

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Maynard High School
November 2, 2006

Present: W. Kohlman, A. Pratt, M. Brannelly, B. Smith, P. Howes
Administrators: M. Masterson, P. DiCicco
Guest: Jerry Culbert

The Chair opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. in room #212 at Maynard High School.

Facilities Walk-Through and Discussion

The topic of conversation immediately focused on facilities. Jerry Culbert and Pete DiCicco began the 'tour' with a discussion of the classroom ventilators and the single-pane windows, pointing out the energy losses and general ventilation problems, as well as necessary, costly short-term repairs done this summer. The tour went down the hall, noting the asbestos floor tiles, the inadequate library space, through the café and past the toilets, noting the age of the plumbing. The boiler room revealed dirty, outdated boilers in area crammed w/junk. Pete detailed the \$8-10 thousand we necessarily spend each year just to keep them functioning. The Committee then moved to the, now empty of students, science labs. Dr. Masterson, not focusing on students and teachers described the science rooms and the library as a scandalous, embarrassment the District.

FY08 Budget Discussion

The School Committee members returned to Room #212. Mr. Kohlman requested that Mr. DiCicco review FY08 budget projection of \$12,608,935. as our level service number. Dr. Masterson explained that he would follow the Town request for reductions to level funding, \$12,079,770. and develop appropriate reductions. However, that to engage the administrative team in an exercise to reduce 3% below level funding would be futile. Following Mr. DiCicco's presentation the Chair outlined on the white-board a multi-year look at a potential override and capital expenses coming on line. The Committee understood the yearly increase of 3.5-4% per year and wrestled with the problem of capital spending. The need for significant renovations at the High School level was clear to all. However, no consensus as to how to develop multi-year budgets emerged.

Budget Sub-Committee Representatives

Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Brannelly agreed to serve as the Town Budget sub-committee liaisons. The first meeting is Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the High School.

School Committee members inquired about the health of a High School staff member and the recent lock-down drills.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 18, 2006 meeting were amended and unanimously approved.

Dr. Masterson requested an executive session, CH39,S23B(3) by roll call vote to discussion negotiations at 9:10 p.m. without the intent to re-enter in public session.
M. Brannelly (Yes); B. Smith (Yes); A. Pratt (Yes); P. Howes (Yes); W. Kohlman (Yes).

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools