

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING

October 6, 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 audio conferencing 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 7:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were 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:

- Staff working to determine what aspects of hybrid need tweaking
 - Appreciate hearing from stakeholders
 - Looking for ways to introduce more live interaction
 - Parent Zoom Forums scheduled for Tuesday (10/13) – Secondary and Wednesday (10/14) – Elementary to address questions/concerns
- Boys & Girls Club is running before school program in all elementary schools

- A few MPD officers have applied for SRO positions and will interview with search committee
 - Selected officers will attend training program in Plymouth

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

- “Look For” list used to train teachers on content expectations
- Elementary RAMote students/parents signed a contract with expectations and working on a similar contract for hybrid learners
 - Elementary remote students meet with teachers 3-4 times/day
 - Pick up for materials to be held 10/7 at EWS
 - Students invited to picture day at their home school
- The secondary remote academy meets twice a day with homeroom teacher and content teachers are available for extra help
 - Mrs. Ferro was commend for her role as liaison for the program
- There have been issues with Canvas and teachers are re-uploading assignments
 - Students should contact teachers with issues
 - Also Digital Learning Support link on MPSD
- Mr. Costello commended SRS music teacher Mr. Larson on the innovative videos he is using in music lessons

Director Special Education Amy Scolaro is continuing to communicate with families and emphasized that all services outline in IEPs will be provided. She will be meeting with SEPAC and set the monthly calendar for the year.

Asst. Supt. Thomas Miller updated the Committee on the following:

- Requested that residents support the school related items at the upcoming Special Town Meeting
- FY20 will be closed out shortly
- In the process of gathering salaries for FY21
- Met to discuss preliminary FY22 number
- Seats are assigned on buses and bus passes will be distributed
- Approximately 1,000 families participating in remote lunch program
 - October menu will include some hot items

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Costello spoke to Counsel and it was decided that public comment is permissible and will be allowed going forward.

Mrs. Marples thanked parents for their patience and understanding. Teachers and staff are doing their best to provide the richest/best education for students.

II. MINUTES

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

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

ROLL CALL

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

School Reopening Update

Supt. Granatino further discussed school reopening including:

- Adding additional synchronous connections to the hybrid model
- Secondary fully remote students have 3 hours synchronous and 2.5 hours asynchronous instruction each day
- Changes are being considered to the original secondary fully remote plan including splitting periods (42 minutes synchronous and 42 minutes asynchronous) with teachers available to provide guidance
- Students are great models for mask wearing
- Student drop offs are continuing to improve

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Student School Committee Representatives

Supt. Granatino introduced this year's MHS representatives to the School Committee: Hailey Kelly, Cole Dolton, and Lisa Parsons. The students will inform the committee of events occurring in the district and will be an integral part of School Committee meetings going forward.

Medical Advisory Update

Supt. Granatino indicated that there have been a few cases of COVID within the school community. Supt. Granatino commended Nurse Director Jane Landry on the phenomenal work she has done adhering

to protocols and working with DPH, DESE, and district physician Dr. David Irons.

Mrs. Landry expressed appreciation of the district nurses and their professionalism. For the five cases in the school community, close contacts have been notified. Positive COVID cases must isolate for 10 days. Close contacts must quarantine for 14 days and cannot test out. If while quarantining a person tests positive, they then isolate for 10 days. Maintaining confidentiality is the utmost priority. At this point, all transmissions have occurred outside of school. She added that all nurses' offices now have air purifiers. Supt. Granatino also added that he has no trepidation to close schools, if necessary, and ensures a smooth transition to fully remote.

Mrs. Campbell expressed her thanks to Mrs. Landry and all of the school nurses.

Maintenance & Facilities Update

Supt. Granatino welcomed Facilities Manager Fred Russell who updated the Committee on the building preparations for re-opening. The goal is to have safe, clean, comfortable buildings while being more reactive and responsive to stakeholders. Tasks completed include:

- EnviroTest Laboratories completed HVAC performance evaluations on all buildings with MHS scoring among the best in the state
- All HVAC systems were reprogrammed so that all air is exhausted every two hours and 15 minutes and new air is brought in
- All orders for cleaning products for all schools are now through one supplier: Casey Engineered Maintenance
- Air purifiers were installed in all nurses' offices
- 500 manual facets were replaced with hands free faucets
- Security systems were enhanced
- Water bottle fill stations were installed (at least one/building)
- MHS – gym lights replaced; worked with DPW on waste water treatment plant; repaired section of track
- FBMS – replaced lighting
- MES – replaced lighting; insulated hot pipes; upgraded building management system; replaced exterior gym stairs
- SRS – replaced fire system and mail slots
- DWS – replaced lighting
- GWS – replaced gas valve and fire system

Mrs. Campbell thanked Mr. Russell and his team for ensuring that the buildings are safe for students and staff.

Capital Budget – FY21-26

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee and stated that there is little change between the 2021-2025 and the 2022-2026 reports.

- COVID grants allowed for purchase of 21st century technology
- \$500,000 in free cash toward the operating budget is up for a vote at STM
- A letter of intent was submitted for the MES roof
- Awaiting a meeting date with the Capital Budget Committee
 - Capital Budget due to Town Hall by 11/6

V. FUTURE MEETINGS

Special Town Meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2020 and the next School Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2020.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:40. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary