

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Remote Participation Meeting
May 12, 2020
7:00 p.m.

In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 as well as the Marshfield Board of Selectmen's Declaration of Emergency on March 17, 2020, the School Committee shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board's website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the School Committee and Town Clerk's websites. In addition, Marshfield Community TV may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

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	Yes

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.

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.

II. INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Students and staff are working hard.
- Virtual Spirit Week, thanks to Ellen Martin; today was thanks to our first responders; tomorrow team jersey day; thankful Thursday and RAMS Pride on Friday
- Senior Clap Out at Marshfield Fairgrounds for students, staff and parents celebrating our seniors
- Community Lighting: green and white lights on homes from May 22 through June 1

- Teacher Appreciation Week last week
- Parent/Teacher Conferences this week at FBMS
- Received new guidance from Commissioner Riley
- Family and staff survey results were very good
- MHS Graduation slated for July 24 – looking at both traditional and virtual ceremony
- Jeff Granatino named to Governor Baker's Outdoor Recreation Task Force
- Thanks to everyone coming together over the past nine weeks to supply families with meals
- Grab 'n Go dinner at Boys & Girls Club went great; thanks to Boys & Girls Club; Food Pantry; Bridgeway Inn; Mia Regazza; Family Crest Catering; Mike Souza; Marshfield Youth Hockey and St. Anne's by the Sea
- Marshfield community continues to pull together for one another

Mr. Costello took a Point of Personal Privilege noting it was a credit to Marshfield that Jeff Granatino was the only person in education that was asked to be on Gov. Baker's committee. This is a big deal and a credit to Jeff Granatino and the town of Marshfield

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

- Video chats through remote learning are going well; staff are connected to their students
- Speaking with curriculum leaders to make sure we are on track with power standards
- Working to prepare for this fall
- Possibly meet with Mentors and new staff virtually
- SEL Committee met today to discuss our staff's social/emotional needs – start a weekly newsletter to make sure staff are taking care of themselves

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

- Remote meeting on May 1 with Russell Johnson, DESE Special Education providing update; there are no required waivers so all timelines are in effect
- We are required to hold virtual meetings; we will do our best to meet the timelines and document what we are doing
- Some evaluations can be done remotely and some cannot; this will be a special education judgement call
- Meeting this week with all Sped staff and related services to discuss moving forward with services
- Work to meet all federal timelines
- Staff meeting via video with sped students

- Plan for ESY extended services and be prepared for face-to-face
- SEPAC virtual presentation by Laura Dargin: Anxiety & Children

Supt. Granatino noted when this process began, state and federal agencies were very quiet on the special education process. Everything was on hold – now everything is ramped up very quickly with a huge paradigm shift on state expectations. Thanks to our union due to the expectations on our sped staff.

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

- Advisory Board zoom meeting is May 26
- Town Meeting is June 22 at Marshfield High School
- Town election is June 27 at MHS gym

Subcommittee Reports: Mrs. Campbell noted PAC is adjusting their schedule due to regulations and in budget discussions.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Suspended per law as noted by Governor Baker

IV. OLD BUSINESS

FY'21 Operating Budget: Mr. Miller stated there is no change to the budget number; still 2.5%, down from 3.2%. We have had notification from Massachusetts that we will be receiving CARES Act of \$194 million dollars – or \$310,396 to Marshfield. There is an application process, and this is a bonus to the FY'21 budget. The question remains will there be a reduction in the future to state funding. The state finance is in disarray. These funds from the CARES Act will offset our projected deficit.

We are closing FY'20 now and refunds are going out to programs. We signed an MOA with the coaches; working on stipends; out-of-district tuition. Collaboratives are paid in full, with a small reduction in transportation. Much discussion is ongoing for a reduction in tuition for out-of-district schools. We will determine how much Circuit Breaker can be rolled over. Attrition is a savings. We will be creative with staff vacancies. We should be able to meet all contractual obligations. The Leadership Team will be discussing this further within the next few weeks.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Remote Learning Update:

Phase I: Prioritize and keeping students engaged

Phase II: Engage in more meaningful and productive learning; digging deeper; reinforce skills

Phase III: Further define remote learning; power standards; moving students toward successful engagement; face-to-face time and address social/emotional learning of our students

We have had great feedback from our staff and family survey. The connection and collaboration between our staff has been amazing. There are bound to be gaps this fall. We will have further conversations about this. Some students are struggling. We covered 80% of what we needed to cover before leaving school in early March, but there will be gaps to fill this fall.

Teachers and parents are doing the best they can. Remote learning is changing and everyone is adjusting as necessary.

We need to prepare for re-entry as Gov. Baker opens up the state. We need a task force to get ready for the fall.

- Teachers and staff
- Special Education
- Buildings and facilities
- SEL

We need to plan and be proactive with four basic committees. These four groups will help open school in September. This warrants further discussion.

Ms. Boyd asked if Gov. Baker had a subgroup for opening schools. Supt. Granatino noted this would be Commissioner Riley and DESE. Commissioner Riley will have a task force.

Mr. Costello noted he and Mrs. Brait has discussed adding a formal written policy addressing something like what we are now dealing with and work on a framework.

Committee thanked Jeff Granatino, Ellen Martin, and Amy Scolaro for their work on remote learning. Parents are very happy with Google Meet. All Committee members have had encouraging conversations with parents and their positive feedback on our teachers and administrators. Jeff Granatino's communication with parents and staff is second to none. Supt. Granatino stated this is a group effort by the administrative team.

2020-2021 School Committee Meeting Calendar: Committee reviewed meeting calendar for the upcoming school year. July 14 will move to July 21. August 18 will move to August 25.

MOTION: Mrs. Boyd moved to approve the 2020-2021 School Committee meeting calendar as amended. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

School District Physician: Dr. Michael McManus has been a great resource for our school nurses and collaborated with our School Nurse Leader, Ms. Landry. His support has been invaluable.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to appoint Dr. Michael McManus as the Marshfield Public School District Physician for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Pilgrim Area Collaborative & Shore Shore Educational Collaborative Representative:

MOTION Mrs. Campbell moved to appoint Supt. Granatino as South Shore Educational Collaborative Representative for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Boyd moved to appoint Mrs. Campbell as Pilgrim Area Collaborative Representative for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

2020-2021 Academic Calendar: The Boston Marathon is currently scheduled for September 14. However, it is not 100% certain that this date will be a state holiday. It is still under discussion. Superintendent's across the state are discussing this point. As of now, the 2020-2021 calendar will stay as originally voted.

2021-2022 Academic Calendar: Due to the date Labor Day falls, the academic calendar starts earlier. This calendar includes one additional Professional Development day. The day prior to winter break, December 23, will be a half day for staff, as agreed upon with the MEA.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the 2021-2022 academic calendar as presented. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Costello discussed the 'celebration of our seniors' in the coming weeks.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier
School Committee Secretary