

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING
September 8, 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	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:

- Upcoming meetings include Special Town Meeting on October 19th and Advisory Board Meeting on September 15th
- Working with the Boys & Girls Club and the Rec Department to provide before/after school support
 - Both have run successful programs this summer

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

- Teachers have been in since August 31st
- Productive online PD by Dave Cawthorne and Aimee McAlpine

- Digital Learning Coaches at all levels
 - MHS – 4
 - FBMS – 4
 - Elementary – 8
- Working to support caregivers and make individual work meaningful
- Commended Aimee McAlpine on her tireless work to reopen schools

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

- PD is ongoing for staff along with compliance training
- Reopening information is being sent to families

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

- The Boys & Girls Club expects to start before school programs on 9/17
- The Rec Dept will start after school programs after 10/6
- All other building rentals are on hold

II. MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of August 25, 2020. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of August 25, 2020. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Updates on School Opening

Supt Granatino thanked all those who have worked diligently to prepare schools for reopening and stated that it was very rewarding to see teachers come back and start training. Additional thanks to custodians who made sure the building were ready and put new procedures in place along with the nurses who are addressing the health processes.

HVAC systems and air quality have been tested in all 7 buildings. All buildings have passed the tests. Written reports have been received for MHS and FBMS and the written results for the elementary schools are forthcoming.

The Remote Academy is being designed to the details offered in the Reopening Plan. The staff and final plan are being finalized. Each elementary grade has a cohort of students from all 5 schools. Families selecting the fully remote plan are remote for the first semester at a minimum (January 22).

Asst. Supt Martin added that we are working with a moving target waiting for staff and students to make decisions. For elementary, grade level teachers, reading specialist, counselor, remote support specialists, and principal/leader have been identified. It is expected that the Remote Academy will be synchronous 2 hours/day. Families have continued to select the fully remote option. The secondary level has been difficult to staff as subject teachers would teach multiple grade levels. Currently, Florida Virtual and Edgenuity are being evaluated to provide course content that will be taught by Marshfield educators. The hybrid classes are being finalized and the staff is working to plan the first 10 days for students which will focus on routines and SEL. All levels have Canvas templates so that all pages look similar and will provide for a smooth transition to fully remote if necessary.

Mrs. Scolaro presented the plans for Sped students, including a slide show. Students in PK and those with significant and complex needs are prioritized for in person learning. This year the focus is on instruction and services rather than resources and support as it was in the spring. All students will receive all services detailed in their IEP. IEPs are written for when students are in school 5 days. The Notice of FAPE will detail how and where IEP services will be provided along with a weekly schedule. Mrs. Brait complimented Mrs. Scolaro on the weekly schedule included in her presentation.

Asst Supt Miller expressed thanks to the families who will drive their children to school. Approximately 1,000 students registered for transportation by the survey deadline with an additional 200 registering once the survey closed. Totman is in the process of compiling routes and it is expected that the additional 200 students can be added. Buses can have between 23 and 25 students. Seats will be assigned with kindergarten and first grade sitting in the front.

Mrs. Campbell asked how students will get chrome books and why students are required to bring chrome books to school? Asst Supt Martin answered that chrome book distribution plans are still being developed by each school. Students should bring them to school since some centers may focus on information accessed via the chrome book as well as teachers ability to answer questions about the device.

Mrs. Campbell asked if parent drop off/pickup procedures have been decided. Asst Supt Miller answered that each building is working with MPD safety officers to develop a plan. Mrs. Campbell asked if decisions had been made about school open houses. Asst Martin answered that they have not yet been determined.

Mr. Costello asked when information regarding the Remote Academy would be sent to parents. Supt Granatino apologized for the delay and expects that information will be emailed this week.

Ms. Boyd asked how remote students would maintain a connection with their home school. Asst Supt Martin answered the FBMS and MHS students will participate in advisory and remote lab times. Elementary connections are still being developed and may include working with specialists from home schools.

Ms. Boyd asked what parents could expect during the first days of hybrid learning. Supt Granatino answered that SEL will be emphasized such as team/community building and connecting the two cohorts through activities along with orienting to Canvas, chrome books, and masks.

Mrs. Brait asked if additional custodians were hired? Asst Supt. Miller answered that some were moved from half time to full time and college students hired for the summer have continued to work. Supt Granatino added thanks to Mr. Maresco and the town for purchasing additional sanitizing sprayers.

Mrs. Brait also asked how often the air systems would be evaluated? Supt Granatino answered that they are continually monitored. Mrs. Brait then asked how often curriculum would be evaluated? Supt Granatino answered that curriculum evaluation is ongoing.

Mrs. Brait asked how long students are committed to remote learning? Supt Granatino answered that at the end of first semester (January 22), students can transfer from remote to hybrid. She followed up by asking how to move from one plan to another? Asst Supt Martin said that there will be a MPSD liaison to assist with the process. Mrs. Brait also asked if hybrid students would all learn together on Wednesdays. Asst Supt Martin answered that they will have a 45 minute group class.

Supt Granatino added that MPSD is working to ensure that every plan meets the needs of students and the FAQ on MPSD will continue to be updated.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Federal Lunch Reimbursement

Assistant Supt. Miller informed the committee that the USDA has extended the free meals for kids program through 12/31/ 20 or until legally feasible. **All** students are eligible for free lunches while at school and learning remotely. A plan is in development to distribute meals to students who are not in school. It is expected that there will be an increase in those having school lunches due to this program.

Initially, lunches will be grab and go, two choices including an allergy friendly choice. An ordering system is being developed. MHS and FBMS students will eat in their cafés. Elementary students will eat in their classrooms and cafés.

MIAA Attestation to EEA Modifications

Supt. Granatino updated the committee on the fall sports season. Most sports will take place with modifications. Football and competitive cheer can practice but cannot compete. The first day for tryouts or practice is September 18th. Games can begin on October 1st.

Mr. Costello thanked Supt Granatino for all of his work with the MIAA to create a safe season for student athletes.

MPSD Wall of Honor

Supt. Granatino updated the committee on the 2020 selection for the Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor was created to honor those who go above and beyond to support the district. Those nominated are eligible for three years. Nominations will be requested from families and in the Marshfield Mariner with the intent of announcing inductees in November.

V. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2020.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Costello wished all a healthy and safe start to the 2020 – 2021 school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:50. Mr. Greer 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 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary