

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**COOLIDGE SCHOOL**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

Present: W. Kohlman, M. Brannelly, A. Pratt, B. Smith, P. Berry  
Administrators: M. Masterson, D. Mayer, J. Lent, R. Brooks, B. McLaughlin, J. Mela,  
P. DiCicco  
Facilities Study Committee: M. Briggs, M. Howry  
Selectmen: S. Bubier, B. Cranshaw  
Finance Committee: R. McCarthy, K. LaCroix

Dr. Masterson outlined the context of the work session, beginning with continuously improving MCAS scores, AP test scores and recent SAT improvements. He then referenced budget expense reductions in the last five years. He specifically identified the importance of 'support' issues, not attended to in recent budgets, and concluded with a reference to facilities issues.

Mr. Diccico spoke next, explaining next year's projected costs to attain level-service.

Each Principal spoke in turn outlining their building needs, including staffing, supplies and security and facility issues.

Dr. Mayer addressed Special Education concerns (in Jill Green's absence).

Mark Howrey, speaking for the Facilities Committee, addressed the Green Meadow temperature controls need, some Fowler issues, safety issues and the High School Science labs.

School Committee members questions included French as a second High School language, guidance counselors across the District, and an enrichment program at Fowler.

A Selectman and Fin Com member pointed out that the 2.5% total increase was in the neighborhood of \$600k.

The Administration was requested to re-work these needs into more 'final' priorities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson  
Superintendent of Schools