

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He reported the Selectmen had responded positively to the Committees request for assistance with unanticipated expenses; the auditorium door, the Fowler boiler and an out-of-district special education placement. He also expressed concern about the Green Meadow Assistant Principal, and her recent hospitalization.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Masterson reported on the Green Meadow Assistant Principal's current status and facilities.

Guidance

Lisa MacLean, joined by Korey Barkley and Elizabeth Schuster, provided the Committee an overview of guidance services as they have been restructured. Lisa responded to questions from the Committee.

Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School Update

Laura Ross AVT School Committee member was joined by Superintendent Carlo, Principal Mary Jo Nawrocki, Business Admin Pat Collins; Pupil Services, Ellen Ronzio. They reported to the Committee on Maynard student enrollment, admissions history and data on students returning to Maynard. The Committee asked for a similar report at the end of this year, asked a series of questions about tuition costs, and challenged the notion that AVT was a comparable college prep program. And the Committee responded to questions from the AVT administrators about busing the entire eighth grade to AVT for a tour.

MSBA

Dr. Masterson reported that the second, more technical MSBA visit had occurred Monday, 9/17. The five visitors were architects, a mechanical and an electrical engineer. After a brief tour in which Dr. Masterson pointed out the facilities issues detracting from educational efforts, they met w/Pete to ask a series of specific facility questions. Later Dr. M. met w/the team leader, discussed the NEASC issues, providing him w/a copy of the probation letter. Dr. Masterson must now follow-up with a report responding to a series of facilities questions. Once that report is filed, early next week, the District is in line to be awarded assistance.

Regionalization

Members expressed frustration with the tone of recent newspaper articles, but believed they had an obligation to pursue all alternatives. Dr. Masterson is to direct a letter to the NRSD superintendent, identifying specific conditions under which they would continue the discussion to regionalize, e.g. pre-K-12. The letter should indicate a willingness to discuss fiscal specifics. Dr. Masterson requested SC assistance in the drafting.

The minutes of September 6, 2007 were approved 5-0.

Members questions

Could the superintendent identify someone with expertise regarding speed bumps.

What is the timetable for paving over the new gas lines?

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools