

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Coolidge School
January 7, 2010

Present: William Kohlman, Mary Brannelly, Mark Howrey, Phil Berry, Amy Rebecca Gay
Administrators: Dr. Mark Masterson

Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Mr. Kohlman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and informed the School Committee of the Board of Selectmen's plans to open the scheduled February Town Planning Meeting during February vacation and postpone it until February 27, 2010 at the Maynard Town Library.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Masterson, reported that the principal search committees would soon meet.

Minutes

The minutes of December 15, 2009 were accepted 4-0. (Mark Howrey arrived shortly after this vote).

The Business Advisor, Pete DiCicco, made a detailed presentation comparing the FY09 and FY10 budgets, delineating reductions from last year to this current year. He then demonstrated the effects of a 5% reduction, level-funded, and level-service to the FY11 school year. The School Committee asked a series of questions, discussed various alternatives and reiterated its request to delineate an additional \$150K for curriculum and an additional \$50K for technology.

School Committee member, Mark Howrey, and the Superintendent updated the Committee on the latest negotiations with the MSBA. The MSBA appeared to be focusing on an 8-12 building and were debating the relative costs of 'new' vs. 'renovate-add'. The superintendent reported the MSBA weekly meetings had been intense, but in general, the MSBA staff was in a listening mode.

Citizen's Comments

A Maynard resident, Josh Morse identified himself as the Facilities and Operations Supervisor for the City of Newton. He advised the School Committee of the 'hidden costs' of renovation and counseled 'build-new'.

Members Comments

School Committee members discussed their involvement in the principal search committees. Mary Brannelly offered to serve on the Fowler advisory committee and Phil Berry the Green Meadow advisory committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools