

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Coolidge School
December 16, 2008

Present: W. Kohlman, M. Brannelly, M. Howrey, P. Berry, A. Gay
Administrators: Dr. Mark Masterson, Peter DiCicco

Chairman, Mr. Kohlman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Superintendent, Dr. Masterson explained the amendments to Policy #563, Student Activity Accounts, and the necessity of the policy change as required by the auditors. The Committee voted 5-0 to amend the policy.

The Chair, Mr. Kohlman, outlined the general budget process, and then the Superintendent reviewed his 12/16/08 memo with potential levels of reductions. The Committee members discussed the problem the new 'transparent' format creates when they are not ready to make final reduction decisions. Mary Brannelly offered to speak with the Chair of the Selectmen. Members asked for more detail re cut impacts; the Superintendent explained that would be a main strength of the 'transparency' document.

The committee voted to approve the minutes of December 4, 2008, 4-0-1; Mark Howrey abstained.

At 8:05PM the Committee voted by roll call, 5-0, to enter into executive session, Chapter 39, S23B(3) to receive an update on negotiations, not to return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools