

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Coolidge School
January 18, 2007

Present: W. Kohlman, A. Pratt, M. Brannelly, B. Smith, P. Howes
Administrators: M. Masterson, D. Mayer, P. DiCicco

Chairman's Report

Chair opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

He reported that he had attended a parent evening at the High School and had spoken with parents and student-grads who had spoken very positively about their experience at Maynard High School.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Masterson reported on the continued assistance of the Maynard Police regarding safety drills and a planned meeting w/principals and administrators to discuss bomb threats. He also hoped to finalize and submit the MSBA Statement of Interest this Friday.

The Chair requested that the Superintendent provide an overview of the Facilities Advisory Council work to date as a lead-in to Facilities Advisory Council Chairman, Jerry Culbert's report regarding the High School.

J. Culbert reported that after months of work and significant discussion that the Facilities Advisory Council had voted unanimously at the last FAC meeting, January 10, to recommend to the School Committee that constructing a new building was the best facilities option. He then introduced Brooke Trivas of Tappe Associates to elaborate on each option.

Brooke Trivas walked the School Committee through each of the three major options considered by the FAC. (These minutes can not adequately summarize 90+minutes of presentation and discussion.)

Option I, Repairs only:

Pros –extends the useful life of the facility.

Cons –No educational upgrades.

Probable loss of Accreditation

Unlikely to receive MSBA reimbursement

Construction will be highly disruptive to educational program.

Option II, Renovation/Addition:

Pros: Prevents loss of Accreditation

Improved Educational Environment

Maintains use of existing facility.

Cons: Fully occupied facility during construction; maximum disruption.

How do we educate during construction?

'Wedges' educational/building program into existing envelope

Limits new design to existing basic structure.

Necessitates phased, more expensive construction.

High cost for compromised educational vision.

Option II, New Construction:

Pros –allows for full development of 21st century educational vision.

Most likely MSBA reimbursement

No loss of Accreditation

Best possible educational environment

Facilities Needs satisfied for 50 years (MSBA standard)

Minimal disruption to educational program.

Cons –expensive.

The Committee thanked the whole FAC and Brooke Trivas for their work.

HS & GM power plants:

Pete DiCicco, with the assistance of Jerry Culbert, explained to the SC that the current boilers are well-beyond their serviceable life, that he was in the process of getting consultant assistance to develop an RFP to replace them before the next fall heating season. Since our current budget can not support these efforts we will appear before the Fin Com to request assistance. This spring the District will need to advance a warrant article for two boiler replacements and related costs. The new HS boiler will be designed such that it can be removed from the 'old' building and transferred to the new facility.

Minutes

The minutes of Jan. 4, 2007 were approved by a 5-0 vote.

Members Questions

There were questions about the upcoming SAT prep, the location of the new WAVM tower in relation to a new building, and availability of CPA funds.

The Committee voted to enter into executive session at 9:05 p.m. under CH39, S 23B(3) and to adjourn following the executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools