

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING
FEBRUARY 23, 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	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mrs. Brait (via Zoom)	Yes

Also present were Supt. Mr. Jeffrey Granatino, Asst. Supt. Dr. Ellen Martin, Director of Special Education / Pupil Personnel Ms. Amy Scolaro (via Zoom), 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.

Supt. Granatino asked the Committee to pause for a moment of silence for MPSD staff member Daniely Moreira who passed away over the weekend after being delivered of a healthy baby girl. Daniely was amazingly talented, always positive, and had such admirable patience and kindness for everyone with whom she worked. She will be terribly missed. Daniely leaves behind her husband, Rodrigo Moreira, her son Joao Victor (age 10) and her newborn daughter, Sophia. Please keep Daniely's family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate this extremely difficult time.

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Thanks to elementary teachers and students for a smooth return to full in-person learning
- Application for pool testing was submitted
- Structured learning time hours were re-submitted prior to vacation
- Winter sports season ended. Although challenging, many games played
- Fall 2 season began 2/22 including football, cheerleading, and winter track

Asst. Supt. Martin updated the Committee that work continues on full in-person instruction.

Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Ms. Amy Scolaro updated the Committee on an upcoming SEPAC presentation (2/24 at 6:30): Responding to Your Child's Needs During COVID presented by Beth Hean and Joanna Silverman.

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee that the Boys & Girls Club is working to help fill the void in after school programs.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sally Marples, MEA president, thanked all those who worked to bring students back to full in-person learning. She also expressed concern that MCAS testing would cause students to lose 2-4 days to testing.

Laura Turley, 42 Tower Avenue, asked when students will return to school 5 days.

II. MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2021.
Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Physical Restraint Policy

Mr. Costello stated that there were no substantive changes to the policy since the first read. Mr. Costello and Mrs. Brait reviewed the policy which combines policy and protocols and recommended that the policy be moved forward as written.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the revised Physical Restraint Policy. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Return to Full In-Person Instruction (K-5)

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Thanks to Mr. Greer and Ms. Boyd for working with the MEA to update the COVID MOA
- Some bus routes were changed to maintaining distancing
- MPD assisted with drop-off and pick-up; timing improves each day
- 1st day of school – Take 2
- Facilities Task Force formulating plan for return of secondary students to present at next SC meeting following a survey to families

Asst. Supt. Miller thanked Martha Totman and the bus drivers for their work of revising and adding bus routes.

Mr. Greer expressed frustration as dates were moved out for the return of secondary students stating that the School Committee cannot be the holdup for students returning.

Mr. Costello looks forward to seeing the recommendations of the Facilities Task Force and appreciates Mrs. Brait and Mr. Greer's working with the task force. He also requested that students be surveyed along with parents.

Ms. Boyd asked Supt. Granatino to identify the unresolved issues with secondary students returning to in-person learning. Supt. Granatino identified 3 issues:

1. Distance (3'-6')
2. Dining
3. Transportation

FY22 Budget

Asst. Supt. Miller shared the projected FY22 budget. Meetings are scheduled with the Advisory Board and Capital Budget Committee on 3/2. The capital budget includes \$600,000 to upgrade fire alarm/light safety systems along with MUNIS, a new accounting/payroll/personnel software for the town. Closing out the FY21 budget is expected to be completed in May or June. ESSER II funding of \$1.25 million includes \$10,000 for student mental health. Mr. Costello and Mrs. Campbell, the budget subcommittee, will convene to review. Supt. Granatino recognized Mr. Maresco and Mr. Dello Russo for their strong collaboration with MPSD.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2021-2021 School Committee Meeting Dates

Supt. Granatino presented dates for 2021-2022 SC meetings as a first read.

MCAS Resolution

Supt. Granatino presented a first read of a resolution to the Commissioner and DESE recommended by superintendents across the Commonwealth and

passed at the MASC conference holding grades 11 and 12 harmless for MCAS as a graduation requirement and requesting no testing this spring.

Ms. Boyd asked that the resolution be reviewed to ensure that it reflects restrictions that have been lessened. She would also like to discuss how to best support students in the 2021-2022 school year.

V. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn to Executive Session, not to return to open session, to discuss contract revisions. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary