

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING
January 11, 2021
6:00 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 6:07 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Boyd (via Zoom)	Yes
Mrs. Campbell (via Zoom)	Yes
Mr. Greer	Abstain (Arrived 6:50)
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Brait (via Zoom)	Yes

Also present were Supt. Jeffrey Granatino, Director of Special Education / Pupil Personnel Ms. Amy Scolaro (via Zoom), 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:

- Impressed by all staff who are engaging both cohorts together – testament to the hard work of teachers
- Numbers need to come down to return students to buildings
 - Currently 100 staff and students in isolation or quarantine
 - An announcement regarding week of 1/19 will be made this Thursday or Friday
- Town buildings are closed to the public

Asst. Supt. Martin has a topic on the agenda and will provide updates at that time.

Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Ms. Amy Scolaro recognized the amazing work around the district and thanked the staff for coming in during remote learning for the students with significant and complex needs.

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the potential for an additional \$1.15 million federal appropriation in addition to the initial \$311,000 CARES Act.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sally Marples, MEA president, is heartened to know that students are being educated safely by staff.

II. MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020 as amended. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of December 8, 2020. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

Structured Learning Time Revisions

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the work that has been underway since November to revise the current model. The task forces now includes additional parents, staff, as well as a student. The hybrid plan is being modified to increase live learning time at all levels.

Asst. Supt. Martin highlighted the changes to the Committee, most notably:

- teachers will teach students at home and in class concurrently (ample schedules included in the presentation)
- FBMS and MHS will average 39 hours of structured learning time over 2 weeks
- elementary teachers will teach math as the concurrent subject
- Wednesday will remain a remote day with check-ins throughout the day
- upcoming PD focusing on concurrent teaching
- all IEP and 504 services will continue to be delivered

- technology that we currently have will be used to support the new model
- increased ability to gauge attendance and engagement
- revisions implemented on January 19th

Supt. Granatino thanked all of those on the Teaching & Learning Task Force for their hard work to meet our expectations as well as those of the state.

Mrs. Brait asked if login percentages for the first week of remote had been calculated. Asst. Supt. Martin answered that data is not available yet. Mrs. Brait then asked if teachers have clear expectations of the upcoming changes and Asst. Supt. Martin answered that they do. Mrs. Brait asked how long the trial period for teaching math concurrently at the elementary level would run. Asst. Supt. Martin answered that math would be taught concurrently for a few weeks and potentially additional subject matter could be added.

Ms. Boyd asked if elementary schedules would be fixed so that families can plan. Asst. Supt. Martin answered that they will be as consistent as possible. Ms. Boyd then asked when/if extra help is offered at MHS. Asst. Supt. Martin answered that extra help is offered although not on a specific schedule and that the writing/math labs are also available to students. Ms. Boyd asked if there is a target metric to return students to school. Supt. Granatino answered that there is not one specific metric but we need to have an adequate number of staff to manage each school and that each school will be considered individually.

Mr. Costello thanked all of those who worked on the changes necessary to abide by state mandates and commented on the new and innovative methods of education used to meet those mandates.

Supt. Granatino also thanked all those involved in the process while noting that our original plan was supported by DESE. He is confident that we can make the necessary changes to increase live learning time with the ultimate goal of getting all students back in the school buildings.

Mr. Greer added that he would like to see all students back in school as soon as possible.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the revised hybrid plan. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

FY22 Operating Budget

Supt. Granatino shared a presentation with the Committee detailing the projections for FY22. The school department's percentage has increased over the past few years due to strong collaboration with the town. A 3% increase is expected for FY22. No items from the financial plan are expected to be covered in FY22 due to overages to be covered from FY21. A preliminary vote on the operational budget is scheduled for January 19th.

Asst. Supt. Miller added that there are many unknowns for FY21 and FY22. The potential for federal stimulus money will help with the current deficit. Circuit breaker funding for FY22 is not currently available.

V. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn meeting at 7:30. Ms. Boyd second.

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary