

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
November 3, 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.

Chairman's Report

Senator Resor had to re-schedule and could not attend the meeting.

Assabet Valley School Committee Representative

Laura Ross talked with the Committee about courses offered at Assabet. Assabet will offer AP courses in 2006. Assabet will have an Open House on November 16. The School Committee would like to have on-going discussions with Assabet and request that Gene Carlo, Superintendent of Schools at Assabet, attend a future meeting to discuss course offerings at Assabet, funding issues, etc.

MIAA District Chair

The School Committee wanted to discuss the possibility that Maynard Football players may have an unfair disadvantage in competing against teams with larger schools, in some cases twice the size. Maynard is the only stand-alone team, while other Division D teams are all Cooperatives.

Lou Macedo is the MIAA area district chair. He discussed how cooperative teams were established, where a school system may lack the numbers and give the school an opportunity to merge with another district. All cooperatives must reapply for MIAA approval every three years. The Committee felt that the approach on Cooperatives is flawed. Dr. Masterson will follow-up with a letter to the District E Football Committee regarding the current alignment, the variations in population and geography.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Masterson has engaged New Media Associates in Amesbury, MA. They are currently conducting focus groups with teachers, parents and students.

MHS Alumni Website

The School Committee supported the efforts to develop and move forward with an alumni website.

Business / Actions

Further discussions were had on Policy #562, Student Activities. The new wording is intended to reflect the Committees desire to market the schools to non-resident students. The Policy will be brought up again to the next meeting. Dr. Masterson will check with Legal counsel on possible ramifications that exclude taxpayers.

Health Policies

#532, 532.1, 641, 641.1, 641.2, 641.3 and Life Threatening Policies – 1st Reading.
The School Committee thanked the School Nurses for all their hard work in reviewing and initiating the new policies.

Minutes

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to approve the minutes of October 19, 2005. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion passed.

Members Questions

The Committee thanked Mrs. McLaughlin for her “Simple Safe Kids Program”.

The School Committee adjourned at 9:50 p.m. by unanimous roll call vote to Executive Session; M. Brannelly (Yes); P. Howes (Yes); W. Kohlman (Yes); A. Pratt (Yes); B. Smith (Yes).

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Superintendent’s Secretary