

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING
PUBLIC HEARING: SCHOOL CHOICE
April 6, 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 6:03 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Supt. Mr. 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.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to open the School Choice Public Hearing. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Costello invited those who would like to be heard on the topic to make themselves known. No individuals came forward.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to close the School Choice Public Hearing. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updates the Committee on the following:

- The We Are Marshfield Project is scheduled for Seniors on 4/30. Approximately #160 have registered
- Many educators received their 2nd vaccination on 4/1 & 4/2
- MOAs were approved by the MEA for secondary's return to 5 day in-person instruction as well as changes needed for elementary return on Wednesdays
- MPSD Leadership Retreat scheduled for 7/7 & 7/8

Asst. Supt. Martin updated the Committee on PD planned for the remainder of the school year.

Asst. Supt. Miller had no additional updates.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sally Marples, MEA president, expressed appreciation for the students coming back at the beginning of the term and is excited to have them in the building.

Ashleigh MacKinnon, Valley Path, asked if there were any plans to change the secondary schedule to include lunch.

MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to approve the minutes of March 23, 2021. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mrs. Brait moved to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of March 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

II. OLD BUSINESS

School Resource Officer

Supt. Granatino introduced Justin Crowley as the new SRO for the elementary schools. Officer Crowley thanked all for welcoming him so warmly.

FY 22 Operating Budget

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee that the \$52,577,000 approved by the SC in January will be brought before Town Meeting on 4/26. Supt. Granatino added that we are fortunate that we have not had to decrease our budget. Ms. Boyd asked for an update on the status of federal funding. Asst. Supt Miller answered that DESE is awaiting information from the federal government as well as details on requirements for ESSER fund spending anticipated to take place over the next 3 years.

Asst. Supt. Miller also mentioned that a SOI will be submitted for accelerate repairs on the Martinson Elementary School roof.

III. NEW BUSINESS

School Choice

Mr. Costello noted that in the past Marshfield has not been a school choice district.

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to declare Marshfield Public School District a school choice district. Mrs. Campbell second. Vote 5-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ms. Boyd	No
Mrs. Campbell	No
Mr. Greer	No
Mr. Costello	No
Mrs. Brait	No

In-Person Instruction

Supt. Granatino thanked all those who worked to bring all students back to school 5 days. Elementary returned to traditional start times and will have early release on Wednesdays. Secondary hours changed to 7:20-12:50 for MHS and 7:50-1:20 for FBMS. There is no sit down dining at the secondary level but snack breaks are combined with mask breaks throughout the day. Many students took lunches at the end of the day (#260 at FBMS, #120 at MHS). Snacks are also provided including options for those with allergies. Mr. Costello expressed appreciation for the ready access to nutrition which so many families rely on and highlighted that the instructional time now exceeds state expectations. Supt. Granatino congratulated MHS and FBMS as drop-off/pickup lines are moving well and improve each day. Elementary students remain at 6' spacing while secondary students are at 3'-6'. The staff was excited to see all of their students together.

Mrs. Brait asked how many students moved from remote to in-person learning. Supt Granatino answered that approximately #20 at the elementary level and #20 at the secondary level returned to in-person learning.

Supt. Granatino updated the SC on pool testing which began for staff with #125 testing negative. It is still to be determined the best way to test students with hopes of more help from the state as testing is a time consuming process.

Mr. Costello thanked staff, students, and parents for their patience through this challenging year.

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2021.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Costello added that 29 members of the Massachusetts State Senate sent a letter to Commissioner of Education and the Governor asking them to delay MCAS and focus on in-person learning for the remainder of the school year.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55. Mr. Greer second. Vote 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary