

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
OCTOBER 1, 2009**

Present: William Kohlman, Mary Brannelly, Mark Howrey, Phil Berry, Amy Rebecca Gay
(Absent);

Administrators: Dr. Mark Masterson, Jill Green, Director, Student Services

Guest: Theresa Watts, Executive Director of CASE;

Board of Selectmen; David Gavin, Sally Bubier, Bob Nadeau, Brendon Chetwynd

The Chairman, Mr. Kohlman, opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Masterson reported very positive feedback from parents regarding his Friday 'Notes'. He explained that a system was being created to include community members' emails in a new database. As the system came on line, his 'Notes' would go out to a broader base of the community, beyond parents.

CASE

Teresa Watts, Executive Director of the Concord Area Special Education Collaborative (CASE) outlined the advantages of districts' joint efforts to serve low-incident populations. She identified three general populations served by CASE: students with developmental disabilities, students with social/emotional disabilities and students with Hearing/Speech/Language disabilities. She explained CASE had 26 classrooms in 14 districts, serving over 300 students in the region.

Student Services

Jill Green, Director of Student Services, then outlined federal and state legal requirements for serving children with disabilities. She provided an overview of our in-district programs, our decline in out-of-district students and the importance of planning for future facilities needs. She responded to a range of questions from School Committee members and Selectmen.

Superintendent's Goals

The Committee added the WAVM antenna effort as a goal, a reference to expanded community Public Relations and to NEASC Accreditation efforts.

Minutes

The members approved the minutes of September 2, 2009 by a vote of 3-0-1. Mary Brannelly abstained; she was absent. Also the minutes of September 17, 2009 were approved by a vote of 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools