

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
MARCH 9, 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 6:12 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

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:

- Thanks to all of those who worked to ensure vaccination of MPSD staff; neighboring districts are also able to be vaccinated
- DESE released new dates for return to 5 day in person instruction: April 5th – elementary; April 28th – grades 6-8
- The Advisory Board and Capital Budget Committee approved projected 2022 budgets which will be presented for final approval at Town Meeting in April
- The fall 2 session is underway for football, winter track, and cheerleading

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

- A virtual new teacher institute was held with 24 teachers participating
- Professional development with Kalise Wornum is ongoing and receiving positive feedback
- Professional development with Catlin Tucker is ongoing for digital coaches

Ms. Amy Scolaro had no additional updates.

Asst. Supt. Miller had no additional updates.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sally Marples, MEA president, expressed appreciation to the town for staff vaccinations but expressed concern with all students returning before those vaccines take full effect. Further concern was expressed regarding students having sufficient snacks during the day as lunch will not be served in the proposed model.

Ashleigh MacKinnon, 184 Valley Path, expressed hope that all can work together and come to an agreement to bring K-12 back before April 28th.

Lisa Parsons, MHS sophomore, questioned how snacks will be incorporated? How after school activities will be affected? Will the work load change?

Susan Petrie, 60 Riverside Circle, thanked teachers as her boys still love school. She expressed concern for taking time on learning to complete standardized tests feeling that time on learning is more important.

Emily Harrington-Brown, MHS junior, requested clear and open communication with students and also requested keeping Wednesday as a remote day to minimize schedule changes.

Colleen Casey, MHS teacher/parent, proposed an April 5th start date so that students could return for a full term.

II. MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021.
Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of February 23, 2021. Ms. Boyd 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

2021-2022 School Committee Meeting Dates

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the 2021-2022 School Committee Meeting Dates. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MCAS Resolution

Mr. Costello tabled the discussion of the MCAS Resolution to the next School Committee Meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Return to Full In-Person Instruction (6-12)

Supt. Granatino discussed the process to maximize the number of secondary students in the classroom following a successful transition at the elementary level. Surveys completed by families show strong support for students' full return. DESE requires elementary to be in-person 5 days by April 5th and grades 6-8 by April 28th. The full remote option will be offered through the end of this school year.

Recommendations of the Facilities Task Force for 6-12 include:

- In-person learning Monday – Friday
- Shortened days (MHS 7:20-12:50 & FBMS 7:50-1:20)
- No sit down lunch periods
- Classroom seating 3-6 feet

Mrs. Campbell expressed thanks to the students who expressed their concerns during public participation as well as to the custodians who clean and ready the schools. She asked that specific plans be made for those students who need to eat during the day.

Ms. Boyd asked if the discrepancies between the students and parents survey responses had been investigated. Supt. Granatino answered that students are wary of additional changes and parents realize that there is no substitute for students being with their teachers in person.

Ms. Boyd then asked if there was an update on pool testing. Supt. Granatino answered that training is being finalized and that testing will begin with staff.

Mr. Costello thanked teachers for their work through an unimaginable year and emphasized that the SC values their health and safety. He also thanked

parents and students for their patience as well as expressed appreciation that staff will be vaccinated.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved that all schools be ready for full in-person learning by March 15th. Mr. Costello second.

Ms. Boyd asked for further clarification of Mr. Greer's motion. Mr. Greer would like issues with buildings, transportation, and schedules identified and addressed by March 15th. Supt. Granatino added that needs can be identified although nothing can be moved in buildings until a date for full in-person learning is voted on. Mr. Miller added that #200 additional students are being integrated into bus routes and thanked Martha Totman and her drivers for making further adjustments to routes.

VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved that the SC should enter immediate negotiations with the MEA. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mrs. Brait expressed concerns for the health of the community and the need to provide support to teachers to ensure that they can support students.

Mr. Miller said that the district is investigating providing some snacks to students in the proposed model. Mr. Miller will provide the student survey responses sorted by grade level to the SC.

V. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2021.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:07. Ms. Boyd second.

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary