

MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
167 FOREST STREET, MARSHFIELD, MA 02050
August 10, 2020 6:00 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 6:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Boyd	Yes (via Zoom)
Mrs. Campbell	Yes
Mr. Greer	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Brait	Yes (via Zoom)

Also present was Supt. Jeffrey Granatino, 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

Superintendent
Asst. Superintendent of Schools
Director Special Education
Asst. Supt. Business & Finance
Subcommittee Report

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Suspended per law as noted by Governor Baker

IV. OLD BUSINESS
MPSD Fall Reopening Plan

Mr. Costello expressed appreciation for all those who provided feedback on the re-opening plan. Those questions provided the basis for the FAQ available on www.mpsd.org. He also expressed appreciation for the administrators and educators who drafted the plan.

Supt. Granatino stated that this was not an easy decision and that we are doing the best we can under difficult circumstances. The recommendation is to begin in a hybrid model and change course as necessary. A remote plan is being developed for those who need that model. There is no one plan that is perfect for all but the goal is to move our district forward safely.

Mr. Costello opened the floor to School Committee Members for final questions/comments:

Ms. Boyd stated that we are trying to provide the best education in the safest way. Going forward we will continue to listen and work together. Ms. Boyd expressed appreciation for the emphasis on SEL and had no further questions.

Mrs. Brait also expressed appreciation of the work and dedication by all and stated that this was a very difficult decision. She also encouraged that questions continue to be submitted and had no further questions.

Mr. Greer also expressed his thanks and stated that this was the best choice given the state's constraints. He had no further questions.

Mrs. Campbell also thanked those who submitted questions and asked for patients as plans are completed. She recognized that this was a professional decision but also very personal as so many involved are also parents in the district. She had no further questions.

Mr. Costello echoed the thanks of his fellow School Committee members and feels that this is the most difficult decision he has made on the School Committee. Nothing is taken more seriously than the health, safety, and education of the students. He additionally thanked the teachers and is grateful for all they have done.

Supt. Granatino highlighted changes to the plan that was presented on August 6:

- MPSD will require masks for PK-12. Language will be presented at the August 25 School Committee meeting regarding mask rules and adherence.
- The alpha cohort may have to be tweaked to balance classes.
- Zoom has done work to secure their system and is being reviewed as a possible video option along with Google Meet.

Further questions include Mrs. Campbell asking when families will be notified the days their children will attend. Supt. Granatino replied that information should be available next week. Mr. Greer asked what was needed to return to full in-person learning. Supt. Granatino indicated that a metric has not yet been released which sets a standard to move from one phase to another. Until a metric is released, local and state health data will be used.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adapt the hybrid plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-1-0.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Boyd	Yes
Mrs. Campbell	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mr. Greer	No
Mrs. Brait	Yes

I. NEW BUSINESS

II. FUTURE MEETINGS

August 25, 2020

III. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Costello asked that the family of Mr. William Battis, Sr. be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers. Mr. Battis was the father of Mr. Billy Battis, MHS Athletic Director and Mr. Bobby Battis, FBMS Head Custodian.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 6:40 p.m. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary