

Approved: 5/9/17

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Seth Ventress Auditorium
April 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

I. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Shrand	Yes
Mrs. Campbell	Yes
Mr. Greer	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Church	Yes

Also present was Supt. Jeffrey Granatino, Asst. Supt. Dr. Ellen Martin, Asst. Supt. Dr. Susan Dupuis Special Education / Pupil Personnel, and Asst. Supt. Business & Finance, Mr. Thomas Miller.

PeaceBuilders Pledge was recited by all.

Mr. Costello 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

Mrs. Carol Shrand, School Committee member, was the Spotlight on Excellence. Past School Committee members and community and state representatives highlighted Mrs. Shrand's numerous contributions and her dedication to Marshfield Public Schools over the past 12 years.

The following were presented to Mrs. Shrand:

- Resolution from Massachusetts House of Representatives: State Rep. James Cantwell
- Citation from Massachusetts Senator Patrick O'Connor
- Citation from Secretary of the Commonwealth: Asst. Secretary of State, Michael Moresco
- Citation from Congressman Keating
- Citation from U.S. Senator, Elizabeth Warren
- Massachusetts Association of School Committees Plaque: Chair Sean Costello

Supt. Granatino, Dr. Dupuis, Dr. Martin, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Greer, and Mr. Costello all thanked Mrs. Shrand for her service to the students of Marshfield Public Schools.

Mrs. Shrand expressed her thanks to many, especially Marti Morrison and the late Eileen Ryan for the advocacy and dedication. Mrs. Shrand noted the challenges, goals, strengths, leadership and vision of Marshfield Public Schools and the honor to work with so many amazing people. Mrs. Shrand noted the current School Committee's charge is to assure administration has the resources to ensure student success. We must always put children first.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to take a short recess at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: SCHOOL CHOICE

Supt. Granatino briefed the Committee on Massachusetts General Law regarding School Choice. Historically, Marshfield has voted not to participate in School Choice due to enrollment and class sizes.

Mr. Costello opened the Public Hearing to comments from the floor. Noting there were no comments, Mr. Costello closed the Public Hearing.

II. INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- MHS Art & Technology Fair
- School closed Friday, April 14
- Last day of school for Preschool is June 16
- Last day of school for K-12 is June 19
- MPSD newly voted policies will be on our district website the week of April 18; MASC has an online website but there is a fee associated with this
- Administrative Leadership Retreat: August 9 & 10, 2017 – details to follow
- Special Education Transition Center link on our district website; thanks to staff member Heather O'Neill and her team; parents can see what the transition center looks like
- MEF deadline for submission of grants is April 12

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

- Puberty presentation and new video went well; there is a need for drug awareness workshop for elementary parents – workshop scheduled for April 25 @ 6 p.m. Martinson Elementary School

- MCAS Testing underway at all schools; great support and assistance from our entire Technology staff and elementary technology specialists
- ELA in-service went well

Asst. Supt. Dr. Susan Dupuis updated the Committee on the following:

- Library Plaza space for Post Program should be ready June 1st
- SEPAC scheduled Basic Rights Workshop on May 8th at the Boys & Girls Club
- SEPAC elections upcoming – our thanks to current Board Members Heidi Conway and Rachael Coppenrath- Latta.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IV. MINUTES

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the executive session minutes of March 21 as written. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Church	Yes	Mrs. Campbell	Yes
Mr. Greer	Yes	Mrs. Shrand	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes		

MOTION: Mrs. Church moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2017 as amended. Mr. Greer second. VOTE. 4-0-1. (Campbell abstain)

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2017 as written. Ms. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Shrand moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017 as written. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 3-0-2. (Campbell and Church abstain)

V. OLD BUSINESS

School Choice: At this time, the Marshfield School Committee would not have a desire to participate in School Choice due to space needs and enrollment.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved for Marshfield Public Schools to participate in School Choice. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 0-5-0. (Nay majority)

Permanent Town Building Committee: Supt. Granatino discussed formation of this Committee with the Board of Selectmen to assist the town with building projects. The Selectmen will be withdrawing this

Article at Town Meeting on April 24 but will look to discuss this further in the fall.

FY'18 Budget: Mr. Miller noted the School Committee must vote a budget number for Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Miller noted a sharp increase in Vocational tuition over the past month - \$193,000 budgeted; however, current cost is \$335,000 due to several new student acceptances. FY'18 Budget in the Warrant is \$46,860,362. School Committee FY'18 Budget is \$47,270,173 – difference of approximately \$400,000. Mr. Miller recommended the Committee vote the level service budget of \$47,270,173. Further, Committee to vote budget number of \$46,860,362 at Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen feel comfortable town receipts will be available for the FY'18 Educational Budget in the fall at Special Town Meeting. We have been assured by the Selectmen there will be free cash. If necessary, we can discuss the stabilization fund in the fall.

Mrs. Church hoped we are not in this position next year so we can move forward for our students. Mrs. Shrand recommended having a Committee member on the Town Fiscal Team. Supt. Granatino also noted the town needs to look at the formulas and agreements put forth in the past and work together collaboratively.

MOTION: Mrs. Shrand moved to rescind the initial FY'18 Educational Budget of \$48,291,788. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Shrand moved to approve the FY'18 Educational Level Service Budget of \$47,270,173. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Shrand moved to rescind the FY'18 Educational Level Service Budget of \$47,270,173. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-1. (Greer abstain)

MOTION: Mrs. Shrand moved to vote the FY'18 Educational Budget for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for \$46,860,362. VOTE: 4-0-1. (Greer abstain)

FBMS Roof Replacement: Mr. Miller and Supt. Granatino gave PowerPoint presentation on the Furnace Brook Middle School Roof Replacement.

- Project Timeline
- MSBA Accelerated Repair Program: 48.47% MSBA Reimbursement
- Project Budget: \$8,503,235
- Debt Exclusion Tax Impact: 20 year debt exclusion; annual cost to average homeowner = \$34.62

- Present Roof Conditions
- Photographs

VI. NEW BUSINESS

District Strategic Plan: Supt. Granatino updated Committee on progress to date.

- Back to the Future
- SWOT Analysis
- Strengths and weaknesses
- Challenges and threats
- School Councils
- Survey
- Synthesize information and data
- Assessments and state testing
- Root / cause analysis
- Social / Emotional Learning
- High-needs student population

Key areas for the foundation of the District Improvement Plan:

- Curriculum
- Technology
- Social / Emotional Learning
- Community
- Collaboration

Process is efficient – two more meetings and the new District Improvement Plan will come to the School Committee.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Capital Budget Meeting scheduled for April 20th at 7 p.m.

Town Meeting: April 24

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Shrand	Yes
Mrs. Campbell	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mr. Greer	Yes
Mrs. Church	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier
School Committee Secretary