

MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING

October 22, 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 (via Zoom)	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, 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

After requesting thoughts and prayers for those affected by the fire at Castle Green which thankfully had no injuries, Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Virtual Open Houses will be held next week
 - MHS – Monday
 - FBMS – Tuesday
 - Secondary Remote – Wednesday
 - Elementary and RAMote – Thursday
- Updating fire alarm system at GWS. MPD will be on site next Thursday and Friday while work is completed
- Thanks to residents and town for approval of MPSD related items at Special Town Meeting

- Wall of Honor nominations accepted through Monday, 10/26 at 4:00 p.m.

Asst. Supt. Martin updated the Committee on ongoing Professional Development and Canvas training including department heads.

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

- Provided FY22 Budget Schedule
- Modera Apartments behind Roche Brothers are nearing completion
 - According to Town Planner Greg Guimond, there will be 278 units (a mixture of one, two, and three bedrooms) with potential for some Section 8 housing
 - Potential increase in number of students at Martinson Elementary

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

None

II. MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2020 as amended. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

School Committee Reorganization

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to allow Supt. Granatino to chair the School Committee meeting. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell nominated Mr. Costello as School Committee Chair for 2020 – 2021. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Mr. Costello expressed thanks to the committee for their faith in him and his facilitation of meetings. He also expressed gratitude in working with a wonderful team.

MOTION: Mr. Greer nominated Ms. Boyd as School Committee Vice Chair for 2020 – 2021. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION: Mr. Greer nominated Mrs. Brait as School Committee Secretary for 2020 – 2021. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL:

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

Capital Budget - FY21-26 (2nd Read)

Asst. Supt. Thomas Miller updated the Committee that few changes had been made from the 2021 – 2025 Capital Budget. Most capital planning items resulted from a town report from a number of years ago.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the 5 year Capital Budget. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Information Forum Update

Mr. Costello thanked Supt. Granatino and Asst. Supt. Martin for the great information and thoughtful answers provided at the forums.

Supt. Granatino informed the Committee that a healthy dialog took place with a combined 750 participants over the two nights. The most frequent request was for more live interaction along with trying to find a balanced/consistent workload streamlined in Canvas. Parents also expressed appreciation for how hard teachers are working. The parent feedback was appreciated as it helps create a better program for students. A similar forum will be set up for staff in the coming weeks as well as surveys for staff, parents, and MHS students.

Supt. Granatino also updated the Committee that tutors and teachers continue to be hired for the remote programs and logistics are being looked at to add specialists to 2nd term for elementary RAMote students.

Mrs. Campbell asked that the upcoming surveys include options to share aspects of programs that are working well. Ms. Boyd requested continued focus on SEL and connecting cohorts to each other. Mrs.

Brait would like to better understand what days look like for teachers as well as for secondary students.

Marshfield Special Town Meeting

Asst. Supt. Thomas Miller updated the Committee that the following items were approved:

- \$500,000 in free cash for the FY'21 operating budget
- Funds for 2 SROs for the next 3 years
- \$200,000 for school maintenance
- \$250,000 for 31 air-conditioning units at FBMS

Mrs. Brait asked if new hires are temporary. Mr. Granatino answered that most are hired through first semester. Asst. Supt. Miller added that a custodian was hired for FBMS and there will be discussions of keeping the increased nursing staff. He also highlighted the amazing job the custodians have done in cleaning the buildings.

COVID 19 Update

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee that DWS students will come back to school on October 26th. Marshfield is now one of 77 Massachusetts towns classified as red along with most neighboring towns. A running COVID tally has been added to MPSD.org and is updated when necessary. The state is reviewing how cases are tracked to account for senior housing and college students who are not at home. The CDC is also changing the criteria for close contact and how contact tracing is handled. Students, teachers, and bus drivers are following protocols. Nurse Director Landry and all of the building nurses were recognized for their work on contact tracing.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Delegate Assembly at MASC

Supt. Granatino discussed the annual resolution meeting that will be held remotely on November 7th. Typically one School Committee member represents the district and votes on non-binding resolutions.

MOTION: Mr. Costello nominated Mr. Greer to serve the Marshfield School Committee representative. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Greer nominated Mr. Costello to serve the alternate Marshfield School Committee representative. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

V. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2020.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:10. 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary