

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Minutes of School Committee Meeting**  
**January 19, 2006**

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

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

Chairman's Report

Mrs. Pratt reported that the Committee was pleased with the parent response at the WAVM Organization meeting held last week. Thank you to the reporters came including Melissa Beecher (Boston Globe) and Jane Bennett (Beacon Communications).

Superintendent's Report

The District will have on-going crisis counselors available for students. Dr. Masterson will continue his work with parents, staff and community members.

17 out of 79 MHS Seniors qualified for the John & Abigail Adams Scholarships. Each Senior accepted at a State College or University will have his/her tuition waived.

2005/2006 Calendar Change

Since the District has already had three snow days, Dr. Mayer and the Principals agreed that they would like to propose another early release day on April 7, to continue professional development started earlier in the school year.

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to amend the 2005/2006 school calendar by adding an early release day on April 7 for all schools. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Brannelly.

2006/2007 School Start Date

Initial conversation was started regarding the first day of school in 2006/2007. In accordance with the Teacher Contract Article VII; Section 3, the Superintendent will consider staff preferences when setting the school start date. The staff is responding to a survey and the results will be discussed at the next meeting.

FY07 Budget

Dr. Masterson attended a Tri-County Superintendent's meeting where Tom Scott, a lobbyist for MASS discussed Special Education Transportation costs, Grant monies to Districts and reviewed Charter School Funding Issues. Dr. Masterson also attended a meeting where Representative Hadid, Chair of the House Education Committee spoke. 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. The question is can we politically create enough pressure to direct monies to education? The School Committee would like the agenda shared for the January 30 meeting.

School Lighting Upgrade Project

Mr. DiCicco worked with an energy savings company that did an audit of all municipal buildings in Town. Based on the results of the survey the School Department's annual savings will total \$24,656. and NSTAR will cover 100% of the cost to retrofit all the lighting.

Policy #516 (Promotion/Retention of Students) tabled to next meeting.  
Policy #705.1 Admin Regulations (Use of School Facilities) tabled to next meeting.  
Further information with outside groups to discuss sharing costs will be on-going.

#### Minutes

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to approve the minutes of January 5, 2006, as corrected. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Brannelly. Motion passed.

#### Members Questions

The Committee thanked Mr. Flynn (MHS Art Teacher) for the beautiful art work at Coolidge.

Dr. Masterson and Mr. Lent are having on-going meeting with Comcast, re: WAVM.  
The Committee will be looking at new policies on teacher/student conduct and visitors to schools.

The School Committee adjourned at 8:50 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