

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARTINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**March 8, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Brait called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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| Ms. Boyd      | Yes                      |
| Mrs. Campbell | Yes                      |
| Mr. Greer     | Absent (arrived at 6:40) |
| 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.

**SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: MES – Innovation Specialists & Project Based Learning – Student Presentation of Work**

Principal Cotreau introduced 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Rebecca Mitchell and Innovation Specialist Tori Cameron who, along with their students, highlighted their UDL technology project. The students selected their project from a Small Group Novel Study Choice Board that included board games, stop motion animation, book trailers, and live book reviews. The students eagerly used new technology tools along with collaborating with teachers and their classmates. Following the presentation, the students demonstrated their projects to the School Committee members and meeting attendees.

**INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Masks became optional on 2/28; some still choose to wear a mask
  - #10 cases this week
- MHS hosting drama festival on 3/19
- Kindergarten registration due 3/18
- Capital budget includes: district wide phone system, building security upgrades, small district bus, building brick/flashing repair, along with paving at GWS
  - Original \$475,000 figure increased by town to \$520,000 which will go before Town Meeting for approval
- All Town Strings Concert 3/9 at 7:00
- MHS Hockey v. Belmont in Woburn on 3/9
  - Congratulations to all winter sports teams on successful seasons
- MEF 5K on 3/19
- We Are Marshfield Project senior volunteer day scheduled for 4/29
- Met with Josh Cutler who is the new representative for Precinct 4

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

- MHS/FBMS completed professional development with Novak Education on UDL
- Elementary teachers participated in iReady training while reviewing their winter data
- DESE report cards were distributed
- Curriculum writing continues
- Continuing to evaluate new K-8 math resources

Mrs. Scolaro updated the Committee on the upcoming SEPAC presentation on dyslexia awareness to be held on Zoom on 3/10 at 7:00.

Mr. Miller updated the Committee on the following:

- MPSD group visited South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School
  - Continue to work with SSVT to create agreement for fall Town Meeting
- The Alamo will have its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023
  - Discussions of revitalizing the building as our early childhood center
  - The building is currently held by the Select Board
  - Discussion of community preservation funding as it is a historic building
  - Long term goal is to provide full day options for families

Mr. Greer expressed concerns with staffing a new MPSD building.

- Transportation group discussed implementing a fee for riders although no decision was made
- More than 2,100 runners registered for the MEF 5K

Mr. Greer requested that each budget line item be voted separately prior to spending.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

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

- MHS hosting Putting for Patients on 4/2
- MHS Drama Festival on 3/19
- MHS Smart with Money Fair scheduled for 3/25 at MHS
- Progress reports for MHS/FBMS released 3/7
- Enrichment presentation with Tony Vacca coming to FBMS on 3/10
- Elementary schools participated in Read Across America week
- MES Talent Show planned for 3/18

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Eric Kelley, 121 Peterson Path, Restated his comments from the 2.11.22 SC meeting, as they were not heard in the broadcast, thanking those who held signs at 139 and respecting those with opposing views. He added that his daughter and her friends feel

they should be able to vote for SC members and requested an opportunity for those running for SC to speak to MHS students.

## **MEA UPDATE**

None

## **MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Costello abstain)

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2022 as amended. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Covid-19 Update**

Update given during Supt. Granatino's Informational update.

### **2023-2024 Academic Calendar**

Reviewed the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar as a 1<sup>st</sup> read.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **MPSD Math Coaches**

Asst. Supt. Martin introduced K-8 Math Coach Jill Milton and K-5 Math Coach Danielle Johnson who gave a detailed presentation on their roles in the district. Their responsibilities include: modeling best practices, supporting teachers, and embedded professional development. They also differentiated coaches v. specialists whereas coaches work with teachers and specialists work with students. A main focus this year has been working with the curriculum council to select new math curriculum. Other areas highlighted included adding structure to math lessons through professional development with Looney Math Consulting and implementing math workshop structure. According to the Math Coaches, teachers are taking risks and trying new methods and sharing their successes throughout the district.

### **Massachusetts School Building Authority Statement of Interest**

Asst. Supt. Miller discussed the MSBA SOI for the Martinson 23 year old roof adding that the Select Board unanimously approved the application on 2/28. If approved by the MSBA, 50% of the cost to replace the roof would be reimbursed to the town. This application is in parallel with the town's investigation of having the roof replaced as part of a solar panel installation.

**MOTION:** Mrs Brait moved as resolved, having convened in an open meeting on March 8, 2022, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of the Town of Marshfield, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 8, 2022 for the Martinson Elementary School located at 257 Forest Street, Marshfield, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for the replacement of

roofing systems and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Mr. Costello second. VOTE: 5-0-0

**MPSD Cafeteria Workers**

Moved to future meeting. Cafeteria workers are considering joining AFSCME and are gathering the necessary prerequisites.

**Acceptance of Donation**

Supt. Granatino thanked the Korean War Veterans for their generous donation of \$250 to Martinson Elementary School.

**MOTION:** Mr. Costello moved to accept the donation from the Korean War Veterans. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0

**School Committee Meetings 2022 – 2023**

Reviewed the 2022-2023 School Committee Meeting Schedule as a 1<sup>st</sup> read.

**IV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for March 22 at the Seth Ventress Auditorium.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Campbell moved to adjourn meeting at 8:15. Mr. Costello second. 5-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski  
School Committee Secretary