

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Committee Worksession
Coolidge School
March 8, 2007

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

Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m..

F 07 budget problems.

Mr. DiCicco outlined the unplanned costs incurred this fiscal year, cf. attached. He informed the Committee the District could not meet these expenses within the appropriated FY07 budget. He further explained he was working with the Town Hall to determine ways & means to resolve the problem.

Facilities:

Gas/boilers: Mr. DiCicco informed the School Committee that he had learned today that NStar would “pipe” gas to both the High School and Green Meadow without charge. Furthermore, the District would be eligible for a series of rebates as the new boiler plans were implemented.

Warrants: Mr. DiCicco and Dr. Masterson reviewed the school warrants within the totality of all the Town warrants. Mark expressed concern that ‘bundling’ every warrant together would put at risk the “Accreditation” warrants. The Town warrant process is not yet known to school officials.

FY08 budget recommendation:

Motion: “To amend the District FY08 budget submission to \$12,754,770, -\$59,140 below level-service.”

Members discussed this problem for the better part of the two hours. Ultimately, not without significant frustration with another year of making no ‘progress’ in the FY08 budget, members chose to join with the Selectmen and avoid a budget override. The motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools