

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Fowler School
April 6, 2006

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

The Chair, Mrs. Pratt opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Elementary Principal, Mrs. McLaughlin, outlined the facts of the playground incident. Dr. Masterson reviewed his decision to hold a press conference that afternoon and his attempts to manage the contents, assisted by Carter Welch of New Media Associates. The School Committee was angered by the harm the 'media circus' had done to the district and requested the Superintendent consult legal counsel.

2006/2007 Calendar Vote

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to approve the 2006-07 School Calendar. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion passed unanimously.

2006/2007 School Choice Participation

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to participate in School Choice on a space available basis as determined by the Principal. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion passed unanimously. The Committee requested an update on the numbers of students in private and public schools outside the District.

Facilities Study Concept

A motion was made to approve Facilities Study Plan as proposed in the April 6, 06 memo to the School Committee.

There was a lengthy discussion about the plan, some the points made were:

- There are 2 firm dates, May 15, 2006, Town Meeting vote to approve the Facilities Study; and July 1, 2007 to request Mass. Sch. Building Assistance.
- There are 3 funding options at the end of the study: budgeting small capital needs; bonding w/the Town medium cost needs, and requesting State (MSBA) assistance for significant renovation/construction projects.
- The SC wishes the Advisory Com to identify the construction cost of a new high school as one option.
- The membership of the Adv. Com. is a critical component to the success of this effort. SC members will begin now to identify potential community candidates. There will be Principal and staff representation, including the Business Administrator.

The motion passed unanimously. The administration is to begin implementation of this plan, specifically with the development of the RFP and related DOE requirements.

Minutes

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to accept the minutes of February 27, 2006 and March 16, 2006. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion approved unanimously.

Pete DiCicco updated the Committee on the FY07 budget. The School Committee requested that the Superintendent consult with counsel regarding the right of the Committee to request a budget and an override vote. The School Committee budget

sub-committee will meet with the Superintendent and Business Advisor to review the budget in detail.

The Superintendent reviewed his April 6 budget info material memo and an attached draft of the FY07 Budget Information document. School Committee members will review the document, email suggestions to Dr. Masterson by Tuesday at the latest, and Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Brannelly will 'approve' the final draft not later than Tuesday evening. The document is to be 'printed' in house, and given to WAVM by Friday, April 14 for delivery with the warrant. The District will share half of the delivery costs with the Town.

At 9:20 p.m. the Chair requested a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session under Chapter 39, S23B(3), not to return to public session; by roll call vote.

P. Howes (Yes); Mrs. Brannelly (Yes); B. Smith (Yes); W. Kohlman (Yes);

A. Pratt (Yes).

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools