

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
JUNE 10, 2010

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

Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Mr. Kohlman welcomed the MEA representatives, Chris Fleming, President; Mike Stevens, Vice-President; and Nance Messina, Treasurer. The members of the School Committee negotiating team were very complimentary of MEA's participation in the collaborative process. Committee members and MEA members discussed future collaborative efforts, including joint political efforts to communicate district needs to various publics.

At 7:25 p.m. via a unanimous roll call vote the School Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss the MEA contract.

The School Committee exited the Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. and invited the MEA members back in the room, informed them of the Committee's 5-0 vote of agreement, pending ratification by the MEA. The MEA President informed the Committee he would schedule the ratification vote next Tuesday, June 15.

Old Fowler School

Some School Committee Members had spoken with individual Selectmen and understood it would facilitate discussions between the Town & Art Space if the Town had full ownership of the 'old' Fowler. The Superintendent advised the School Committee that the facility had totally inadequate play/field and parking space and would cost a king's ransom to bring it up to contemporary code and to make it a productive educational facility.

The School Committee voted 5-0, "To return the 'old' Fowler School property back to the Town of Maynard" and voted 5-0 "directing the Superintendent to take any and all appropriate action to facilitate the transfer."

Freshman Sports

At 8:15 p.m. the High School Principal, Mrs. Chesson and the Athletic Director, Trish DeMars joined the School Committee, and reviewed changes in the Wachusett League regarding 8th graders playing at the High School level. After their presentation (attached) Committee members asked a number of questions. Finally it became evident that the proposed changes would create more playing opportunities in more common age cohorts for students. The School Committee reached consensus that creating options for freshmen teams made sense, and thanked the Mrs. Chesson and Mrs. DeMars for their efforts.

High School Timeline

Dr. Masterson reviewed the design timeline with the School Committee.

Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of May 27, 2010; 5-0.

Policies:

#562 - Student Activity Fees, given the changes in the composition of middle school sports teams to include 6th graders, the Committee voted, 5-0, to amend #562.1 to have 6th graders pay the standard Fowler activity fee.

#102 - School Committee Regulations, the committee voted 5-0 to affirm its regs, including the previous amendments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by roll call vote, without the intent to return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools