

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
DECEMBER 3, 2009**

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

Administrators: Dr. Mark Masterson, Superintendent

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

Minutes

The minutes of November 12, 2009 were approved 3-0-0; Mark Howrey abstained.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Masterson, updated the Committee on the most recent MSBA meeting, saying he expected a decision from the MSBA in a week to 10 days on the grade structure they would support, 9-12, 8-12 or 7-12; and to build new or renovate.

He thanked those Committee members who had already actively begun to lead the political effort to inform the community to pass the January 11, 2010 Special Town Meeting vote.

Budget FY11

The Superintendent, Dr. Masterson, provided the most current budget information (attached) and the Selectmen's request to develop a level-funded and a -5% budget. He reminded the Committee that the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen had promised the School Committee that the school's level-funded budget this year would be the current FY10 budget plus \$250k. After some discussion, the School Committee instructed the Superintendent to develop three budgets, both those requested by the Board of Selectmen and a level-service budget.

Meeting Date Change

Due to a conflict, the School Committee moved its December 19 meeting to Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

At 7:45 p.m., the School Committee voted unanimously by roll call vote to move to executive session under CH39, S23 B3 to discuss negotiations. That session ended at 8:00 p.m. to open session.

The Committee again immediately voted unanimously at 8:00 p.m., to move to executive session under CH39, S23 B1. by roll call vote. The Committee adjourned into open session at 8:05PM.

The Superintendent handed out copies of "Permitted Activities of Public Officials in Support of Ballot Questions" and discussed the issues with the School Committee.

He also distributed the latest version of school choice in/out of the District, and pointed out the continuing emigration trend.

Members' Questions

- The Chairman, Mr. Kohlman, expressed his frustration with the scheduling of the WAVM Telethon and the Maynard High School Concert. The Superintendent responded that his investigation had found that the Principal was attempting to balance preparations for the Telethon with the Concert with the aftereffects of the Telethon with the basketball tourney the following week. Members suggested moving the Holiday Concert to after the winter break and/or scheduling a Professional Day for the Monday following the Telethon.
- A member asked the Superintendent to compliment the High School Principal on the Grade 8 up-day activities.
- Members would like Dr. Masterson to invite State Representative Kate Hogan and State Senator Jamie Eldridge to a School Committee meeting in January.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools