

Approved: 5/21/19

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Eames Way School  
February 26, 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	Yes

Also present was Supt. Jeffrey Granatino, Asst. Supt. Dr. Ellen Martin, and Director of Special Education / Pupil Personnel, Ms. Amy Scolaro.

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.

Mr. Greer stated the School Committee met in Executive Session and approved a new three-year contractual agreement with the Educational Support Professionals.

**SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE**

Ms. Jean Milch, Vice Principal, presented PowerPoint on 'One Letter at a Time' supported by an MEF Grant bridging Eames Way School with the Council on Aging, exchanging communication with senior citizens in Grades K through 4.

**II. INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Boys & Girls Club Gala highlighting Citizens of the Year and Youth of the Year
- Thanks to Eversource at Eames Way School last night and thanks to head custodian John Scolponetti
- 'Superintendent of the Day', Charlie Broderick, Grade 6 student – Charlie had a great day visiting all schools in the district
- Marshfield is in the cue for the Martinson Elementary School roof submitting our Statement of Interest to the MSBA. The Board of Selectmen also voted in favor of the project.
- MHS 'Invent Team' will present a mid-grant review this Thursday night for their competition at MIT this June

- Advisory Board is meeting on March 18 to discuss FY'20 budget
- Drug Story Theater is presenting at FBMS on March 21
- Today residents of Proprietors Green visited Martinson Elementary School students to celebrate reading

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

- Dave Cawthorne and Aimee McAlpine setting up committee on digital learning with elementary staff
- DESE representative presented evaluation calibration workshop for MPSD Leadership
- Curriculum work continuing in ELA, Science
- Math consultant finished meeting with all K-12 grade levels and will meet with Leadership Team providing strengths and weaknesses; recommend what we need for staff and curriculum work
- Envision textbooks have been donated to a non-profit organization
- Social Emotional Learning – next step is surveys for staff, students and parent to determine our needs for next year. Surveys will be done over three years
- FBMS Legally Blonde performance was amazing

Director Amy Sclararo updated the Committee on the following:

- Reviewed all Special Education programs and services across the district
- Reviewed all current Special Education programs
- Ensure all our Sped programs are well articulated
- Our staff is amazing and our students are successful
- Think outside the box to accomplish what we need for our students
- Be proactive moving forward

### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Sally Marples, MEA President, invited all to a school funding workshop on March 5 at MHS from 6 to 8 p.m.

Suzie Corkham, parent of three students, questioned change in technology education requirement within new MHS Academic Standards

### **IV. MINUTES**

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2018 as amended. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of December 11, 2018 as written. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION: Mrs. Boyd moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2019 as written. Mr. Costello second. VOTE: 4-0-0. (Mrs. Church abstain)

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the Executive Session minutes of January 15, 2019 as written. Mrs. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0. (Mrs. Church abstain)

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION: Mrs. Church moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 as amended. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Church moved to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of January 22, 2019 as written. Mr. Costello second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2019 as amended. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 3-0-0. (Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Greer abstain)

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Marshfield High School Academic Standards: High School Principal, Mr. Robert Keuther, introduced members of the Academic Standards Committee; Kerry Doble, Parent; Robert Gallagher, MHS Staff member; Caralie Ford, MHS Director of Guidance. Committee began in the fall of 2017 Recommended changes will begin in 2023 (September's incoming freshmen) Mr. Keuther thanked the four MHS students sitting on the School Council: Catelyn Diramio, Thomas Joyce, Dana Kenneally and Jared Madeiros.

Three step process:

- Academic Standards Committee approval
- School Council approval
- School Committee approval

Areas Reviewed:

- Grading scale
- Graduation requirements
- GPA
- Weighted GPA scale
- Class rank elimination
- Final exam exemption

Final Recommendation:

- Increasing credits for graduation by 6
- No change in CORE credits
- Ensures comprehensive high school
- Technology standards are integrated into every classroom
- Opportunity for student choices
- Elimination of class rank – this is not the information colleges and universities are looking for

Mr. Keuther gave PowerPoint presentation to all.

Questions:

- Mrs. Campbell – technical arts
- Mr. Costello – enrollment numbers
- Mrs. Boyd – Civic requirement
- Mr. Costello – Hear concerns in educating students in technology
- Mrs. Church – We are giving students the opportunity to follow what they love

Supt. Granatino noted technology is being implemented daily through integration in the classroom.

MHS will work towards informing incoming freshmen students of these changes and they will be included in the 2019-2020 student handbook. The MHS Academic Standards will come back to the School Committee for a second read and vote on March 12.

Early Childhood Tuition: Supt. Granatino noted the increase per day from \$14.67 to \$16.07. Last increase was in 2011. This increase will allow new opportunities for our preschool students. Supt. Granatino thanked Director Donna Admirand for her hard work.

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to approve the preschool tuition increase as presented. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier  
School Committee Secretary