

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
October 17, 2007

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

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Masterson reported on: MSBA Event that morning at the State House, and his meeting with Peg Brown, CPA Chair.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative, Mary Jane Hatch, in her first report to the Committee highlighted WAVM, Youth & Government, sports and upcoming events.

MCAS Report

Accountability: Dr. Mayer gave a detailed presentation on MCAS scores, showing a six year trend of continuing improvement. He then reviewed SAT and AP test scores showing an upward trend. The School Committee was very pleased and requested that the Chair draft a thank you note to all staff.

MHS Library update

Dr. Mayer reported on the plans to upgrade the High School library, including space expansion, weeding the collection, adding books, and expanding access through more current technology, including a wireless network, LCD projectors and 30 laptops on a cart, making 'library' resources available throughout the school.

Business / Actions

Facilities Committee Recommendation

Motion #1: "That the Green Meadow Automatic Temperature Control System be moved forward to the Spring Town Meeting." Motion passed 5-0, following a brief discussion. Dr. Masterson withdrew the Facilities committee request for a vote on the facilities manager position. He agreed with the Committee concerns that that position should not be ahead of other educational position needs, but considered with them.

CASE representation

Motion: "That the Superintendent serve as the Maynard representative on the CASE board for the 2007/2008 school year." Passed 5-0.

Minutes

Minutes of October 4 meeting were approved 5-0.

Members Questions

The Committee inquired about the Interim High School Principal timeline. Superintendent Masterson reported he has published Interim openings on two websites; and the internal application deadline is 10/19.

Requested invitations for Representative Pat Walrath and Senator Pam Resor to a November Committee meeting.

The Chair requested a roll call vote to go into executive session for negotiations; passed 5-0, Chap39, S23B(3).

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:15 p.m., not to return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools