

Approved: 5/21/19

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Martinson Elementary School  
March 12, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Church called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

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

PeaceBuilders Pledge was recited by all.

Mrs. Church noted under the Open Meeting Law, she 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 joined meeting)

**SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE**

Principal Scollins introduced Martinson Elementary School Reading Specialists Amy Miller and Vanessa Scanzillo who presented a PowerPoint on 'Young Readers'. Thanks to Marshfield Education Foundation for their support.

**II. INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Student of the Year – Jackie Roderick
- MHS Drama: Crowns of the Heart
- InVent Team technical grant
- MEF 9<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day 5K March 16th
- Sixteen DECA students qualified for Nationals
- Cheerleading Team finished third in the state
- Hockey Team – Super 8
- Drug Story Theater at FBMS on March 21
- MEF meeting on Grants March 21

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

- Read Across America last week

- Literacy Leaders (elementary staff) developed 'Change Project'
- Data meetings with Reading Specialists
- Biliteracy Seal upon graduations will be presented to School Committee in April; DESE passed regulation on students fluent in two or more languages; this will recognize our ELL students

Student Representative Report: Kate Healy; Michael Devlin-Horne; Caitlyn Powers

- MASC Conference
- DECA moving to national competition
- MHS Blood Drive this Friday
- Youth & Government Conference next week
- MCAS practice
- FBMS book trailer
- Elementary conferences
- Elementary book fairs
- Read Across America week

### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

MHS Academic Standards: Presentation by Principal Keuther on February 26.

Curriculum Standards: Gives students the opportunity to dig a little deeper into their interests. We are adding additional credits so our students can have more choices. Our school district is committed to technology with exposure in all levels K-12. MHS students are prepared in the areas of computer science and technology.

Class Rank: This is a transition. Colleges are looking for the percentage of where our students falls in their class; top 10%, top 20%, etc. Percentages can be done at any number. We will continue to work with colleges on this. This is a change colleges are looking for. Class rank can be obtained at any time.

(Sean Costello could not be present tonight, but thanked MHS for their hard work on the Academic Standards.)

MOTION: Mrs. Church moved to approve new MHS graduation requirements in order for MHS students to receive a diploma earning 102 credits, as presented by the Academic Standards Committee, and passing the state required competency determination assessment through participation in MCAS testing. Mrs. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0. (effective with the class of 2023)

MOTION: Mrs. Church moved to approve two-tiered MHS CORE GPA using five core content areas: English, Math Science, Social Studies and World Language, as presented by the Academic Standards Committee. Mrs. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0. (effective with the class of 2023)

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the MHS WEIGHTED GPA that includes all core content areas along with all elective content areas as presented by the Academic Standards Committee. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 4-0-0 (effective with the class of 2023)

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the Class Rank Transition moving to a percentile rank using the MHS Core GPA. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 4-0-0. (effective with the class of 2021)

School Breakfast Program: Mr. Miller highlighted the newly mandated school breakfast program. Program is mandated for the Daniel Webster School but we are looking at all five elementary schools. Currently FBMS and MHS have breakfast programs. Program would be offered after the bus drops students off at school. We are talking with Principals, teachers, cafeteria staff, etc. We currently charge \$2 for a full breakfast (milk, juice, cereal or muffin) With this program we would receive reimbursement for all students. Final numbers will come back to the School Committee for a vote.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

District Policy: District Nurse Leader, Jane Landry, explained the new Life Threatening Allergies Policy to Committee. Committee also received protocol & guidelines for internal administrative purposes.

Ms. Campbell asked several questions about nut free table and EpiPens. There is clear communication between the Principal, school nurse and teachers.

Ms. Church asked if allergy letter could go home to parents earlier in the school year.

Any comments on this new policy should be sent to Supt. Granatino. This policy will come back to the Committee for a second read and vote.

McKinney/Vento Homeless: Ms. Robynne Ryan-Lambert gave PowerPoint presentation. Marshfield has 70 to 80 students who fall under the homeless definition. Marshfield Public Schools tries to assist these students as much as possible. We provide educational stability,

tutors, work with Marshfield organizations to assist in after school programs, and we started a food and clothing bank at our middle and high school.

New program entitled 'Project Embrace' moving towards assisting our students.

Mrs. Boyd noted our schools play a large role in identify our homeless population. Families are not always aware of how to get help. Families can call '211' 24 hours a day to request assistance and access resources.

**VI. FUTURE MEETINGS:**

March 18: Advisory Board at 7 p.m. @ Town Hall

March 26: Advisory Board at 7 p.m. @ Library Plaza

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m. Mrs. Church second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier  
School Committee Secretary