

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Coolidge School
May 24, 2007

Present: M. Brannelly, A. Pratt, B. Smith; W. Kohlman (late)
Administrators: M. Masterson, P. DiCicco

Mrs. Brannelly opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
She commented on the positive Town Meeting and the importance of the June 12 vote.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Masterson provided a succinct historical overview of the NEASC High School issues. Mr. DiCicco outlined the facilities problems in both Green Meadow and the High School. Committee members asked a series of questions and emphasized the importance of the June 12 debt-exclusion vote for both the Green Meadow and the Police station.

The Chair took citizens' questions regarding the High School music program. School Committee members and the Superintendent responded that no program cuts were planned, but the District music program was under review.

Fowler School Improvement Council Report

Mr. Brooks, with the assistance of Matthew Dichard and Marie Kutlowski, reviewed the Fowler School Improvement Plan, emphasizing the importance of structuring opportunities to have middle school students "do the work" they miss.

Business / Actions

Policy #603, Acceptable Use was voted in 4-0.

Minutes

Minutes of May 10 were voted 3-0-1 abstention (B. Smith had not been present.)

Members Questions

School Committee members discussed the issue of alleged 'neglect' of facilities. They emphasized the fact of difficult choices, but consciously choosing to maintain educational programs rather than making significant investments in roofs, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools