

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FUNACE BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL
October 12, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Brait called meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Boyd	Yes
Mrs. Campbell (via Zoom)	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.

Mrs. Brait noted under the Open Meeting Law, she 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.

HOST SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: Furnace Brook Middle School

Principal Kemmett and Assistant Principal Smith highlighted 2 new classes at FBMS: Discovery (grade 6) and WIN (What I Need) (all grades). Discovery is a hands on class examining literacy through art. WIN provides extra time for students to meet with teachers for extra help or to work on projects.

Recent project based course topics at FBMS include:

- 6th Grade Master Chef (food made using Play-Doh)
- 7th grade STEM using critical thinking regarding the Great Pacific Garbage Patch cleanup
- 8th grade STEM is engineering focused building Lego robots and CO₂ cars

SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: Travis Dupuis & the Providing Opportunities for Students in Transition (P.O.S.T) Program

Travis Dupuis discussed the POST program which is geared to 18-22 year olds following their high school certificate of completion including working to complete remaining requirements for MHS diploma. Their main goal is to positively support independent skills in collaboration with the student and their families. The POST program is located in Library Plaza and Mr. Dupuis has been an instructor for 10 years. He spoke of the inclusive culture in Marshfield and his collaboration with other districts to establish similar programs as well as the partnership with Bridgewater State University.

Mr. Costello commended Mr. Dupuis on the valuable program and Mr. Dupuis' passion for his job.

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Met with town wide PTO on 9/29
- Celebration held to recognize Ruthann Despier on 9/30
- MPSD CNA and floating nurse hired as well as nurse supervisor for Test & Stay
- MHS Book Awards held for seniors
- Leadership team met with MEF representatives Marie Kurmin and Sue Robinson; almost \$1,000,000 distributed to date
- Met with Friends of Music president Ms. Regan regarding increasing music access at FBMS
- Working on safety upgrades at all schools
- No homework on Veterans Day; encouraging students to honor Veterans
- Contracts were ratified by the SC with the Custodians' and Van Drivers' Unions in Executive Session on 9/28

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

- Curriculum work continues
- iReady assessments have begun
- Math workshops with Dr. Sue Looney
- Foundations training
- Leadership worked with Dr. Kalise Wornum regarding equity

Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Ms. Scolaro updated the Committee on the following:

- Recognized Travis Dupuis for his informative presentation on the POST program reading 2 state accommodations
- Upcoming SEPAC meeting regarding destigmatizing mental health
- SEPAC meeting on 10/20 covering basic rights, creating an IEP binder, along with elections

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the upcoming Special Town Meeting on 10/18.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Student representatives Lisa Parsons, Nicole October, and Erin King, updated the Committee on the following:

- Upcoming Fancy Friday at SRS
- Pumpkin Run at DWS on 10/17
- GWS jog-a-thon was a success
- MES & EWS planning spirit days
- MHS Dance Team offering a camp for elementary students
- MHS recently held college fair for juniors and seniors
- MHS running lawn sign fundraiser for the Food Pantry
- Homecoming Dance scheduled for 10/16; funds raised will be donated to charity

- MHS Football game 10/15; Wear pink!
- Freshman trivia night upcoming; open to all

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Costello congratulated Luca Vitelli who spoke at the State House for PANS/PANDA Awareness Day.

MEA UPDATE

Mrs. Sally Marples thanked parents for reminding students to wear masks as a way for caring for others. She also emphasized that the goal of educators is to help students see all sides of an issue and to educate them not to just live in Marshfield but in the world.

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to approve the minutes of September 28, 2021 as amended. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to approve and release the Executive Session minutes of September 28, 2021. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ROLL CALL

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

II. OLD BUSINESS

Covid-19 Update

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Test & Stay able to start on 10/7 with the nurse supervisor; 2 positions still open
- Consent for Test & Stay is rolling; link available on MPSD.org
- 70.5% are vaccinated at MHS; #141 additional needed to get to 80%
 - Once 80% reached the SC will vote on revised mask guidance
 - Jane Landry, Nurse Director, commented that she is in favor of masking regardless of vaccination status

Mr. Greer asked for the status of Pool Testing. Supt. Granatino answered that there are no current plans to implement Pool Testing. Mr. Greer further commented on the inconsistencies between DESE guidance and Supt. Granatino's directives.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to amend Supt. Granatino's 8.27.21 letter to families to include "or specific exemption by DESE" and "at school sponsored activities within physical buildings". No second.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Delegate Assembly at MASC

MOTION: Mr. Costello nominated Mr. Greer to serve the Marshfield School Committee representative. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ESSER III Update

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the status of the ESSER III grant:

- #947 responded to the survey
- Data indicates that SEL and unfinished learning supports are priorities followed by COVID mitigation and additional staff
- Presented draft budget of \$2,782,000 over 3 funding years of which 20% used to address lost instructional time
 - Plans to continue summer library hours, summer step up program, and curriculum cycle work
 - Able to amend if necessary

Mr. Greer questioned the proposed Equity Audit. Asst. Supt. Martin explained that the intent is to analyze data to determine which students are not accessing and participating in extracurricular and to write an action plan to engage every student. Mr. Greer then questioned if the SC would vote on changes to the curriculum. Asst. Supt. Martin answered that programs selected would be presented to the SC. Mr. Greer asked that political content not be included in new materials selected.

Mr. Costello asked for information on “Mystery Science”. Asst. Supt Martin explained that it includes virtual options and experiment kits for current curriculum.

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to approve the ESSER III budget. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0

School Committee Reorganization

Mrs. .Brait stated that subcommittee assignments would remain the same as 2020-2021 and asked that if a SC member is unable to attend their assigned School Council meetings that they find a replacement.

Proposed New Position-Family Liaison

Supt. Granatino updated the SC on a new position to work with the large number of EL families especially in completing the registration process. There are currently more than 75 EL students in the district.

Mr. Greer asked that the applicant be CORI'd. Mrs. Brait added that the Boys & Girls Club is looking to hire a similar candidate.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the new Family Liaison position. Mr. Costello second. VOTE: 5-0-0

MHS Math Textbooks

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to declare outdated math textbooks obsolete. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for October 18 at Special Town Meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Costello moved to adjourn meeting at 8:50. Mr. Greer second.

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary