

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
January 5, 2006

Present: A. Pratt, M. Brannelly, W. Kohlman, B. Smith, (P. Howes Absent)
Administrators: M. Masterson, D. Mayer, J. Lent, P. DiCicco

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman's Report

The December 1 Legislature Listening Session was held at the Marlboro Middle School. Mrs. Pratt noted that surrounding towns have similar issues as ours.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Masterson thanked Jill Greene for her work on the Department of Education Coordinated Program Review that is going on in the district. Pete DiCicco requested an NSTAR Energy Audit. The results of that audit may see NSTAR supporting 100% of the cost of a district lighting upgrade. Dr. Masterson will attend the Worcester County Superintendent's Association Scholars Luncheon on January 10 honoring MHS Seniors Erin Bradley and Brian Kozik. 17 out of 76 Seniors at MHS have qualified for the John & Abigail Adams State Scholarships. Each senior accepted at a State College or University will have his/her tuition waived.

Student Representative Report

The WAVM Telethon raised \$43,000. this year. Hockey is 6-0. Girls Basketball is 3-5 and mid-terms start on January 13. The Peer Leadership Association donated to Toys-For-Tots at the Maynard Police Station.

Technology Report

Dr. Daniel Mayer and Jon Green (District Technology Coordinator) presented to the Committee an update on technology. Presentation topics included:

- Context: The 2005/2006 Technology Plan.
- Hardware, Network and Technical Support.
- Curriculum, Linking Home and School. Administrative Efficiencies.
- Next Steps.

(A copy of this presentation is available at the Superintendent's Office).

Chapter 70 Baseline Minimum Funding Support

Several area Superintendent's met in late December, 2005 to discuss Chapter 70 funding. This group is asking each area School Committee along with their Finance Committees and Selectmen to support reaching out to our State Representatives. In Maynard's case the Town receives only \$1,673.00 in Chapter 70 funding per student. The Chapter 70 Minimum Funding Proposal would request a minimum of \$2,000. per student to each city and town in Massachusetts.

A motion was made by M. Brannelly to support the Chapter 70 Minimum Funding Proposal which would provide a minimum of \$2,000 per student to each city and town in Massachusetts. 2nd by W. Kohlman. Motion passed.

Local School Committees are inviting State Reps to come on Monday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Acton-Boxborough High School where area communities will request support.

07 Budget Planning – 65/35 Split

Ron Calabria, Bill Cranshaw, Bob McCarthy and Sally Bubier came to the meeting to discuss spending/funding in the Town. The 65/35 proposal would be in effect after the base budget is established, after the February 11 budget meeting, after preliminary state aide, and if there is no agreement, and then the 65/35 would be used as the norm. At the conclusion of the discussion everyone agreed that all board needs to work together to increase State aid; work together to promote commercial/industrial growth in the Town; and work together to hold legislators accountable for rules/changes made by the State.

Policy #516 (Promotion/Retention of Students) tabled to next meeting.

Policy #705.1 Admin Regulations (Use of School Facilities) tabled to next meeting.

Minutes

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to approve the minutes of November 29, 2005. 2nd by B. Smith. Motion passed.

Members Questions

Mrs. Brannelly had the following concerns: the MHS Prom is May 5 and SAT's are the following day May 6; would like to have the Health Program as an agenda item; look at increasing the graduation requirements regarding math and science; policy on parents/visitors in the school buildings.

Mrs. Pratt would like to Principal's to discuss security plans in each school; also remind the Committee that the School Councils should be invited to a meeting in the near future.

Mr. Kohlman would like to discuss school start dates at the next meeting; also he is pleased with the computer upgrades at the schools stating that it also makes the summer program that College Gate runs more attractive.

Dr. Mayer reported that there are 12 students enrolled in SAT Prep so far. If needed, the program can be opened up to the Sophomore Class.

The School Committee adjourned at 10:15 p.m. by unanimous roll call vote to Executive Session;; M. Brannelly (Yes); W. Kohlman (Yes); A. Pratt (Yes); B. Smith (Yes).

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Superintendent's Secretary