

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING  
November 16, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Brait called meeting to order at 6:30 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 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: Robynne Ryan-Lambert – McKinney Vento Liaison**

Robynne Ryan-Lambert discussed the educational stability initiative that she spearheads for #4 student subgroups: children of military families and migrant workers along with foster children and homeless students. Holiday gifts will go to almost #200 children in Marshfield. Donations enabled #35 students to attend summer camps including the Boys & Girls Club, Marshfield Recreation, and Levitate. Mrs. Ryan-Lambert thanked the Rib Cook-Off Committee for their donation to the students.

Ms. Boyd commended Ms. Ryan-Lambert on her incredible work and her immeasurable support of families. Mr. Costello added his thanks. Mrs. Brait asked how others could donate. Mrs. Ryan-Lambert indicated that any donations can be sent to MPSD Central Office.

**INFORMATIONAL**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students performed an in-person concert for families
- MHS artists displayed their creations during parent conferences
- MHS production of Phantom Tollbooth upcoming on 12/10 and 12/11
- Congratulations to MHS athletic teams who participated in state tournaments including: boys & girls soccer, field hockey, boys & girls cross country, cheerleading, golf, and football
- MEF grant applications are available to be completed by 3/1; Fall Giving Campaign is underway
- The Boys & Girls Club is hosting a Thanksgiving morning Turkey Trot at SRS

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> annual X-Country invitational on 11/17. More than #120 students are registered for the 4 races beginning at 3:00 at the Boys & Girls Club.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

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

- Report cards for MHS & FBMS released on 11/12
- MPSD continued the tradition of no homework for Veterans Day
- Parent/Teacher conferences underway at FBMS & MHS
- Upcoming Spirit Week at MHS
  - Pep Rally Penny Wars donated to Marshfield Community Christmas
- MES had touch a truck day for preschoolers
- GWS jog-a-thon raised \$16,000
- EWS held Literacy Day where students dressed up as their favorite book character

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Eric Kelley, 121 Peterson Path, looks forward to the SC having a conversation regarding masks. Commented on the Boston Public School closed for 10 days. Asked that the SC have Commissioner Riley appear before the Marshfield SC so that parents can question him.

Timothy Griffin, 63 Prince Rogers Way, asked that SC members to state where they stand on mask mandate and urged SC to remove the mandate. He also expressed concern that students are unable to sign their names in cursive.

### **MEA UPDATE**

Mrs. Sally Marples updated the Committee on the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter for MHS & FBMS ended on 11/5
  - Parent/Teacher conferences this week and next
- COVID numbers are climbing; appreciative of Test & Stay program
- Wished students and staff a healthy, safe, and happy Thanksgiving

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Costello clarified that his absence from the last SC was due to travel plans made prior to the date change of the SC meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2021. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Costello – Abstain)

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Covid-19 Update**

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Past week has seen in increase in COVID cases (#16)

- National Guard assisting with Test & Stay through 11/19
- Approximately #20 schools in the state have removed mask requirement
  - MHS at 76.58% (need #51 more to reach 80%)
  - FBMS at 53.6% (need #260 more to reach 80%)

Mrs. Brait asks how many Test & Stay participants tested positive. Supt. Granatino answered that none have tested positive to date. Mrs. Brait asked that the percentage of elementary students vaccinated also be calculated. Mr. Greer expressed his displeasure with DESE and asked how the 80% threshold was determined. Mr. Costello answered that the percentage was determined by DESE with DPH guidance.

### **Capital Budget – FY 22-27**

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on the draft capital plan presented at the last SC meeting including a decrease in the estimate for the phone system upgrade to \$80,000.

Mr. Costello asked if roof estimates included MSBA funds. Asst. Supt. Miller stated that statements of interest are submitted each year along with working with solar providers. Mr. Greer asked for clarification on what constitutes a solar farm which Asst. Supt. Miller will investigate.

**MOTION:** Mr. Costello moved to approve the Draft Capital Budget for FY23-FY27. Mr. Greer second. VOTE: 5-0-0

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **SC Policy BEDH-E – Public Comment Guidelines**

Mrs. Brait asked her SC colleagues how Public Comment was handled in the past. Mr. Greer feels that the current policy is for guidance and supports her implementation of the policy. Mr. Costello added that the original policy stated 3 minutes and he believes the chair is doing well maintaining meeting order. Ms. Boyd agrees with the guidelines and suggested making them more prominent on the website. Supt. Granatino added that a website redesign is upcoming. Mrs. Campbell trusts the chair's opinion and agrees that each speaker should have the same amount of time available to speak. Mrs. Brait stated that 90 seconds might not have been enough time in some cases and will reassess at each meeting.

### **SC Policy BFDA – School Councils**

As a 1<sup>st</sup> read, Mr. Greer discussed the July, 2020 vote to reserve a School Council seat for a person of color and adding the requirement to the SC policy. In addition, he proposed an additional seat for a member of the LGBTQ+ community at FBMS and MHS (could be filled by a student at MHS). He also requested adding a role to the School Councils to identify students' social emotion needs.

### **SC Policies IJOA & JJH – Field Trips/Overnight Travel**

Supt. Granatino discussed day field trips that have restarted. Requests are expected for overnight and out-of-state trips with expectations that students will

follow rules of field trip location. Mrs. Brait stated that the regulations do not make sense that students do not have to wear masks at a school event (i.e. prom). Mr. Greer questioned a policy that students must wear masks at all school events. Supt. Granatino stated that he spoke to DESE specifically regarding the prom. Mrs. Brait reiterated that there are inconsistencies in DESE policies.

**IV. FUTURE MEETINGS**

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for December 7 at Marshfield High School.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Greer moved to adjourn meeting at 7:45. Ms. Boyd second. 5-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski  
School Committee Secretary