

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING  
June 22, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Costello called meeting to order at 7:02 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, Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Ms. Amy Scolaro, 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: Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn to Executive Session to return to General Session. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to re-enter General Session at 7:43 p.m. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Mr. Costello made 2 announcements:

- The SC signed a MOA with the MEA to extend the teachers' contract for one year
- The SC agreed to a 3 year contract extension (through 2026) and merit increase for Supt. Granatino

### **SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: Middle School & Elementary Track Program**

Mr. Miller presented the youth Track Program to the SC. The program, run by volunteers, is in its 9<sup>th</sup> year with 100's of students participating throughout that time. The program is fully funded through a small participation fee. One highlight each year is the Invitational held at the Boys & Girls Club where the elementary schools compete against each other. The summer Wednesday night races at the community track are in their 46<sup>th</sup> year.

Mrs. Campbell commended Mr. Miller on his dedication to the track program and wrangling #100 kids each night.

### **INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Publically thanked the SC for the extension to his contract
- Guidance has changed and masking indoors and distancing of those who are unvaccinated is encouraged but not required
  - MPSD ESY programs are mask optional
  - Jane Landry (MPSD Nurse Leader), Mark MacDonald (Marshfield BOH), and Dr. David Irons (MPSD physician) are in concurrence with mask optional policy
- No COVID cases reported throughout MPSD since mid-May
- No masking or physical distancing requirements are expected for K-12 in fall 2021
  - Mr. Greer asked if contact tracing is required for other illnesses like flu and chicken pox
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes were able to have some end of year celebrations
- Thanks to all including teachers, students, custodians, nurses, SC, and families

Asst. Supt. Martin has an item on the agenda and will provide updates at that time.

Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Ms. Scolaro has no additional updates.

Asst. Supt. Miller has no additional updates.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

None

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Kate Stone, Pine Street, spoke in support of students not wearing masks.

Beth Sombronsky, Gotham Hill Drive, thanked the administration as an educator and a parent. She also expressed her opinion that each school system should determine their own mask guidelines.

Lisa Swain, Bradford Street, expressed concern over K-5 students wearing masks along with the temperature of classrooms on warm days especially in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. (Asst. Supt. Miller commented that a project is underway to air-condition the 6<sup>th</sup> grade area of FBMS.) Ms. Swain also asked that parents have input in the books chosen to be read as part of the curriculum.

Eric Kelley, Peterson Path, asked why MPSD chooses to abide by the DESE guidelines. (Mr. Costello commented that not following the guidelines would be violating the law.)

## **MINUTES**

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2021 as amended. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Curriculum Update**

Asst. Supt. Martin presented highlights of the year for teachers and students while stressing that school experiences should be discussed in a positive light. Unfinished Teaching/Learning terminology was highlighted along with Going Forward; Not Back.

Additional updates:

- Summer learning is in person; no remote program
- Elementary Rams summer program is by invitation
- Almost 40 students attended the 1<sup>st</sup> GWS open library day
- Educator Academy scheduled for 8/16-8/18

### **School District Physician**

Supt. Granatino highlighted Dr. Irons' valuable guidance throughout the school year.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to appoint Dr. David Irons as the MPSD physician for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0

### **School Committee Representatives to Local Collaboratives**

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to appoint Supt. Granatino as South Shore Educational Collaborative Representative for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to appoint Mrs. Campbell as Pilgrim Area Collaborative Representative for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

**Middle School Library Book Surplus**

Asst. Supt. Miller discussed the list of #820 library/text books no longer used which represent 15% of the collection. Books will be sold and profits returned to the library to purchase new titles.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the FBMS weeded book list as surplus (minus cost). Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

**Superintendent Evaluation**

Mr. Costello discussed the evaluation process and that the individual evaluations completed by the SC members will be averaged and submitted to DESE. Supt. Granatino was rated proficient or exemplary in all categories by the 5 SC members. Supt Granatino strength is community involvement. The SC unanimously voted to extend his contract 3 years, through 2026.

**IV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021 at 7:00.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Costello thanked all for working through a challenging year. How the year was handled by MPSD will make the entire school community stronger.

MOTION: Ms. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 9:22. Ms. Boyd second.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski  
School Committee Secretary