

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
February 1, 2007

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

Chairman's Report

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and expressed sympathy for the Lincoln-Sudbury community given the recent tragedy.

Student Representative Report

Andrea, the student rep, reported that Meghan Monson and Kara Morgan will both be honored as National Women in Sport.

The student request for a change in the hat policy was rejected by the faculty.

Ms Riley has started a ski club.

February 28, 2007 the economics class will go to the JFK Library to do a national budget.

On April 9-13th the economic class will participate in a Fed Challenge, a competition to do the national budget.

Committee members requested more information about the ski club regarding supervision and travel arrangements.

NEASC: Pamela Gray Bennett, Executive Director gave a presentation on NEASC membership, its standards and expectations. She explained that almost 2 generations of students had passed through the HS since the original Accreditation visit and that relatively little had been done to improve the facilities. She spoke about the importance of continuing progress towards resolving the issues. The Commission can accept long term plans as long as they see continued progress. Plans and no action will result in loss of Accreditation. She also spoke of the wisdom of having a Plan A and a Plan B, to prevent the District from being in a position of doing nothing.

Policy #16 Harassment was approved 5-0.

Policy #17 Sexual Harassment was approved 5-0.

The Committee re-voted two previously approved MSBA motions to satisfy a technical request from the MSBA. The following motions were both approved 5-0.

I. "Having convened in an open meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Maynard School Committee, in accordance with its charter, by laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of the Maynard Public Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated January, 2007 for the Maynard High School located on Tiger Drive in Maynard, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which the Maynard Public Schools may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future, specifically Priorities #1, Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists; 3, Prevention of loss of accreditation; 5 Replacement, renovation or modernization of the heating system in any schoolhouse to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in the

schoolhouse; and 7, Replacement or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide a full range of programs consistent with state approved local requirements as detailed in this document and hereby further acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance of approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Maynard Public Schools to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.”

II. “Having convened in an open meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Maynard School Committee, in accordance with its charter, by laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of the Maynard Public Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated January 12, 2007 for the Green Meadow School located on Tiger Drive in Maynard, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which the Maynard Public Schools may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future, specifically Priorities #1, Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists; 5 Replacement, renovation or modernization of the heating system in any schoolhouse to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in the schoolhouse; and 7, replacement or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide a full range of programs consistent with state approved local requirement as detailed in this document and hereby further acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance of approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Maynard Public Schools to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.”

The Committee also voted 5-0 to move forward two boiler warrants, one for Green Meadow and one for the HS.

Minutes

The minutes of January 18 were approved 5-0.

Dr. Masterson, seeking some direction, gave the Committee a copy of a 1/29 Lincoln-Sudbury request to use the MHS track this spring while the LS track is temporarily unusable. The Committee raised a number of concerns regarding conflicts with not only school athletic events but town soccer, baseball, softball, etc. They requested the Athletic Director to come to the next meeting with a comprehensive report as to how allowing Lincoln-Sudbury use this could work given other potential conflicts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools