

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Remote Participation Meeting
July 21, 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

Ms. 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.

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:

- MIAA met today and delayed fall sports start date until September 14 although still undetermined if sports will be allowed
- MHS Graduation scheduled for July 24 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Keuther and his team have worked diligently to put plans in place.

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

- Online PD is almost completed. Scott McCloud course begins next week
- Rave reviews for “EdTechTeacher”
- Leadership book study began this week

Director of Special Education / Pupil Personnel, Amy Scolaro updated the committee on the following:

- Email going out to ESY (end of school year program) families that program will remain remote for the summer
- Transition activities will be planned for those going to new schools

III. MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020 as written. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 3-0-1. (Campbell abstain)

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020 as written. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 3-0-1. (Campbell abstain)

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2020 as written. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2020 as written. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 3-0-1. (Greer abstain)

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020 as written. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020 as written. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 3-0-1. (Costello abstain)

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020 as written. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS FY'20 Budget

Asst. Supt. Business & Finance Miller updated. In process of closing out FY'20

- using \$400,000 of FY'20 Circuit Breaker
- rolling over \$1,250,000 of FY'20 Circuit Breaker to FY'21
- \$440,000 remains in sick leave buy back reserve. \$505,000 in FY'20 sick leave buy back for retirements
- \$115,000 deficit in Food Service as Café workers were paid with minimal revenue during remote learning providing breakfast/lunch for high need families.

FY'21 Budget

- elementary teachers added; class size average is 18.4, maximum class size is 21
- attrition saved funds
- additional funding from Cares Act \$307,000
- purchased \$650,000 in technology, and \$300,000 in supplies (PPE, desks, tents) using Plymouth County funds
- DESE \$225/pupil replaced by Plymouth County funding

Mr. Costello expressed appreciation to administration that no MPSD employees lost their salaries due to the pandemic.

OPENING OF SCHOOLS

Divided into 4 Task Force groups:

Teaching & Learning	Asst. Supt. Martin
Special Education	Mrs. Scolaro
Facilities & Operations	Asst. Supt. Miller
SEL	Mrs. Battis

Teaching & Learning

Asst. Supt. Martin working with her task force to formulate 3 plans (remote, hybrid, in-person) for submission to DESE on July 31, 2020. All task forces are interdependent and working together. Each task force includes leadership team and union members. Goal is to formulate a plan to safely educate students and safely bring students and teachers back to the classroom. Priority is fluidity to seamlessly transition quickly, if required. Twelve hybrid options were reviewed for elementary, middle, and high school.

Mr. Costello complimented Dr. Martin on her leadership of the Teaching & Learning Task Force along with appreciative of Mrs. Marples and the partnership with the MEA.

Special Education

Mrs. Scolaro stated that all state and federal guidelines remain in place. In person instruction is prioritized for preschool students and those with significant and complex needs.

Mrs. Campbell expressed gratitude that the team is so thoughtful about the conversations and decisions. She is grateful that her children go to school here.

Facilities & Operations

Asst. Supt. Miller detailed the 4 areas included: Transportation; Food Service; Capacity, Facilities Management, and Ventilation; and PPE, Cleaning, and Supplies.

- Transportation – guidance expected late this week; a registration form is drafted; law requires that K-6 outside of 2 miles have transportation
- Food Service – 6 foot spacing required for lunch (no masks); some students eat in classrooms; grab 'n go options in café; on remote days, lunch would still be available for those on free/reduced lunch
- Capacity, Facilities Management, and Ventilation – setting up medical isolation rooms; ordered 32 tents, Fred Russell working on ventilation
- PPE, Cleaning, and Supplies – continuing to order supplies

Mrs. Campbell requested that food allergies be a high priority with students eating in the classroom.

SEL

Asst. Supt. Martin revising the Casel roadmap for reopening; looking to support students, teachers, and parents

Ms. Boyd discussed equipping parents with ways to talk to students about returning to school. Also to consider providing guide of resources for families who need financial assistance.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity in Education (MPDE)

Supt. Granatino informed the School Committee about this organization which MPSD recently joined. PD on inclusion, diversity, and equality along with an employment search engine are provided to member districts.

Mr. Greer thanked Supt. Granatino for taking initiative for the district.

Makeup of School Councils

Supt. Granatino brought forward proposal to add a parent of color to each school council. Mrs. Campbell discussed that it is sometimes difficult to fill existing positions on School Councils. Wording will be reviewed and possibly include community member of color.

Re-worded article will be reviewed at future School Committee meeting.

Covid-19 Funding Resolution

Resolution presented to urge the state to fund all mandates. Read into record by Supt. Granatino:

Resolution: COVID-19 State Funding

WHEREAS, if schools are to re-open this fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the responsibility of each school district to do so safely and responsibly; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure that each school district is able to pay for the enormous additional staffing, transportation and material expenses required to do this; and

WHEREAS, along with providing an appropriate education for all of our students, the health and safety of our students, educators and support staff is our primary concern as we plan for the fall; and

WHEREAS, the state cannot expect mandatory COVID-19 safety guidelines to be followed without also ensuring that each school district has the funds required to implement these guidelines; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED: that the state must guarantee every school district full reimbursement for whatever COVID-19 expenses are required to follow state mandates.

We must ensure a statewide school re-opening that is safe, responsible and equitable.

There can be no unfunded mandates for COVID-19

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to sign the Covid-19 Funding Resolution. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

School Committee Reorganization

The School Committee tabled this item and will review reorganization at a later date.

School/Town Covid-19 Expenditure Agreement

Resolution presented to urge the state to fund all mandates and will authorize deficit spending, if required. .

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to sign the Covid-19 Expenditure Agreement. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

School District Physician

Dr. Michael McManus stepped down as Marshfield Public School Physician. Dr. David Irons of Quincy Pediatric Associates agreed to accept the role of District Physician for the 2020-2021 academic year.

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to appoint Dr. David Irons as the Marshfield Public School District Physician for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting will be scheduled to approve the reopening plan.

Leadership Retreat August 5-6, 2020

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:38 p.m. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary