

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING

August 25, 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 7:08 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Boyd	Yes
Mrs. Campbell	Yes (via Zoom)
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.

**INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Opioid Awareness Vigil scheduled for Saturday, August 29 at Harbor Park
- MHS Key Club assisted with placing flags of remembrance at Town Hall
- Staff will be in schools on Monday to begin training
- All schools working to finalize schedules
- The Alternate Remote Plan will be staffed by MPSD teachers.
  - 238 students selected Alternate Remote

- Chrome book distribution is ongoing. Grades 6-12 will be 1:1. Chrome books will be available to elementary students who need them
- Elementary start times are changing to 9:00 for early schools and 9:30 for late schools to allow for 40 minutes of staff prep/planning time
- MIAA approved fall sports with modifications (except football and competitive cheer – practice only)
  - No practice before September 18
  - There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> “floating” season between winter and spring for football and competitive cheer
- The Boys & Girls Club is hoping to work with MPSD to assist families and help fill the void on remote days

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

- Summer PD is complete
- Ongoing virtual courses on hybrid/blended learning
- Educator Academy was held virtually for new hires
  - Modeled Flip Grid and Jam Board
- Curriculum work is ongoing
- Planning underway for the first 10 days. Goal is to plan the first 10 days for students
- 3 hours/day on 10 day training will focus on digital learning PD

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

- Families were notified of their hybrid model based on level of need
- All Sped services included in IEPs will be provided (working out how and where)
- Case managers will contact every family for informal interview
  - From information gathered, an updated Notice of FAPE and schedule of services will be created
- First 10 days will include phone interviews, updating FAPE, evaluations, and specific PD related to Sped

Asst. Supt. Business & Finance, Mr. Miller updated the committee on the following:

- Approximately 1,000 (25%) students registered for transportation
- FBMS has #330 for the afternoon, #250 for MHS afternoon
- Waiting list started for those who missed deadline
- Finalizing van contract for those out of district
- Staffing our vans is expected to be a challenge
  - 2 students/van

- PPE delivered to schools
- Irene Ekstrom working on remote lunch plan
- Breakfast will be offered at DWS
- YMCA will not run before school program
- Rec Department is working on what they will offer
- Commended Jane Landry, Fred Russell, Erika Barrett on their tireless work to open schools
  - Erika Barrett recently implemented employee self-service system in conjunction with Town Hall

## **II. MINUTES**

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2020 as written. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-1. (Brait abstain)

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2020 as amended. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020 as amended. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Makeup of School Councils**

Supt. Granatino discussed updating the School Council membership to include a parent/community member of color.

Mr. Greer commented that the School Committee's priority is to implement policy whereas the Superintendent's responsibility is to implement procedures to enforce those policies. His opinion is that this item is procedural and does not require a School Committee vote with the end goal to include as many people as possible. Mr. Greer also thanked Supt. Granatino for continuing to work to improve the district.

Mrs. Campbell strongly disagreed with Mr. Greer feeling it is the duty of the School Committee to ensure our School Councils are as representative of as many people as possible.

Mrs. Brait asked if additional steps would be taken to publicize the new position to the community. Supt. Granatino indicated that elections are held within the first 40 days of school and this new position could be appointed by each principal.

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to add a position for a member of color to School Councils. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-1-0. (Nay – Greer)

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **MCTV Update**

Supt. Granatino introduced MCTV Director, Jonathan Grabowski to present a review of MCTV's past activities with MPSD as well as preview future plans.

Mr. Grabowski presented a slideshow highlighting the partnership between MCTV and MPSD. New programming includes Pod Cast instruction along with gaming tournaments. Technology production support is provided to MHS. MCTV is planning to become more involved with other schools in the district. They are also planning to increase live sports coverage. MHS seniors are hired as interns and 75% of interns have gone on to major in communications.

Ms. Boyd expressed thanks to Mr. Grabowski and MCTV for fostering a community/school partnership.

##### **2020 – 2020 Substitute Rates**

Assistant Supt. Miller presented the current and proposed substitute rates for the upcoming school year proposing increases as minimum wage will increase to \$13.50/hour on January 1, 2021. He also proposed raising the daily nurse rate to \$175 and the sub-custodian rate to \$18/hour.

Supt. Granatino expressed his full support for the increases.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the increase to substitute rates. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

##### **Face Covering Policy Language**

Supt. Granatino detailed the face policy for MPSD PK-12. Students grades PK-12 are expected to wear masks. A doctor's note must be presented for any student who has a medical issue which prevents them from wearing a mask. Mask styles **not** meeting the guidelines include: neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas, and face covers containing valves, mesh materials or holes of any kind.

Mr. Greer asked where mask breaks would occur. Supt. Granatino stated that they would be preferably outside or inside in well ventilated areas.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to accept the Face Covering Policy. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

**V. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2020.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn to Executive Session, not to return to open session, to discuss a letter received from an alumni regarding claims of mistreatment of students of color. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski  
School Committee Secretary