

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
September 21, 2005
Minutes of Joint Meeting of Board of Selectmen
And
School Committee

The meeting was convened at 7:30 PM by Selectmen Chair Robert Nadeau and School Committee Chair Ann Pratt with the following in attendance: Selectman John Barilone, Selectmen Bill Cranshaw, Selectman Sally Bubier, and Selectman Tim Lawton. School Committee members Mary Brannelly, Bill Kohlman, and Paul Howes. Also in attendance at the meeting were: Interim Town Administration David Owen, Selectmen's Secretary Becky Moska, John Barilone, Jr., School Superintendent Mark Masterson, and Assistant School Supt. Dan Mayer.

Ann Pratt handed out a list of potential questions to ask the candidates. The list of questions was a compilation of the questions provided to her by the members of the two boards. The members of the two boards chose the questions they wanted to ask. The first candidate, Brian J. Smith, was interviewed extensively by the members of the two boards. His interview wrapped up at 8:30 PM.

After a 5-minute break, the Boards called in the second candidate, Lou Ann Cataia, who was also extensively interviewed about her experience in working on Town Boards and Committees and her thoughts about education. Mrs. Cataia's interview wrapped up at 9:05 PM., after which Board members began to deliberate about the qualities of the two candidates. Robert Nadeau made a motion, seconded by John Barilone, to appoint Lou Ann Cataia to fill the vacancy on the School Committee until the next Town election.

Upon a roll call vote, in which Selectman Nadeau voted Yes, Selectman Barilone voted Yes, Selectman Cranshaw voted Yes, Selectmen Bubier voted Yes, and Selectman Lawton voted No, and Mrs. Pratt voted No, Mr. Kohlman voted No, Mary Brannelly voted No, and Mr. Howes voted No, the motion failed (4-5).

A new motion was made by Mary Brannelly, with Bill Kohlman seconding, to appoint Brian J. Smith to fill the vacancy on the School Committee until the next Town election. Upon a roll call vote, with Selectman Nadeau voting NO, Selectman Cranshaw voting No, Selectmen Bubier voting NO , Selectman Barilone voting NO, and Selectman Lawton voting Yes, Mrs. Brannelly voting Yes, Mrs. Pratt voting Yes, Mr. Kohlman voting Yes, and Mr. Howes voting yes, the motion passed (5-4).

At approximately 9:30 PM, Selectman Cranshaw moved, with Selectman Bubier seconding, that the Boards convene in Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy, and to return to public session after the conclusion of the Executive Session. Upon a roll call vote in which all members of the two boards participated, the motion was adopted unanimously by members of both boards.

At 10:00 PM, Selectman Nadeau moved, and Selectman Cranshaw seconded a motion to leave Executive Session and to return to Public Session. Upon a roll call vote of all members of both boards and with all members voting Yes, the Boards returned to Public Session.

Ron Calabria, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Town Accountant Ken DeMars, and Fire Chief Steve Kulik joined the meeting to discuss the Town's financial situation. The problem of anticipated deficits in the Town's health insurance account is impinging upon the Town's ability to fund other programs, like education. In addition, the Fire Chief seeks additional funds from the Ambulance Receipts account. The FinCom plans to work with the Fire Chief to determine the sustainability of the Ambulance receipts revolving funds with these kinds of demands upon it.

Motion to adjourn at 11:00 PM, with all voting Yes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of both Committees,

Becky Mosca
Selectmen's Secretary