

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
October 6, 2005

Present: A. Pratt, P. Howes, M. Brannelly, W. Kohlman, B. Smith
Administrators: M. Masterson, D. Mayer, P. DiCicco, J. Lent

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

Mrs. Pratt thanked the High School Students and Mr. Magno for the live broadcast this evening.

Mrs. Pratt told the committee that Assabet Valley Collaborative High School had hired a Public Relations person.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Masterson had Mr. Lent introduce the High School representatives to the School Committee. They are Emily Cahoon and Kate MacAleer. The students will also report on Student Government activities.

Dr. Masterson will present at a legislative breakfast on October 18 regarding Charter Schools.

Dr. Masterson and Mr. DiCicco met with J. Larkin who has formed a capital needs committee.

Business/Actions

Policy 562 – Student Activity Fees

This policy was brought to the Committees attention because there are non-residents who would like to participate in MHS extracurricular activities. After much discussion, the policy was tabled to the next meeting and Dr. Masterson will check with the MHS class advisors and see if there are any legal aspects regarding this policy.

There are also some Administrative Regs. in 562.1 to be updated.

MCAS Results

Dr. Mayer stated that last year in November, the district set curriculum goals for the year. Last, SPED, free & reduced students did not meet the State adequate Yearly Progress. The goal was to make AYP and improve the districts math scores. The plan was to improve 10% in all subjects by 2007.

The following results were made in MCAS – This was Maynard's best MCAS year. Our largest gains were in math; we are almost at our 2007 target in ELA and Math. Dr. Mayer has held meeting with each grade level and involved each teacher in the analysis. The district will need to focus on science this year.

FY07 Budget Process

Dr. Masterson initiated the FY07 budget process by outlining the district's Chapter 70 funding history.

School/Superintendent's Councils

The School Committee would like the Councils to meet at least three more times this school year. The end of November, February and April. The School Committee would like the Agendas and Minutes of all Councils to be sent to each member.

The Committee would like to see the goals/drivers as part of the agenda items.

Fuel Costs

Mr. DiCicco discussed the '07 estimates on fixed fuel costs in the expense budget.

Minutes

A motion was made to accept the joint minutes of 9/21/05 with the Selectmen as written. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion passed.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of 9/22/05 with changes in attendance, as written. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion passed. (Also present at meeting were invited members of the Green Meadow, Fowler and MHS School Councils. Also, J. Dillon present under Administrators).

Citizens Comments

Representatives from the Community Preservation Act discussed the warrant article on the October 24 warrant.

The article would impose a surcharge on real estate property for the purposes of preservation, creation, and restoration of open spaces, historic resources, and support of community housing. The surcharge is 1.5% of the annual real estate tax levy and the exemptions would be anyone who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate senior housing in Town.

October 29, 2005 there is a meeting in the Coolidge field at 11:00 a.m. regarding the design of the Coolidge Community Park. Another meeting will be held November 3 at MHS at 6:00 p.m.

The School Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. by unanimous roll call vote; M. Brannelly (Yes); P. Howes (Yes); W. Kohlman (Yes); A. Pratt (Yes); B. Smith (Yes); under Chapter 39, S23B for the purposes of consideration of a lawsuit and collective bargaining.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Superintendent's Secretary