

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SETH VENTRESS AUDITORIUM  
January 23, 2024  
6:30 p.m.**

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

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

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.

Mr. Costello tabled the Executive Session to a future meeting.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Brait moved to open the FY25 Educational Budget Hearing. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 3-0-0.

Mr. Costello invited those who would like to be heard on the topic to make themselves known. No individuals came forward.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Brait moved to close the FY25 Educational Budget Hearing. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 3-0-0.

**SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: MHS Boys & Girls Hockey Fundraising For Cancer**

Supt. Granatino recognized the MHS Boys and Girls hockey teams for their recent cancer fundraising efforts at games against Hingham and Duxbury. This year's Green Cup with Duxbury benefited PK student Ellie Nyland who is battling the effects of cancer.

Coaches Dan Connolly (boys) and Tom Greland (girls) attended along with captains Tommy Carroll, Cam McEttrick, Ryland McGlane, and Addison Brown. Addison spoke of the strong bond the girls' team has with Ellie.

Mrs. Dargan commented that the impact of the hockey teams reaches well beyond the sport. Mr. Costello added that players won't remember individual games but rather how their actions impacted the community.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Student representative Addison Brown updated the Committee on the following:

- MHS/FBMS report cards – 1/26
- FBMS book fair underway
- MHS participating in Project Positivity Week
- WWII presentation scheduled for 1/24 at MHS

### **INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Congratulations to all who participated in the FBMS winter concerts
- Continuing to work lunch duty across the district; the cafeteria workers do much more for the students than serve food
- MHS gymnasium was formally dedicated to former Principal Keuther

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

- Elementary Literacy Council met with 5 publishers
  - Field testing upcoming
  - Implementation of new literacy program fall, 2024
- Registration for elementary after school enrichment is next week

Mrs. Scolaro updated the Committee on a \$34,000 grant received from the Department of Education to assist with the implementation of the new IEP form.

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the email being sent to parents regarding the proposed change in school hours. He also highlighted the school census which will be distributed with the town census to aid in counting future students.

Mrs. Dargan asked what steps would be taken if parent feedback is against the time change. Mr. Miller answered that the responses will be discussed with the Committee.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Bonnie Owens, 69 Old Main Street, an EWS parent and MHS graduate, asked the SC to consider a gun safety resolution regarding safe storage.

### **MEA UPDATE**

Mr. Raymond recognized 2 educators:

- Zach LaMonthe – MHS Special Education Teacher who treats all with care, decency, and respect. He teaches students to be productive members of society.
- Maryann Bursaw – FBMS tutor is hardworking and kind. She is a caring and supportive presence for students and staff.

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Costello tabled the minutes to a future meeting.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Superintendent Transition Process**

Mr. Costello tabled this update to a future meeting.

### **FY'25 Operating Budget**

Mr. Granatino updated the SC on his meeting with the town financial team and the proposed 8% increase for the needs-based budget. He discussed looking to grants to help bridge the gap.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Dargan moved to approve the FY25 needs-based budget of \$60,515,050. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-0

### **Naming of District Venue**

Mr. Costello discussed the renaming of the Marshfield Early Education Center the Jeffrey Granatino Early Education Center. He stated that naming MPSD buildings is not taken lightly and it is an honor to take this vote as you put names on buildings when they reflect the best in your community.

**MOTION:** Mr. Costello moved to rename the Marshfield Early Education Center the Jeffrey Granatino Early Education Center. Ms. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-0

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Supt. Granatino expressed appreciation and thanked the #600 people who work for MPSD.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Safe Schools Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan**

Mrs. Scolaro stated that the policy was updated in January, 2024 and the safe schools plan now reflects those changes.

Mrs. Brait asked if substitutes are trained. Mrs. Scolaro answered that all MPSD employees complete training every fall. Supt. Granatino thanked the team for their work incorporating the updates.

#### **Pre-School Tuition**

Mr. Miller proposed raising the tuition from \$2,750 to \$3,000 for peer students. He and Early Childhood Coordinator Courtney Coutts also proposed an extended day program from 7:30-4:00. Extended day students would attend integrated preschool and then participate in enrichment activities (LEAP Program) for the extended day portion of the program. Up to #20 students could attend with #5 having educational needs. Mr. Miller stated that the charge for the extended day program would be \$14,500 annually with potential for \$250,000 in revenue. Enrichment activities would also be offered on Wednesdays from 7:30-12:00.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Brait moved to approve the increase in tuition from \$2,750 to \$3,000 for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Dargan second. VOTE: 3-0-0

**MOTION:** Mrs. Dargan moved to pilot the extended day/LEAP program. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-0

#### **IV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for February 6 at Marshfield High School.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Dargan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 3-0-0

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan M. Pozerski  
School Committee Secretary