

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Coolidge School
September 6, 2007

Present: W. Kohlman, M. Brannelly, A. Pratt, B. Smith, P. Berry
Administrators: M. Masterson

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Chair and members reported on recent beginning sports events. Superintendent responded that the student representative would begin in October meeting, and as is customary, provide such info. Chair also explained communication he had with the Chair of Selectmen regarding some approximately \$57,000 in unanticipated revenue that will be allocated at the fall special Town Meeting.

The Superintendent recommended these priorities:

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| 1. Fowler boiler assembly/testing | \$15,000 |
| 2. MHS auditorium door replacement | \$4,000 |
| 3. Out of State Special Needs placement | \$50,000 |

Following some explanatory discussion regarding each, the Committee voted 5-0 that these requests as prioritized be moved to the Selectmen.

MSBA Update

Jerry Culbert, accompanied by Anthony Midey, Matt Briggs, and Ken Neuhauser of the Facilities Committee, reviewed the recent MSBA tour of the high school. The comments of the visiting team were positive regarding the organization of the tour, the current clean state of the facility, and the capital investments that had been made.

The Committee decided to have the Chair craft a thank you note from the Committee; Dr. Masterson will contact Mr. Buckley in October. The School Committee will request the Selectmen's support in some response to MSBA.

Telecom tax:

The Chair summarized various aspects of the Governor's Municipal Partnership Act, citing possible benefits to Maynard. The SC voted 5-0 the following motion: "to support the Selectmen's position regarding Governor's Municipality Act, specifically the telecom tax."

Policy #707 #707.1

Following a suggestion regarding the admin regs, the policy was affirmed by a vote of 5-0. The Committee intends to 'grandfather' current non-profit signs.

Policy #637

Following a suggestion regarding the admin regs, the policy was affirmed by a vote of 5-0.

Minutes of August 29 were approved 5-0.

Members of the Committee expressed concerns about the consistency of the coaches' evaluation process, budgeting allocations, and the watering of the field.

Questions: "What if MSBA allocates \$ to a project and the voters reject the initial capital warrant?"

Citizens' comment: "What is the School Committees' plan to reach out to senior citizens re. facilities issues?"

The meeting adjourned at 9:15PM by roll call vote without the intent to enter into Executive Session .

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools