

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Coolidge School
March 22, 2007

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

Student Representative Report

Andrea Tobin reported that the Youth and Government went to a convention in Boston and the Student Government went to MASC. WAVM Community Broadcast week is going on this week. April 5 is Student Government Day. Winter Carnival is March 23. High School March Madness starts March 26.

Superintendent's Report

School Committee requests Superintendent to write a letter to each surrounding school districts to inquire about regionalization, and Dr. Masterson was specifically asked to direct the letter to the Stow Selectmen and copy it to the Maynard Selectmen.

Coolidge Community Park Report

Friends of Coolidge, Sue Selig & Lisa Bailey...requested that the Coolidge fields be (see letters/handouts). The Committee responded that they could not commit to a permanent park until High School facilities issues were resolved. The Coolidge Friends said they would stay in communication with the Committee.

Report to School Committee:

Mary Ellen McCarthy, Chair of the High School PTO explained several of her goals in rejuvenating the HS org, among them some fund-raising, interacting among school PTO's, student surveys re social opportunities, Teacher lunch day, etc.

School Calendar 2007/2008:

The Committee voted to accept the calendar for 2007/2008. Passed, 5-0

Warrants:

The School Committee voted unanimously, 5-0, to proceed with a separate warrant article and ballot vote for the following items given their importance to the District to avoid losing High School Accreditation

1. HS Roof repair & Library resource expansion >\$200,000
2. HS Oil Tank Remediation>\$22,000
3. HS Boiler>\$140,000
4. HS Feasibility Study>\$35,000
5. HS Land Survey>\$12,000

These items were communicated directly to NEASC as part of our short and long term solution. The School Committee felt it was their responsibility to show NEASC via Town Meeting and ballot election that we are making adequate progress to address our short and long term solutions. The School Committee felt that the High School Accreditation is the single most pressing need facing our school district, and as such the

School Committee must proceed with the least risky solution - which is to move these warrants independent of other school and town needs.

The School Committee expressed willingness to proceed by 'bundling' GM facilities needs in with other Town facilities issues. However they felt that to risk Accreditation by 'bundling' High School NEASC needs in w/other issues was to not serve those for whom they must primarily speak.

Building Committee Facilities Plan:

The Committee voted 5-0 to endorse the conceptual framework facilities plan contained in the Superintendent's March 1 memo. The SC plans to discuss the building committee at its next meeting.

A School Committee member requested that the Superintendent investigate the possibility of gaining advertising revenue by using the High School alumni field fence.

School Committee members requested that parent email-addresses be added to both the High School and Green Meadow schools for use with Connect Ed.

Minutes

The minutes of March 1, 2007 were approved 5-0.

The minutes of March 8, 2007 were approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools