

Approved: 12/11/18

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Seth Ventress Auditorium  
November 29, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

Mr. Greer called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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| Mrs. Boyd     | Yes    |
| Mrs. Campbell | Yes    |
| Mr. Greer     | Yes    |
| Mr. Costello  | Yes    |
| Mrs. Church   | Absent |

Also present was Supt. Jeffrey Granatino, Director of Special Education / Pupil Personnel, Ms. Amy Scolaro and Asst. Supt. Business & Finance, Mr. Thomas Miller.

PeaceBuilders Pledge was recited by all.

Mr. Greer noted under the Open Meeting Law, he was informing the public of this meeting being videotaped by Marshfield Community Television. If anyone in the audience is taping the meeting, either audio or video, please inform us of such at this time.

**SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE**

Ms. Christine Fortin, Grade 6 Mathematics Teacher, gave Committee an overview of the Toshiba Business Solutions Grant she received and its impact on student cognitive learning, hands-on experiences, spatial relationships and brain teasers. This Grant will help students become better problem solvers in life.

**II. INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Presentation to Chris Herren, sponsored by Marshfield Kiwanis
- Post Program Friendship event – ‘Thanksgiving’
- Sewing Seeds second annual ‘Marshfield Helping Marshfield’
- Kindergarten Registration: January 9 and 25
- MEF sponsoring movie ‘Angst’ on January 10 @ MHS; relates to the impact of stress on our students

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

- Operational Budget discussion with Town; will meet with Budget Subcommittee, Ms. Campbell & Ms. Church shortly

- Working on procedural changes of our Student Activity accounts with Town Accountant; funds will now be on Warrant as recommended by our auditors

**Student Representative Report:** Kate Healy & Caitlin Powers

- Elementary Report Cards and Conferences
- Elementary Book Fairs
- MHS Term 2
- MHS Makers Club
- MHS Parent Conferences
- Eighth Grade Open House at MHS

Mr. Costello noted the students in Youth & Government were greatly impressed by Chris Herren's presentation at MHS this past week.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

FY'20 – FY'24 Capital Budget: Mr. Miller reviewed Capital Budget as a second read.

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to approve and submit to the Town of Marshfield Capital Budget Committee the FY'20 – FY'24 Five Year Capital Plan & Budget. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

MCAS Year 2 Overview & Accountability Update: Laura Tilton presented PowerPoint to Committee and highlighted the following:

- Test is different and much more rigorous
- Science test in Grade 8 was much more challenging
- Accountability system is new this year
- Targets for achievement are only based on one year
- No more PPI or levels for districts
- Lowest performing students are a new subgroup (25%)
- Grades 3 to 8 all tested on computers
- Legacy MCAS tests are in Science (Grades 5, 8 and HS)
- Legacy MCAS test in Grade 10 ELA and Math
- English Proficiency is new
- Chronic Absenteeism is new
- Achievement weighs higher than growth
- Accountability percentiles are by school, not district
- Targets are looking for growth and improvement; targets change every year

Committee asked to compare our ELL students' progress with other districts.

FBMS Auditorium Rental Fees: Mr. Miller presented fee upgrades to FBMS Auditorium that are necessary to recently approved FY'19 – FY'21 Custodial Contract.

Revisions include:

- Increase of Custodial fee to \$45/hour and addition of \$60/hour Custodial fee on Sundays and Holidays.
- Similar to MHS Auditorium, FBMS Auditorium designation updated to: "If required: Custodial fee of \$45/hour (4 hour minimum), Stage Manager at \$30/hour, Sound Technician at \$30/hour, and Lighting Operator at \$30/hour." Previously there was no rate designation for stage, sound and lighting.
- FBMS Auditorium Rate/Fee increased to \$50/hour for Category 4, \$75/hour for Category 5, and \$250/hour for Category 6. Current rates are \$40, \$60 and \$200 respectively.

Committee will vote on this item at their next meeting: December 11.

Resolution in Support of Full Funding for our Public Schools: Supt. Granatino reviewed Resolution for School Committee Chair signature.

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to support the Resolution with recommended changes for the Town of Marshfield. Mrs. Boyd second.

VOTE: 4-0-0

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mrs. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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| Mrs. Boyd     | Yes |
| Mrs. Campbell | Yes |
| Mr. Costello  | Yes |
| Mr. Greer     | Yes |

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier  
School Committee Secretary