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MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Daniel Webster School  
January 15, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

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

**I. ROLL CALL**

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, Dr. Ellen Martin, Asst. Superintendent 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**

Principal Dan Sylvestre presented PowerPoint on Technology Integration at Daniel Webster School highlighting students in Grades 1 through 5.

**II. INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Molly Fund and Ms. Ann Pollard worked with MPSD Homeless Liaison identifying Marshfield homeless families in need during the holidays. The Molly Fund donated over \$10,000 in gift cards, food and gifts. Sherry Costello and Marshfield Realtors raised \$1,500 for our residents (about 56 of our students were impacted by this) Marshfield is a very special community. Almost 100 of our students qualify under the definition of homeless.
- Marshfield Education Foundation sponsored the movie 'Angst' raising awareness about anxiety in our youth. Over 400 people attending the showing from Marshfield and surrounding towns. The Leadership Team is discussing how to show the documentary again.

- Marshfield FACTS will be hosting 'Clearing the Air about Vaping on January 16 at the Boys & Girls Club and is geared toward middle and high school students. Information regarding this event has been emailed to all parents. Vaping is impacting every community. Many students are experimenting and some are 'hooked'
- Congratulations to Marshfield Police on being named the sixth safest community. We are talking with the Police Department about a second School Resource Officer for our district
- Will be moving forward with a Transportation Committee; looking to streamline and be more efficient while working on elementary tiers

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

- Working with Title I, Reading Specialists, ELL
- Looking at Climate Surveys
- Looking deeper at Mathematics K-12; will do a needs assessment
- Social Studies new standards are happening; new Civic projects for Grade 8 and high school
- Looking at elementary Science units and materials
- Technology: sending Elementary Tech Specialists to ISTE Tech Conference on January 28 and 29 with focus on technology integration
- Beginning Teacher Institute workshop January 16 on peer observation

Amy Scolaro updated the Committee on the following:

- Continuing to work on district programs meeting with team chairs and special education staff
- Working with Out of District Coordinator on specialized programs and how they flow from elementary, middle and high school; think outside of the box to be more efficient and effective while meeting the needs of our students
- Kindergarten registration is January 25; parents can call our elementary schools to discuss registration at any time – registration is low. We encourage parents to register their child

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

- FY'19 Year-to-Date Financial Report notes trends – not many retirements thus far
- Vocational Tech tuition is coming in under \$80,000
- Committee received Revolving Funds Report and Grant Report through October 2018

Supt. Granatino thanked both Tom Miller and Amy Scolaro for stepping up to fill in when Ellen Martin was out of the office recently.

Mrs. Boyd noted during the Angst movie presentation the presence of Rebecca O'Dowd and Supt. Granatino was very helpful to the audience in answering questions from the audience

Student Representative Report (Courtney Powers)

- MHS DECA competition
- AP Government field trip
- Project 'positivity'
- Grade 6, 7 & 8 concerts
- Kindergarten Registration: January 25
- Elementary Book Fairs

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Sara Hatch addressed the Committee regarding her son's recent event with anxiety at MHS

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

FY'20 Budget: Supt. Granatino presented PowerPoint on FY'20 Budget highlighting Five-Year Financial Plan. Mr. Miller 83% of the budget is salaries.

Must do items include (1) Full Day Kindergarten; (2) 1:1 Chrome Book renewal; (3) Elementary mathematics materials; (4) one school nurse.

District hired six new permanent substitutes that have been funded by substitute line. There will be a minimum wage increase. Vocational day tuition is down. Transportation Contract is in its second year of \$37,000 increase. Supt. Granatino highlighted other 2020 requests in Five-Year Financial Plan.

Mr. Costello noted the position of Elementary Health Teacher is non-negotiable. Committee understands our Physical Education staff are working with students on the health curriculum, but we need to better meet the needs of our students.

Committee will vote preliminary number of January 22 at Budget Public Hearing. Final number will be voted prior to April 22 Town Meeting. Committee can call Tom Miller or Supt. Granatino with any questions.

Capital Planning Budget Committee Update: Supt. Granatino discussed the Capital Plan currently being discussed by the Town of

Marshfield. Town's priorities are (1) DPW Barn; (2) new Police Station; (3) Seawalls and (4) growth of Senior Center. Town is focusing on the DPW Barn due to structural concerns.

Schools have a priority list – Martinson Elementary School roof will be going to MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority)

Mr. Costello requested a Point of Personal Privilege: Congratulations to Youth & Government students who ran for office and special congrats to Ms. Sabrina Holland, Grade 12 at MHS being named Speaker of the House.

Mr. James Fitzgerald will not be running for re-election as Selectman. Our thanks to Mr. Fitzgerald for his work on behalf of the School Committee.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn to Executive Session, not to return to open session, to discuss deployment of security devices or strategies with respect thereto. Mrs. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier  
School Committee Secretary