

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Coolidge School
May 10, 2007

Present: W. Kohlman, A. Pratt, M. Brannelly
Administrators: M. Masterson, P. DiCicco

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Masterson recognized the MHS Band Chorus for their spring performance. Girl Scout Troop #2633 for their clean-up of the Coolidge yard and Fowler Teacher Deb Roussell who received a grant to attend the NEEDS conference (National Energy Education Development Project) in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Student Representative Report

Andrea Tobin reported that the MHS Junior Prom is May 11 at the Crowne Plaza in Natick, MA. May 18, starts the WAVM banquet weekend. Sport teams were reported on, and the senior academic awards assembly is May 31 at 10:00 a.m. and MHS Graduation is on June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

MHS School Improvement Plan Report

John Lent, joined by School Improvement council members Gaston Bathalon and Loretta Wesley reported on HS progress across 10 goals (attached). Committee members asked several questions.

FY 07 budget

Pete reported that the Chair had that evening signed another reserve fund transfer request for \$ 10,800. The Business Administrator informed the Committee that he had earlier requested \$30,750 for a retroactive cost share SPED placement and \$31,400 for engineering/design work for the High School/Elementary School boiler project. He anticipated another possible \$18,000, related to a Special Ed. interim placement. In short the current budget is in the red and potentially 'redder'.

Facilities Committee

The School Committee appointed on a 3-0 vote an on-going group composed of Jerry Culbert, Paul Howes, Mark Howrey, Anthony Midey, Ken Neuhauser and Matt Briggs, to study District facilities issues, to periodically advise the School Committee, and to assist the Committee to inform the public regarding the status and needs of District facilities.

The Facilities Committee is to refine its charge at its initial meeting. Among the topics charged to the com are:

- Develop a thorough understanding of previous facilities studies, delineating High School and Green Meadow needs.
- Draft the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Special Progress Report (due April 1, 2008) to:
 - Develop a long term High School and Green Meadow facility plans.
 - Develop a schedule of short term improvements.
- For Green Meadow:
 - Review and revise periodically the long term facilities plan.

- Recommend each year short term facilities improvements.
- Assist the SC to educate the community regarding facilities issues, specifically create mechanisms to ‘hear’ community concerns re facilities.
- ‘Vet’ alternatives to building a new HS facility.
- Collaborate with Mass School Building Authority (MSBA) to determine the High School facilities solution.

The School Committee distinguished between the current charge of this committee and the charge of a possible later, more expanded committee whose charge may well be to build a new High School.

7a The Superintendent reviewed his 5/4/07 Office of Campaign & Political Finance memo with the Committee. Members discussed it briefly as preparation for upcoming public communication efforts.

7b Planning for Town Meeting focused on the facilities presentation. Mrs. Pratt & Dr. Masterson will meet Monday. The Chair will develop the operating budget presentation.

7c. Computer Acceptable Use Policy, #603 was accepted as first reading.

7d. There was a discussion of tuition for the Brazilian exchange student. In the absence of policy the Committee decided to direct the Superintendent to develop a tuition based on the DOE calculated per-pupil cost of a regular day student. Such student will have to pay related fees, as any other Maynard student.

Minutes

The minutes of April 26 were approved 3-0.

Members Questions

Members questions included concerns about Music staffing, Senior college list, starting time of next School Committee meeting given conflict with the Fowler concert, the public safety committee meeting and the Fin Com meeting Monday evening.

At 9:10 p.m., the Committee voted to go into executive session under Chapter 39, S23B,3. by role call, 3-0, not to return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools