

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING  
May 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 6:05 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. 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.

**SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: SRS - two interdisciplinary projects. One is a bird and plant unit our DLP is doing from a MEF grant. The other is an entrepreneurship unit from our 4<sup>th</sup> graders.**

Principal Baird introduced the two projects that the teachers developed with their students.

- Entrepreneur Week featured the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes developing products/services appealing to 4<sup>th</sup> graders and included managing budgets, writing checks, and using robots (RAMazon) to deliver orders
- Birds' Eye View combines math, science, reading, and writing to develop a SRS bird guide. The students share what they learn about plants with their little buddies and built bird houses to take home

Supt. Granatino thanked the MEF for making these activities possible and the SC members expressed gratitude in seeing students participate in MEF programs especially where students have freedom and choice in their projects.

### **INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- FBMS 6<sup>th</sup> grader Christopher Purdy was Superintendent for the day, a prize he won in December, 2019. He arrived at Central Office with a police escort, visited a few schools including DWS where his brothers attend 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and met with Mr. Maresco to learn about the MA vaccination site
- Outside 5<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremonies are being planned
- Thanks to Dan Sylvestre from DWS for his service to the children of Marshfield over the last 3 years as he is leaving at the end of the school year
- Thanks to the teachers and nurses for all they have done this year
- Currently lowest number in quarantine since mid-October

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

- #170 participate in the We Are Marshfield Project on 4/30. Thanks to Mrs. Kurmin and Mrs. Pozerski, volunteers, and students for a great day
- Plans are underway for summer learning and for the schools' libraries to open
- MCAS has started including accommodations for remote students

Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Ms. Scolaro updated the Committee on 2 letters received this week:

- DESE report regarding the TFM Project – Continuous Improvement and Monitoring Plan in all areas rated as implemented with two areas rated as partially implemented: Curriculum Review and Institutional Self-Evaluation. MPSD will create goals with action steps and a formalized process to fully implement improvements in these two areas
- Director of Special Education Planning and Policy notified MPSD that requirements under Part B of Individuals with Disabilities Act are met and no further actions are required

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

- Still awaiting information from the state regarding ESSER 3 allocation
- Town Meeting approved funds for school fire safety systems for elementary schools
- Bidding is underway to resurface the MHS track this fall

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Campbell reported that the FBMS School Council has some great ideas upcoming including a new one book one school.

Mrs. Brait added that the Ventress Library is planning popup locations thought-out town this summer. She also recognized MSPD employees nominated for Citizen of the Year: Jane Landry and Joanie Pozerski.

## **STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

None

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ashley MacKinnon, 184 Valley Path, urged the removal of masks while elementary students are outside.

Sally Marples, MEA president, congratulated Mr. Costello and Mrs. Campbell on their reelection as well as informed the SC that some members plan to attend the rally at the State House on 5/13 regarding MCAS policies.

Eric Kelly, Peterson Path, commented on the low election turnout and asked that MPSD email parents prior to elections to remind voters.

## **MINUTES**

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2021 as amended. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to approve the minutes of April 26, 2021. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 3-0-2.

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of April 26, 2021. Mrs. Brait second. VOTE: 4-0-1.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **School Handbooks**

Supt. Granatino presented the revised appendices for GWS, EWS, and MES along with proposed changes to the FBMS handbook. The District Calendar will be completed at a later date. Mr. Costello thanked the principals for their tireless work throughout the school year.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the revisions to the GWS, EWS, and MES appendices along with proposed changes to the FBMS handbook. Mrs. Campbell second. Vote 5-0-0

### **2022 – 2023 Academic Calendar**

Supt. Granatino presented a draft of the 2022 – 2023 Academic Calendar. Mr. Costello accepted the draft as a first read to be voted on at a future meeting.

### **Solar Panel Proposal**

Asst. Supt. Miller introduced Town Administrator Michael Maresco, Town Treasured-Collector Patrick Dello Russo, Director of Facilities Fred Russell, and Energy Committee Member Matthew Parent for an update on solar projects across the town. The guests updated the SC on the state's goal of 80% clean energy by 2035 and the 22% increase in electric and natural gas use by the schools over the last four years. A no cost agreement is proposed to add solar panels to the school roofs along with solar carports at FBMS. Solar panels last from 20-30 years. One requirement of the project is that no trees be removed.

Mr. Dello Russo spoke of the need to replace the MES roof at an approximate cost of \$4,800,000. The proposed solar project will replace the MES roof at no cost and provide \$60,000 in revenue. Mr. Parent indicated that the solar development company completes all engineering and development aspects of the project. Mr. Russell added that structural engineering is required to ensure that the buildings can support the weight of the panels.

Asst. Supt. Miller asked for the timeline of the project. Mr. Maresco answered that MES is planned for this summer. Supt. Granatino asked if existing warranties on roofs would be negated by the addition of solar panels. Mr. Maresco answered that warranties stay in place. Ms. Boyd asked how revenue is generated and if there would be savings for schools. Mr. Maresco answered that the energy generated by the solar panels is sold to the grid and that schools earn a credit of \$25,000/month to offset town and school utility costs. Mrs. Campbell clarified that all maintenance was handled by the solar company and not the custodians which Mr. Maresco confirmed. Mr. Costello asked if other school systems had implemented similar programs. Supt. Granatino answered that 2 Canton schools had solar panels when he was their superintendent and Mr. Maresco added that this is the largest PPA (solar power purchase agreement) project negotiated with the MA DOR to date. Mrs. Brait asked what the ramifications are if the solar company is sold. Mr. Maresco answered that an outside counsel is negotiating the contract to ensure Marshfield is protected.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to support the solar panel project. Ms. Boyd second. Vote 5-0-0

### **Receipt of Donation – Marshfield Office Supply**

Supt. Granatino thanked Marshfield Office Supply for their generous donation of envelopes, card stock, and tabs. Approximate retail value of the items donated is \$1,500.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to accept the donation of supplies from Marshfield Office Supply. Ms. Boyd second. Vote 5-0-0

## **IV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2021.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Costello asked that FBMS tutor Maryann Bursaw be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers as her husband Ed recently died from cancer. Ed was a teacher for more than 20 years at the vo-tech and served 2 tours of duty in Vietnam.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 7:50. Ms. Brait second.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski  
School Committee Secretary