

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING
November 2, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Brait called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Supt. Mr. Jeffrey Granatino, Asst. Supt. Dr. Ellen Martin, 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.

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Schools closed for 3 days following storm. Thanks to MPD, MFD, and DPW
- Meaningful workshops occurred on first full PD day on 11/2
- Community organizers met with Robynne Ryan-Lambert and are very supportive
- DA Cruz and ADA Fowle presented Cyber Sense to FBMS 7th & 8th grade students along with parents
- Wall of Honor nominations extended through 11/3
- Congratulations to the MHS teams participating in state tournaments: Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey along with Boys/Girls XC who won the Patriot League

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

- Halloween celebrations at schools on Monday
- Funfest at MHS well attended
- Professional Development ongoing
- Jimmy Casas presented to all faculty and nurses and focused on reframing in a positive manner
- Additional PD sessions included UDL with Novak Consulting, PFLAG, and TLA

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the recent exciting XC races for MHS and FBMS.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Campbell updated the SC on the productive FBMS School Council meeting along with the 1st PAC meeting where the annual audit was approved.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

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

- Quarter #1 for MHS and FBMS ends on 11/5
- MHS/FBMS MCAS results mailed
- 6th grade Halloween dance
- SRS Pumpkins on Parade
- DWS Pumpkin Run
- MHS Funfest (donations fund Student Council scholarships)
- MHS art show on 11/15

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Thomas Donovan, 128 Steamboat Drive has an issue with the current mask mandate and would like school to get back to normal. What is the SC plan to remove masks?

Timothy Griffin, 63 Prince Rogers Way, questioned how All American Boys was selected (8th grade) and requested the SC ask the Mass State Board of Education to disassociate with the National Board of Schools following comments on Critical Race Theory. Mr. Griffin is opposed to wearing masks in schools as students do not wear them during lunch.

Eric Kelley, 121 Peterson Path, commented on 3 issues: \$208 dues paid to AASA for an Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Kelley requested that money be refunded by the Assistant Superintendent; requested that Breathalyzers not be used at high school events and would like SC to oversee rules at each school; would like SC to discuss/vote on mask mandate.

MEA UPDATE

None

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021 as amended. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-0

II. OLD BUSINESS

Covid-19 Update

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Commissioner Riley extended the mask mandate through 1/15/2022
- 75.6% vaccinated at MHS (#65 more needed for 80%); 51% at FBMS
- Test & Stay working well with the assistance of the National Guard
- No current plans to vaccinate students at schools

Mrs. Brait asks how many had participated in Test & Stay; Supt. Granatino answered #36 with no positive results and added the National Guard assists with testing as needed. Mr. Greer expressed frustration regarding the DESE restrictions and feels that masking decisions should be up to local SC. He requested that the SC take a stance regarding the DESE mandates.

STM Update

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the 2 articles:

- \$400,000 in free cash – utilizing to offset FY21 expenses and out of district tuition
- \$250,000 to facilities (managed by Fred Russell)

III. NEW BUSINESS

Capital Budget - FY 22-27

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the draft capital plan including a phone system upgrade, 15 passenger multi-function activity bus, double door entrances at DWS, SRS, and GWS, along with paving/curbing at GWS. Potential future projects include the renovation of the Alamo.

Mr. Greer asked if the new activity bus would have seat belts which Asst. Supt. Miller confirmed. Mr. Greer added that the Town Meeting voted to prevent solar farms and questioned what constitutes a solar farm. Ms. Boyd asked if the roof estimates reflect the total cost or MSBA allowance (50%-60%). Asst. Supt. Miller stated that the estimates are total cost figures.

Acceptance of Donations

Supt. Granatino recognized #3 for donations to MPSD:

1. Sowing Seeds – school supplies
2. Stiles Law – school supplies to MPSD and Boys & Girls Club
3. Marshfield Chamber of Commerce – \$750 distributed to MHS Key Club, NHS, and DECA

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to accept the donations. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 4-0-0

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A SC member requested changes to the School Council makeup at MHS and FBMS which Mrs. Brait and Mr. Costello (policy committee members) will review and bring before the next School Committee meeting scheduled for November 16 at the Seth Ventress Building.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn meeting at 7:40. Ms. Boyd second. 4-0-0

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary