

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Coolidge School
April 28, 2005

Present: A. Pratt, M. Brannelly, M. Wood, W. Kohlman, P. Howes
Administrators: M. Masterson, P. DiCicco, D. Mayer, J. Lent, B. McLaughlin

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman's Report

A. Pratt and W. Kohlman met with the teachers union concerning budget cuts and alternatives, including administrative re-structuring. The District Administrators will take 0% increase in FY06.

Superintendent's Report

Recognitions

Marilyn Moser and Katrina Kohlman, Fowler/FASC students attended the National Scrabble Competition in Boston. They finished 87th out of 92 teams. They were chosen as the team with most spirit and will appear in a 60 minutes segment in the Fall.

The MHS Band and Chorus was recognized by the District on their recent trip to Disney in April where they received an excellent rating for the chorus and a good rating for the band.

Brenda Sullivan and Nancy Herrick along with their girl scout troops were thanked for their clean-up of the outside at the Coolidge School.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mayer announced that the district has joined a statewide leadership initiative to improve teaching and learning in science, math, technology and engineering.

On May 24, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. the district will sponsor a public forum on at-risk behaviors among Maynard's 8th through 12th graders.

Carolyn Markuson, a nationally recognized expert in library sciences, will be providing the district assistance in the 05/06 school year to improve our library science program.

Harvey Industries has donated 35 computer to the district.

The district will offer a Summer School Program this year for those students who receive a mark of lower than 2 in one or more subjects.

Class of 2006 Graduation Date

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to set the graduation date for the class of 2006 to June 9 at 7:00 p.m. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion passed.

2005/2006 School Calendar

Tabled to the next meeting. The Committee would like further information on early release days.

Budget Leadership

The Committee discussed different strategies for communicating with the Town. i.e., weekly Beacon column, guest commentaries, etc.

Minutes

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to accept the minutes of April 7, 2005 as written. Motion passed.

Citizens Comments

Student and parent representatives from cheerleading, hockey and golf among others, had discussions around activity fees, donation, etc. Donations and Activity Fees will be addressed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned to executive session Chapter 39, Section 23A(3) by roll call vote at 8:55 p.m. M. Wood (Yes), W. Kohlman (Yes), M. Brannelly (Yes); A. Pratt (Yes); P. Howes (abstained); without the intent to return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Superintendent's Secretary