

Approved: 1/14/20

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Seth Ventress Auditorium
November 5, 2019
7:00 p.m.

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Supt. Jeffrey Granatino and Asst. Supt. Business & Finance, Mr. Thomas Miller.

PeaceBuilders Pledge was recited by all.

Mrs. Boyd 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 Field Hockey team, Coach Fredericks and Mrs. Pozerski discussed Annie's Kindness Blankets.

II. INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Water main break on Forest Street; Martinson Elementary School Principal, Ms. Cotreau, did a great job getting all children home safely. FBMS team assisted.
- Met with Boys & Girls Club in regards to their strategic plan; discussing partnership with Marshfield Public Schools
- Leadership meeting with Marshfield Education Foundation; Grant process is now open until March 3, 2020. MEF is working on a capital campaign.
- Veterans Day Weekend is a 'homework free weekend' for the fifth year in a row

Mrs. Campbell requested a Point of Personal Privilege – stating she has received very positive feedback from parents on the water main / dismissal issue at Martinson.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Marples, MEA President, thanked MHS staff member for her work on AFS trips.

IV. MINUTES

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

MHS AFS Exchange Trip: Ms. Salamone and two students requested approval for the upcoming AFS trip to Wyandotte, Michigan.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the 2020 AFS trip scheduled for January 30 through February 2, 2020 with one day of missed school. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Technology Update: Mr. David Cawthorne presented the district digital learning update. MHS technology is now six years old and is showing signs of needing improvement. Elementary and middle school projectors were installed K-12. Technology Department is updating teacher workstations with new computers. All K-1 classes have eight iPads in each room.

LCD panels are being considered with demos in schools now. These panels are being monitored to evaluate effectiveness.

MPSD goal is to give each student a personalized learning device – currently there are 4,000 Chromebooks in the district; every grade 2 through 8 has access to a Chromebook.

MHS is in its fifth year of 1:1, and we are looking to refresh at MHS.

Mr. Cawthorne discussed professional development needs, and the new PD opportunities through Canvas are working out well.

Mr. Greer asked about budgeting for certain aspects of 1:1; i.e., power supplies, cables, etc.

Supt. Granatino noted district is using technology to make lessons more interactive K-12.

FY21 Operating Budget: Mr. Miller reviewed initial draft. Mr. Miller is preparing for April Town Meeting.

Mrs. Brait asked about Town Grant Writer and school department having access for school related funding projects.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn to Executive Session, not to return to open session, to discuss school security strategies at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier
School Committee Secretary