

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
WORKSESSION
MAY 5, 2005**

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

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding Student Activity Budget/Fee structure. M. Graceffa and T. DeMars were present for the discussion. The philosophy that emerged was that some means of increasing fees should be referred to the Fee Committee, that some activities would have to be cut and/or be self-supporting, and a few would be budgeted as curriculum needs. The administration was charged with producing a revised Activity Fee schedule reflective of a philosophy change from an wide encompassing activity list, to pared down offerings.

The Fee committee can then develop a new fee structure, more accurately reflecting real costs, and manageable for students & families. The goal is to develop a fee schedule that, given a failed override, will support essential activities.

In a discussion about accepting contributions, there was a consensus that the monies should be accepted into the athletic revolving account and, in the case of WAVM and Music, the appropriate school office account. While concerns were expressed about promising monies to a specific team to the disadvantage of others, the short-term issue is dearth of external support.

There was a brief discussion about bus fees. The Superintendent was asked to review the fee structure and make a recommendation to the SC.

At the request of the Fin Com/Selectmen Chairs, the School Committee discussed the removal of the second larger override to be placed on the ballot.

The School Committee voted 4 in favor and 1 abstention to support the FinCom/Selectmen's desire to remove the second override from the ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools