

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
September 8, 2005

Present: A. Pratt, M. Brannelly, W. Kohlman, P. Howes (7:50 p.m.)
Administrators: M. Masterson

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

John Konetzny presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Committee. The Maynard Booster Club will sponsor this project along with other outside donations. The project is a Portable Ticket Booth on a trailer. John has previously met with the Maynard Board of Selectmen.

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to accept the gift of a Portable Ticket Booth when completed. 2nd by M. Brannelly.

Fields

Mr. DiCicco discussed the fact that the District no longer has a grounds keeper custodial position. Several alternatives were looked and resulted in a combination of the existing district custodians and Bob Bradway of Diamond Athletic Company. The district custodians cut, mow, and trim 19 acres of fields. Diamond lines the football, soccer, and field hockey fields, along with fertilizing, along with re-sodding 15,000 sq.ft. at Alumni field (this portion was donated). This plan is for the Fall only. Mr. DiCicco is looking at the possibility of hiring a seasonal person March-November, for grounds.

Chairman's Report

Mrs. Pratt discussed the opening of one seat on the School Committee. The deadline for applications is September 16. The Selectmen wanted to meet on September 20, but the committee would like another date. Mrs. Pratt will email the committee for possible dates. The Committee would like the meeting to be at Coolidge. Questions are to be submitted ahead of time from the Committee and Selectmen.

The Committee discussed Mrs. Pratt and Mary Brannelly going to the MASC Meeting in October. A motion was made by W. Kohlman to have M. Brannelly represent the School Committee at the MASC meeting. 2nd by A. Pratt. Motion passed.

Warrant Article

The Committee supports the article to be submitted to the Town for an increase to the School Department in Chapter 70 reimbursements.

A motion was made by W. Kohlman and 2nd by A. Pratt to submit an Amendment to the FY06 Budget as written.

Harvard Material

The Committee discussed various materials given to them by the Harvard, MA School Committee. These items included, athletics, extra-curricula, student fees, class size, the systems report card, programmatic budget and the whole budget document. The Committee thanked Harvard and the School Committee for the materials.

Minutes

The School Committee Minutes of 8/26/05 needed to be changed to 8/29/05. A motion was made by W. Kohlman to accept the minutes of 8/29/05 as written. 2nd by M. Brannelly.

Members Questions

The Committee would like to see the AP results analysis.

The Committee would like the next meeting to have the School Councils, Superintendent's Council, School Committee and Administrators to have a work session regarding the Strategic Plan.

The Committee would like to thank Dr. Mayer for the quality of the article he wrote to the Boston Globe and Beacon Villager.

P. Howes will contact the Beacon Villager to do an article on Diamond Athletic Company, and Bob Bradway for his work and donations to the fields in the District.

The School Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. by unanimous roll call vote; M. Brannelly (Yes); P. Howes (Abstained); W. Kohlman (Yes); A. Pratt (Yes); under Chapter 39, S23B for the purposes of collective bargaining.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Superintendent's Secretary