

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 9, 2004**

Present: A. Pratt, M. Wood, M. Brannelly, W. Kohlman, P. Howes
Administrators: M. Masterson, D. Mayer

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

Chairman's Report

The School Committee and Superintendent welcomed Daniel Mayer to the District.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Masterson and the Committee discussed the possibility of having a small reception for new teachers at the start of the next Committee meeting.

NCLB/AYP

Dan Mayer, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the Committee the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) impact on Adequate yearly Progress (AYP). The district will be listed as "needs improvement" even though all of our schools have been performing above the requirements of NCLB. Every student in America should be at proficient levels by 2014. The Federal Department of Ed. takes the results of MCAS testing and assigns its own point value to them, then grades each District. Each district is expected to show continued increases in their scores in different sub-groups every year until every child is proficient. Special Needs is where Maynard fell short, scoring more than 20 points below the target.

Facilities Study

Pete DiCicco identified that there are substantial facilities needs that must be addressed. These issues will be discussed in a public forum with the Finance Committee at a future date.

Superintendent's Goals

A draft of the Superintendents goals were discussed which included:

1. Building upon and improving the town-wide budget process that develops a budget consensus among Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee member.
2. Publishing more district information to the Community.
3. Advancing the Facilities Assessment to identify facilities needs and move forward with a plan for the needs.

Minutes

A motion was made by W. Kohlman and 2nd by M. Brannelly to accept the minutes from July 29, August 11, and August 19 as written. Motion passed. Minutes missing from July 7, 2004.

Members Questions

Dr. Masterson reported that the Elks in Maynard are presenting dictionaries to every third grader at the Green Meadow School. Dr. Masterson will thank the Elks.

The 2004/05 calendars are being sold in the Community with proceeds going to the Maynard Education Foundation.

M. Brannelly would like to hear from the High School what preparations are being made for our students to take the new SAT's (Class of 2006), which are in a different format.

Also, there was discussion about a better dress code at the High School. Mr. Lent will be contacted.

W. Kohlman commented on the excellent condition of the fields at the schools. Diamond Athletics will be commended for their work.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session Ch39, S23(b)3 by roll call vote at 8:25 p.m.

M. Wood (Yes), W. Kohlman (Yes), M. Brannelly (Yes); A. Pratt (Yes); P. Howes (Yes); without the intent to return to open session to discuss negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Superintendent's Secretary