

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
November 29, 2005

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

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

Chairman's Report

The Legislature Listening Session will be held at Marlboro Middle School on December 1. Dr. Masterson, A. Pratt, B. Smith, M. Brannelly, S. Bubier, J. Earley, B. McCarthy will attend. Mrs. Pratt will come prepared to speak at the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

M. DeCastro, a Maynard resident who works for Eastern Bank coordinated a donation of 30 computers and 15 monitors to the district. The Committee thanks Mr. DeCastro for his support of the schools.

The Fowler Girls Soccer Team went undefeated this season.

The Excel Program has again hosted the Global Child Spanish Program at Green Meadow. There are 14 students enrolled in 2 classes; K-3.

New Media will meet with the Committee on Wednesday to share the first draft of their recent tapings.

Student Representative Report

Emily Cahoon reported that the MHS Band Concert will be December 15 and they will participate in the Christmas Parade on December 4. WAVM is still waiting to hear from the FCC. Drama Club one Act Plays are on December 22. The WAVM Telethon starts December 9. The National Honor Society Induction was November 22. The HS signed up 85% of the students for the Great American Smoke-Out.

MIAA

Mr. Lent addressed the Committee on 8th graders playing on the High School Teams. Presently, the High School has 8th graders playing on Field Hockey, Boys Soccer, Girls and Boys Track. The Committee would like to have 8th graders added to the golf roster. The Committee directed Mr. Lent to add golf to the next waiver and golf will be added to the Activity Fee Letter in the Fall. 8th Grade students are assessed at the High School Fee Level.

Guidance Update

Mr. Lent addressed the Committee on the transition of the guidance position at MHS.

- Guidance has worked well with the Administration. They meet regularly on Day 3 to share concerns.
- Mrs. Justason has been trained as the VHS site coordinator.
- Mrs. MacLean and Mrs. Justason have been trained in using ConnectEdu to assist students and parents in the college process.
- Both Counselors have worked initially together on all students in the college application process. They are now able to the A-L and M-Z model effectively.

- Guidance has engaged in numerous activities this fall including PSAT and PLAN testing, visiting junior and senior classes for junior testing and senior college process, college fair and the counselor newsletter.

Class of 2005 Data

- Student from last year's class were accepted into a variety of high powered colleges and universities including: Brown, Bowdoin, Colby, Gordon, BY, Temple, New York University, and others.
- The College Board notified the district that we had the greatest number (6) of AP Scholars since MHS began offering AP courses.
- 77% planned on attending college (61% planned on attending a four-year college and 16% planned on attending community college).
- 24 juniors and 24 seniors took AP courses during the 04/05 school year. Most students enrolled in more than one AP course.
- The average total SAT exam score was up 23 points for the prior year (1005 vs. 982).
- The District will be offering a professional SAT prep course.

Business / Actions

Policy #562

Maynard resident students who attend other schools in either, charter schools or public schools, via "school choice" may not participate in student activities. Maynard resident students who attend Assabet Valley Technical High School and non-resident students who wish to participate in non-athletic school activities may pay the fee and participate provided space is available and the student meets the behavior attendance and academic requirements published for all students, both in the sending school and Maynard.

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to accept Policy #562 as written above. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion passed 4-1.

Health Policies

#532, 532.1, 641, 641.1, 641.2, 641.3 and Life Threatening Policies – 2nd Reading.

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to accept the policies as written. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion passed.

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 November 3, 2005 (with one change), and the joint meeting of November 17, 2005. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion passed.

Members Questions

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to submit to the Town the FY07 school budget of \$12,216,177. 2nd by B. Smith. Motion passed.

- The Committee would like to have Facilities Use Charges put on a future agenda.
- The Committee would like to look at alternative revenue streams for the school and town, i.e., bus advertising, alumni field banners, endowment funds, etc.
- The Committee would like to meet with the School Councils, Superintendent's Councils in early January.

The School Committee adjourned at 9:55 p.m. by unanimous roll call vote to Executive Session; CH39;23B(3); M. Brannelly (Yes); P. Howes (Yes); W. Kohlman (Yes); A. Pratt (Yes); B. Smith (Yes).

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Superintendent's Secretary