

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARSHFIELD EARLY EDUCATION CENTER**

January 9, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Mr. Costello called meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Brait	Absent
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Dargan	Yes
Mr. Greer	Absent
Ms. Stetson	Yes

Also present were Supt. Mr. Jeffrey Granatino and Asst. Supt. Business & Finance Mr. Thomas Miller.

Mr. Costello noted under the Open Meeting Law, he informed 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 Early Education Center and its Special Education Program

Director Courtney Coutts highlighted the early childhood programs at MEEC, DWS, and SRS. Approximately half of the PK students have special needs with their peer students selected by lottery. (There are #146 PK students.) Some students attend for services only. Referrals are typically received from Early Intervention with students starting at MPSD on their 3rd birthday. The MEEC curriculum follows DESE guidelines including readiness activities and social skills. Child Find screenings (4) are held each year including upcoming dates 2/7 and 4/10. Registration for next year is open through 1/25 and an Open House is scheduled for 2/14.

Outreach Coordinator Amy Carter highlighted the Mini Rams community playgroup held at SRS which offers free programs (playgroups, parenting classes, story walks) for children age 0-5 and their families.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- MHS Marshlairs and Chamber Orchestra visited all elementary schools before December vacation for amazing performances

- Welcome Kerrin Goff as the new MHS Guidance Director and Jenny Goodwin as the new MES nurse
- MHS Boys/Girls Hockey teams raised \$17,000 for Hockey Fights Cancer

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

- Formed School Start Time Subcommittee to discuss FY25
 - Proposed times:
 - MHS 8:00-2:32
 - FBMS 8:05-2:35
 - Elementary Schools 8:40-3:20
 - PK 9:00
- Plans underway to reconvene Transportation Subcommittee
 - Traffic flow will be reviewed by MPD
 - Transportation registration in March
- Reminder to register for MEF 5K

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MEA UPDATE

Mr. Raymond recognized 3 educators:

- Pam Wetzel – FBMS multisensory reading teacher, calm demeanor and valued colleague
- Alyssa Gage – MHS Math teacher is the kind of teacher you imagine being when you are young including a room filled with her handmade posters; “Teaching is not what she does it is what she is!”
- Abby Rinard – MHS History teacher who is innovative and insightful, source of comfort and wisdom for new teachers

MINUTES

Mr. Costello tabled the minutes to a future meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Transition Process

Mr. Costello updated the SC that following Dr. Sullivan’s appointment on 12/19, meetings continue to finalize his contract.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Rugby Team Spring Trip Request

Mr. Pomella, MHS teacher and rugby coach, proposed taking the team to Ireland which was last done in 2006.

Mrs. Brait asked for details of the cancellation policy. Mr. Pomella answered that individual travelers are responsible for purchasing travel insurance.

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to approve the MHS Rugby Team travel to Ireland from April 19-27, 2025. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 3-0-0

FY'25 Operating Budget

Mr. Miller discussed the challenging budget process with the town's new accounting system. Supt. Granatino added that the budget ties back to the 4 pillars of the MPSD strategic plan. There are 2 budgets – level service (what we had yesterday, we will have tomorrow) and needs-based (what we need to continue to grow). Mr. Miller discussed increases including higher operational costs (utilities and transportation) along with a significant increase in out-of-district costs (14%). Circuit breaker carries funds each year for out of district students. FY24 will utilize all circuit breaker funds to account for the unexpected increases Mr. Miller detailed. MPSD is awaiting the town FY25 budget figure.

Supt. Granatino discussed the plans to move forward needs-based enhancements of \$622,500 (1.1%) and will meet with the town later in the week.

Naming of District Venue

Mr. Costello discussed the re-naming of the Marshfield Early Education Center to the Granatino Early Education Center. He stated that rooms and buildings are rarely named and only when the person honored reflects the value of the community.

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at Seth Ventress Auditorium including the Public Budget Hearing.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 3-0-0

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Brait	Absent
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Dargan	Yes
Mr. Greer	Absent
Ms. Stetson	Yes

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary