

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
MAY 27, 2010

Present: William Kohlman, Mary Brannelly, Mark Howrey, Phil Berry, Amy Rebecca Gay
Administrators: Dr. Mark Maserson, Laura Chesson, Principal, Maynard High School

Chairman's Report

Chair opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m., and commented on a wonderful WAVM banquet he had attended last Sunday.

High School Improvement Council

High School Principal, Laura Chesson reported on attendance and tardiness reductions driven by more clear administrative responses, the continuing challenges of at-risk students and their needs, and new course offerings.

High School Design

The Superintendent then introduced the site and outlined several issues, including problems with drainage and advantages of the facility site. The Principal, Mrs. Chesson, gave an overview of the public and staff input processes, the MSBA limitations and consequent compromises and walked the Committee through the draft floor plan, outlining its advantages. School Committee members questioned and commented on the draft and were generally pleased to see the opportunities the new facility presented for students and community.

At 9:20 p.m., the School Committee then chose to enter into executive session via a 5-0 roll call vote, with the intent to return to open session. At 9:40 p.m., the Committee returned to public session.

Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of May 13, 2010, 5-0.

Policies

The Committee approved the second reading of policies: #102, 607, 632, 651, 660, 661, and 706.

Members Questions

The Committee suggested the Superintendent order chairs for the retiring Principals. They expressed an interest in a social get together with the Assistant Superintendent before he leaves. Committee members targeted August 12 as a potential summer social gathering. The School Committee suggested that fields be included in the job responsibilities of the new town facilities manager.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m. by roll call vote, without the intent to return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools