. She proposed the area be named “Campia’s Courtyard” in honor of Principal Campia’s decades of service to MPSD.

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to name the EWS gazebo the “Deegan Outdoor Learning Center”. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 5-0-0

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to name the outdoor area the “Campia Courtyard”. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 5-0-0

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **MHS Science Trip to Costa Rica**

Ms. Laura Rose and Mr. Jim Merritt provided highlights of this past spring’s trip to Costa Rica. Mr. Merritt mentioned the impact of visiting a high school in Costa Rica where they spoke to teachers and students regarding the impacts of COVID. Ms. Rose added that students are able to spearhead fundraising opportunities.

**MOTION:** Ms. Stetson moved to approve the MHS 2024 Science trip to Costa Rica. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 5-0-0

### **School District Physician**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Dargan moved to appoint Dr. David Irons as the MPSD physician for the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 5-0-0

### **School Committee Representatives to Local Collaboratives**

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to appoint Ms. Stetson as Pilgrim Area Collaborative Representative for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Stetson moved to appoint Supt. Granatino as South Shore Educational Collaborative Representative for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 5-0-0

**IV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> at Seth Ventress Auditorium.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Brait moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 5-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

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

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan M. Pozerski  
School Committee Secretary