

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Seth Ventress Auditorium
February 25, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Mr. Costello called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Boyd	Yes
Mrs. Campbell	Absent
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.

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

Supt. Granatino introduced Mr. Richard Stetson and Mr. Robert Mayhew from the Marshfield Kiwanis. The Committee thanked the Kiwanis for their in the Marshfield Community and with Marshfield Public Schools. Their involvement with Marshfield FACTS has impacted our families and students with presentations such as Drug Story Theater, Chris Heron presentation and 'If Only' presentation, along with generous scholarships for our students.

II. INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Robyn Ryan-Lambert held a quarterly meeting to assist our homeless population in Marshfield
- Notification has gone out several times to our juniors and seniors regarding parking on primary day
- Advisory Board will meet on Monday night and Capital on Tuesday night
- Smart Money Fair presented by MHS staff member Ashley Stanford and Chamber of Commerce was great
- MEF grants are due March 3; announcement of awarded grants on May 6

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

- Ongoing curriculum work; Writers Workshops for staff
- MHS staff member Amy McAlpine began an elementary digital learning group to discuss how we can incorporate digital learning into our classrooms
- SEL update and survey will be presented to the Committee shortly

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

- Impressive meeting by Robyn Ryan-Lambert in meeting the needs of the Marshfield community at large

Student Representative Report

DECA State Conference

Student Council Conference

MHS boy's basketball

FBMS student basketball game

Elementary After School Enrichment

Kid Fit

Read Across American Day

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IV. MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020 as amended. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS

FY'21 Budget: Mr. Miller provided overview of target number. FY'21 is a level service budget with 2021 Financial Plan (\$378,935) included. Circuit Breaker transportation is a little less than anticipated; however, Circuit Breaker is fully funded. Title IV Grant will be an action item for Town Meeting (foster care transportation) This is federally funded reimbursement.

2020-2021 Academic Calendar: Jeff Granatino reviewed the following:

Teacher orientation: September 1

School opens: September 2

Preschool meet and greet parents: September 2

Kindergarten starts: September 3

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Educational Stability Program Review: Marshfield has been selected for this review (Tiered Focused Monitoring. Amy Scolaro and her staff will be working on this review, due June 5, 2020. DESE will visit Marshfield to assess our programs in the fall of 2020.

Mr. Greer questioned cost. Marshfield produces the documentation requested in the review, thereby meeting all DESE regulations.

School Resource Officers: Supt. Granatino noted the Marshfield Police Department and Selectmen are looking at ways to enhance our school resource officers. Looking at dedicated resource officers for Furnace Brook Middle School and eventually our five elementary schools, without impacting our educational budget. This would enhance our safety and security. The Marshfield Police Department works well with our school administration.

Transportation Committee: Committee consists of Sean Costello, Lara Brait, Tom Miller, three principals – elementary, middle and high school. Survey will go out to all families. Looking at other districts that have a transportation fee. Marshfield currently has four tiers of transportation – we are looking to cut down to three tiers. Committee discussed start times.

K-6 – all beyond two miles is mandated transportation
7-12 – voluntary transportation
All within two miles is voluntary transportation

Marshfield is only one of two surrounding towns not charging a transportation fee – other town is Hingham. Committee is meeting again later this week.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Despier
School Committee Secretary