

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Coolidge School
June 11, 2009

Present: William Kohlman, Mary Brannelly, Phil Berry, May Rebecca Gay, (M. Howrey; Absent)

Administrators: Dr. Mark Masterson, Bernadette McLaughlin

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's Report (attached) focused on the improvements the High School Principal had made in the graduation ceremony.

Chairman's Report

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed Principal McLaughlin.

Green Meadow School Council Presentation

The Principal, Mrs. McLaughlin was accompanied by Green Meadow School Council representatives: Stephanie Gavin, Jessica Adelman, Nance Messina, D. Charbonneau, and Tracy Fowler, reviewed the Council goals (attached) for the year, including: Literacy, Math, Safety and Parent/Community Involvement. The presentation focused particularly on the literacy testing and improved reading results. Members asked a series of questions and thanked the School Council members.

Public Relations Plan

The Public Relations Plan was postponed to a later meeting in view of Town Meeting next Monday.

FY 10 Budget

The Superintendent, Dr. Masterson presented (6/11 memo, FY10 Budget) the school budget in the perspective of level-service needs, the Selectmen's reductions and the expected Federal Stimulus monies. After a lengthy discussion the Committee decided to have the Superintendent email to the Mr. Kohlman and Mr. Howrey examples of cuts. However, there was consensus that the focus of the presentation should be on the FY10 'support' of the Federal Stimulus funds and the challenge lack of those same monies would create for FY11.

The Superintendent also reviewed with the Committee his salary increase plan, (6/11 memo, Non-union Salary increases).

Policies

Policies #231 and #637.1 were moved to second readings. After much discussion the Chairman agreed to re-draft #231.1. #510 was accepted on a vote of 4-0. No action was taken on #516.

Minutes

Minutes of May 14, 2009 were amended, the fourth paragraph “The Chairman, Mr. Kohlman, led a discussion on each Policy; all were approved 5-0 (Mr. Kohlman will send drafts) except Policy, #516 (Promotion and Retention of Students).” should be deleted and replaced with, “The Chairman, Mr. Kohlman, led a discussion on each Policy; all were approved 5-0 except Policy, #510.1 (Classification/Grade Placement of Students) and Policy #632 (Academic Expectations, Enrichment)” and passed, 4-0.

Minutes of May 28 were passed, 4-0.

Members Questions

There was concern expressed about the softball field, wooden bleachers. Could these be repaired? Would the Boosters assist? Has the ‘metal trash’ been removed from the side of the path from the student parking lot to the athletic fields?

At 9:05 p.m. there was a motion to enter into executive session, Chapter 39, S23B(1), and not to re-adjourn to public session, passed on a roll call vote 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools