

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FOWLER SCHOOL LIBRARY  
APRIL 29, 2010**

Present: William Kohlman, Mary Brannelly, Mark Howrey, Phil Berry Amy Rebecca Gay  
Administrators: Dr. Mark Masterson, Superintendent; Peter DiCicco, Business Advisor

Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Mr. Kohlman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Fowler Library.

Foreign Exchange Student – Mubashir Khawaja

The Superintendent, Dr. Masterson, introduced the High School foreign exchange student Mubashir Khawaja, and his sponsoring parent Kelli Kirshtein. Mubashir presented a succinct PowerPoint overview of his native Pakistan, and told the Committee he had had a very good experience at Maynard High School this past year. Committee members asked a series of questions about his experience here and wished him well in the future.

Public Hearing – FY11 School Budget

The Public Hearing on the FY11 school budget began at 7:35 p.m. The Superintendent provided a brief overview of the budget's development and introduced the Business Advisor, Pete DiCicco, who explained the \$463,000 of ARRA stimulus monies and their impacts on this year's and the FY11 budget. Following his overview of the budget, the Superintendent reviewed the budgets of each school and discussed the technology and curriculum budgets in detail, demonstrating significant needs for the near future. The School Committee commented on teacher salary challenges as well as technology and basic supply accounts. There were no comments from the general public.

The Committee then saw a brief slide show of the WAVM antenna being raised. Mark Minasian, WAVM advisor, explained a test-procedure that would satisfy the FCC requirements. Members asked a series of questions and thanked Mark for his dedication to WAVM.

School Calendar 2010/2011

The 2010/11 school year calendar was adopted on a 5-0 vote.

School Choice Participation 2010/2011

The School Committee voted that the District would participate in School Choice for the 2010/11 school year by a 5-0 vote.

School Committee Policies

Policies #270, 511, 513, 519 and 551 were approved to be moved forward as second readings.

Members Questions

Mary Brannelly offered to serve on the Assistant Superintendent screening committee.

Mark Howrey and Bill Kohlman offered to serve on a committee with Brendon Chetwyn and Bob Nadeau regarding capital needs that might be considered along with the new High School.

The Committee discussed potential nominees for recognition at the annual Town Meeting and decided on Lois Cohen for her leadership of the EXCEL program.

Minutes

The Committee amended the minutes of April to read “all eighth grade sports” and approved them 5-0.

Executive Session

The School Committee voted by roll call vote, 5-0, to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations at 9:55 p.m., without the intent to return to public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mark R. Masterson  
Superintendent of Schools