

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Work Session
October 5, 2006

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Administrators: M. Masterson

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:10PM; requested Mr. Howes to lead the conversation.

Draft goals from the last work session were linked under headings established in the summer of '05. The headings are enumerated below:

1. Regulations:

- MCAS
- AYP/NCLB

2. Competition:

- Ad Campaign
- HS Future
- New Hires

3. Customers:

- Facilities
- AP/Enrichment
- College Entrance
- Fees
- Extra-curricular
- Safety

4. Economy:

- Chap 70 Funding
- Contract Negotiations
- Insurance.

Mr. Howes and Dr. Masterson agreed to develop explanatory material.
Work session adjourned at 6:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Student Representative's Report:

Dr. Masterson asked Principal Lent to introduce the new Student Rep for this year, Andrea Tobin, a MHS student.

Andrea reported that WAVM radio and TV were now on the air. She reported on the success of sports teams to date, and the National Merit Scholarship commended students. She said the Student Council intended to approach the faculty to request a change in the 'hat' rule.

Superintendents Report:

Dr. Masterson provided the Committee a list of National Merit Commended Scholars, the 2006 Adams Scholars, and the Advanced Placement honors students.

10/3 Safety Review:

- a. Principals are securing all external doors, limiting external traffic to main doors during the school day.
- b. HS & GM Principals will engage appropriate service people to get PA systems functioning in all appropriate areas.
- c. Principals are reviewing emergency procedures w/staff, specifically lockdown issues; GM & HS will complete 'student' lockdown drills with police oversight this month. Building crisis management teams are participating in reviews. At the HS, John has involved the Student Government in considering ways to make the building safer.
- d. New staffs are receiving particular attention re emergency procedures. All staff have been sensitized to be alert for any 'stranger' w/out a visitor badge.
- e. Superintendent contacted Police Chief, requested assistance with emergency alarm.
- f. New HS Assistant Principal attending "Threat Assessment Workshop" 10/19. The agenda will include case reviews of school violence, lessons learned from national incidents, etc.. This is part of ongoing training which our Assistant Principals have participated in recent years.
- g. Security issues will be highlighted in Facilities Review.

Committee members' concerns focused on the High School entrance. Members wanted to be sure no students were at the front desk unaccompanied by an adult. Members requested an adult be assigned to the entry way during the school day. Dr. Masterson responded he did not believe the position could be covered every period with current staff.

4. a. WAVM Tower lease:

Motion: "The Town of Maynard School Committee hereby declares by a majority vote of its members that the property described below currently under its care, custody, management and control for school purposes is no longer needed exclusively for such purposes and that the property described below may be transferred to the care, custody, management and control of the Maynard School Committee to be used for the joint purposes of constructing a wireless communications facility and leasing to a company or company which provide wireless communications services and for school purposes. The property is a portion of Assessor's Map 24, Parcel 3, described in the deed to the Town recorded with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book 6156, Page 32, and shown on a plan entitled "Representation Plan Showing Zone to be Changed From Residential (S-1) to Industrial Plan of Land in Maynard, MA", prepared by InLand Survey, Inc. DBA Zanca Land Surveying, dated September 7, 2006, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk. Notice is hereby given of such determination to the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §15A. This vote is contingent on approval by the Maynard Town Meeting under Article 14, of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, October 16, 2006."

Committee members discussed safety concerns.

The motion was made, seconded and passed 4>0.

4. b. First Reading of Policies:

Members discussed policies, agreed on some modifications, and moved them to the second reading.

Members questions:

1. Was the High School planning to have more dog searches?
2. Why were students being charged for football games?

There was a discussion of School Committee conflict of interest regarding coaching and serving on the School Committee. The Superintendent clarified that the legal opinion was that the coaching member should not participate in negotiations that might affect his salary, nor any discussions about athletics. The member clarified that that had been the past history; others concurred. The member informed everyone he intended to speak to the Selectmen.

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