

Approved: 9/24/19

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Seth Ventress Auditorium
September 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Mr. Costello 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. Brait	Absent

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

MHS Invent Team presented their invention to the Committee and discussed their recent experience at MIT. Marshfield was one of 15 groups nation-wide that were selected to present their invention at MIT – a safety drop-guard device for a band saw. All inventions were related to saving lives. The MHS students are currently working on obtaining a patent for their invention. School Committee thanked the students and staff, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Mullen and Ms. Zell, for their work and support.

II. INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Opening Day
- Laurel Kenney supply donation
- Elementary Meet & Greet Night
- Leadership Book Club: Culturize
- Educator of the Week program
- District-wide 'Start with Hello' week: September 23 – 27; daily events all week
- High Five Friday with emergency response teams: Sept. 27
- EWS Playground opening September 13
- SRS Playground opening soon

- FBMS One Book One School: September 13

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

- Educator Academy – thanks to all for their hard work
- Social Emotional Learning work in all schools

Director of Special Education, Amy Scolaro, updated the Committee on the following:

- DESE letter: Russell Johnson regarding IDEA Funding referencing data from past three years; Marshfield has no student disproportionality
- DCAP (District Curriculum Accommodation Plan) is now in place. Leadership worked hard at summer retreat defining PK-12 accommodations in general education. This document is a resource and reference to all staff and is updated annually.

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

- Opening week bus issues and crossing guards
- Breakfast now offered in all schools and is listed on our school menus – communication will be sent home to all families
- Capital Budget meeting on October 15; Mr. Greer and Ms. Boyd will receive a rough draft for discussion that has been drafted by Leadership Team
- FY'21 Budget meeting will be upcoming with the Town of Marshfield along with a Budget Subcommittee meeting.

Subcommittee Reports: Mrs. Campbell noted PAC building did not come to fruition and they are now looking for an alternate location.

Point of Personal Privilege: Mrs. Campbell noted the first day/week of school and how amazing it was. Marshfield is proud to have such dedicated professionals as our teachers, nurses, custodians, secretaries, bus drivers, ESP's and tutors.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Marples, MEA President, thanked the Kenney family for their generous donation of supplies for all of our staff.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

MHS Science Expedition: MHS Science Teacher, Kristin Burns, presented proposed International Science Expedition to the Bahamas in April, 2020. Expedition is with Earthwatch Institute tracking sea turtles. Approximately six to ten students will travel over April vacation (no school days missed). Eligibility will possibly be juniors and seniors who have taken Marine Biology or AP Biology classes.

Given the recent devastation in the Bahamas, Ms. Burns will investigate a service project in the community while experiencing the tracking of sea turtles.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the MHS International Science Expedition to the Bahamas during April 18 – 26, 2020. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

District-Wide Special Education Program Coordinator: Mrs. Scolaro proposed a new position to assist the Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel to provide consistent direction and support to special education leadership and school-based teams around federal and state laws and regulations, MPSD processes and procedures, MPSD within-district program development, effective use of personnel and resources and 'best practice' regarding specially designed instruction and inclusive education.

This request is occurring after the start of the school year due to significant and expected changes in staffing within the Special Education Leadership positions across the district.

In order for the district to steadily and effectively continue the important work we started last year on behalf of Marshfield students with special needs; i.e., streamlining resources, adding key positions, and expanding service delivery options, there is an immediate need to enhance the capacity of the Special Education / Pupil Personnel Services office.

This request is for the 2019-2020 school year and will be funded through a combination of the 240 Grant and Revolving Account.

Mr. Greer requested to see the financial impact and how we can sustain this position. This agenda item will come back to the Committee on September 24 for a second read and vote.

Marshfield Sowing Seeds: Sowing Seeds has requested a waiver for a MHS building permit dated October 19. They will pay custodial and any other fees. Sowing Seeds is a Marshfield based charity organization for the past 24 years.

MOTION: Mrs. Boyd moved to wait the MHS building permit fee for October 19, 2019. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Wall of Honor: Supt. Granatino noted the Wall of Honor invitation has been posted on our district website: date is October 10 at the Ocean

Café with three inductees: Linda Francis, Maureen Jordan-Salvetti, and Linda Stranzl.

V. FUTURE MEETINGS: September 24 @ Daniel Webster School

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mrs. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier
School Committee Secretary