

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS BUILDING
PUBLIC HEARING: FY22 EDUCATIONAL BUDGET
January 19, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 as well as the Marshfield Board of Selectmen's Declaration of Emergency on March 17, 2020, the School Committee shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audio conferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board's website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the School Committee and Town Clerk's websites. In addition, Marshfield Community TV may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

Mr. Costello called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Supt. Mr. Jeffrey Granatino, Director of Special Education / Pupil Personnel Ms. Amy Scolaro (via Zoom), Asst. Supt. Dr. Ellen Martin, 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: Mr. Greer moved to open the FY22 Educational Budget Hearing. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Costello invited those who would like to be heard on the topic to make themselves known. No individuals came forward.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to close the FY22 Educational Budget Hearing. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: Gino Vitelli – PANS/PANDAS Legislation

Supt. Granatino introduced MHS Senior Gino Vitelli along with his family (parents – Jen & Mike, brothers – Luca & Salvatore). Gino and his family work to raise awareness of PANS/PANDAS and through their efforts, bill #2984 was passed in Massachusetts and signed by Governor Baker on January 1, 2021. Gino addressed the School Committee and described the team effort to move the bill through the legislative process. The bill mandates insurance and an advisory council for those suffering from PANS/PANDAS. He ended his presentation quoting Margaret Mead “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world.”

Mrs. Brait thanked Gino and his family for being an inspiration to Marshfield’s’ students and residents.

Mrs. Boyd acknowledged that the family took a challenging situation and used it to help others in Massachusetts and has no doubt their efforts will extend beyond Massachusetts. Gino is a role model for our community.

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Students/staff made the first day of concurrent learning in revised hybrid model a great success
- Read letter being sent to Governor Baker requesting teacher vaccinations
- Completed survey expressing interest in pool testing. The first 6 weeks are at no cost to the district
- DESE purchased additional air purifiers (30 designated for MPSD)

Asst. Supt. Martin recognized the staff who worked tirelessly to move to concurrent teaching.

Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Ms. Amy Scolaro has a topic on the agenda and will provide updates at that time.

Asst. Supt. Miller has a topic on the agenda and will provide updates at that time.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Lisa Parsons joined and noted that concurrent learning started off well.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sally Marples, MEA president, personally thanked the Vitelli family for raising PANS/PANDAS awareness. She also thanked administration and technology specialists for their assistance moving to “enhanced hybrid” learning and acknowledged there will be hiccups. She expressed appreciation of the letter going

to Governor Baker from Supt. Granatino and the School Committee requesting earlier vaccinations for education professionals.

II. MINUTES

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

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

FY22 Operating Budget

Asst. Supt. Miller reviewed the FY22 operating budget. The proposed increase is 3% (\$1,577,000) much of which will be used salary increases and toward the FY21 deficit. Additional federal funding is still a possibility.

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to approve \$52,577,000 proposed FY22 Operating Budget. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Full In-Person Instruction

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on how students transition to full in-person learning.

Target dates

- Grades K-2 – February 8
- Grades 3-5 – February 22
- Grade 12 – March 1
- Grade 6 – March 15
- Grades 7-8 – April 5
- Grades 9-11 – April 12

Elementary can return all students adhering to 6' distance. Questions still remain regarding lunch and transportation. At the secondary level, there are questions pertaining to 6' CDC and 3' DESE spacing recommendations. Transportation at FBMS is an issue and may require 2 tier busing.

Mr. Costello stated that the Chairman of the Marshfield BOH supports students in school full time as COVID numbers would decline so why are elementary grades being split and why are seniors not going until 3/1. Supt. Granatino answered that some changes need to be made to accommodate all students in buildings and these changes take time.

Mrs. Campbell asked that students not be moved from current teachers.

Mrs. Boyd echoed Mrs. Campbell's comment that a plan is needed for students who are in isolation/quarantine once students are in-person. She

also asked the rational between DESE 3' recommendations as opposed to the CDC's 6' requirement. Supt. Granatino answered that the Commissioner has not answered that question sufficiently.

Mrs. Brait commented that studies show that students are safer in school than at home. Supt. Granatino agreed and acknowledged Dr. Irons who has been a valuable resource to MPSD and the town during this time.

Mr. Greer commented that we provide a service to families and those families can decide whether or not they want to use the service. His opinion is that we should uses DESE's 3' recommendation and feels the timeline outlined is unacceptable. Students should be in school now.

Supt. Granatino answered that students will be in school when it is appropriate and work will continue to make that date as soon as possible.

Mrs. Boyd asked if the full remote program has the capacity to accept more students. Supt. Granatino answered that the remote program can accept more students and will run for the remainder of the school year with approximately \$1,400,000 spent to staff it.

Mr. Costello indicated that he is in favor of the timeline and getting students in school as soon as possible.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Physical Restraint Policy

Ms. Scolaro informed the Committee that DESE, as part of the Tiered Focused Monitoring review, suggested that the Physical Restraint Policy be updated and incorporate policies and procedures into one document to include the January, 2016 revisions.

Mr. Costello commented that this would be a first read of the revisions and that he and Mrs. Brait would review the policy.

Mrs. Campbell mentioned that the 24 hour time frame for parent notification seemed long. Ms. Scolaro will review.

Student Opportunity Plan

Asst. Supt. Martin updated the Committee on the development and implementation of a three-year Student Opportunity Plan focused on improving literacy skills of early learners. This year's funds were used to purchase materials for home learners.

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to approve the Student Opportunity Plan. Mrs. Campbell second. VOTE: 4-0-1. (Mr. Greer abstain)

V. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2021.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Greer moved to adjourn meeting at 9:10. Ms. Boyd second.

ROLL CALL

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary