

**Maynard Public Schools**  
**Minutes of School Committee Meeting**  
**July 13, 2006**

Present: A. Pratt, M. Brannelly, W. Kohlman, B. Smith, P. Howes (Absent)  
Administrators: M. Masterson

Dr. Masterson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

The Supt spoke briefly about two challenges he believed were significant. He first pointed out that we were meeting in a 100+ year old school building that had served Maynard well. Our challenge is to take such a long term perspective on our current facilities needs and renovate/construct accordingly. Another less concrete challenge is to focus our collective attention beyond our continually improving test scores. Scores, across classes will vary. We need to develop ways to “attend” to improved teaching efforts, e.g. the Professional Learning Community, Senior Projects, increased use of technology, etc. We need to find ways to appreciate, measure, and celebrate these successes, or we will limit what we envision and thus what we become.

The Superintendent then asked for nominations for Chair of the School Committee. Bill Kohlman was nominated and seconded; there were no other nominations. He was elected unanimously. He then called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mary Brannelly was nominated, seconded and unanimously elected.

The School Committee discussed and endorsed the Committee-as-the-Whole philosophy. Wherever feasible, the whole Committee will deal w/issues, rather than delegate to sub-committees, with some exceptions, e.g. negotiations.

Superintendent’s Report (attached):

Dr. Masterson outlined the WAVM tower opportunity and requested the committee’s assistance in working the issue through the local Board ‘hurdles’.

There was a brief discussion about fields and working w/the Town to better support our short and long-term needs.

Business/Actions:

- a) Facilities Advisory Committee members: Charlie Athorn, Jerry Culbert, Kathy Hahn, Terry Herring, David Hull, Sue Kohlman, Peter Reed, Pete DiCicco & Dr. Masterson were voted in as an advisory committee to the School Committee.
- b) Wellness Policy: Mr. Kohlman led the discussion; the Committee understands the administrative regulations set a high bar. The Committee requested that the second draft of the policy be broadly distributed together with the date of the next reading/meeting.
- c) Minutes of the June 15 meeting were approved, 4-0.

Committee members requested Dr. Masterson develop a report comparing funded and unfunded Athletic and Music events, including transportation costs. Additionally, the Committee requested that the Superintendent inquire of the Town Manager the status of the CPA committee, has it been formed? Could a School Committee member be appointed? When will it begin work?

The next meeting was set for 5:30PM, Wednesday, August 16.

The Committee voted by a roll call vote, 4-0, to enter into Executive Session (Ch 39, S23B(3)) without the intent to return to public session at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson  
Superintendent of Schools