

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
December 16, 2004**

Present: A. Pratt, M. Wood, M. Brannelly, W. Kohlman, P. Howes

Administrators: M. Masterson

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

Representative Pat Walrath spoke to the committee about the current budget issues and her “best guess” is that we would be level funded again this year. The committee asked her a series of questions regarding the FY06 budget, the possible implication of the Hancock case.

SPED Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Jill Green made a report to the Committee (see attached). The Committee asked a series of questions particularly around out-of district students and the growing Pre-School population.

Coolidge Community Playground Committee

This local group made a request to appear before the Committee and wanted authority to raise money for the Coolidge playground, which the School Committee granted through a series of questions about the ownership of the Coolidge grounds area. There was a series of questions around liability for playgrounds and playground equipment. While the committee was supportive in terms of fundraising, a series of those questions had to be answered before the committee was willing to grant construction.

Calendar

The School Committee voted unanimously to begin school before Labor Day on August 30, 2005 for the 05/06 school year.

The School Committee moved its 2nd reading for all the policies, but tabled #207 and #705 for further conversation. Those policies approved were:

- #140 – Policies, Regular, & Job Descriptions
- #152 – Evaluation of the Superintendent
- #203 – Emergency Powers of the Superintendent
- #171 – Advisory Committees
- #204 – Administrative Regulations
- #241 – Duplication of Materials
- #303 – School Committee Financial Actions
- #305 – Bidding Requirements
- #441 – Substitute Teachers
- #531 – Dismissal of Ill Students
- #531.1 – Dismissal of Students for Health Reasons
- #642 – Substance Abuse Policy – Drug Free Workplace
- #643 – Tobacco Free Schools

Members Questions

A series of questions was raised about the new report card. 2 dates for the Mentoring Group to meet with the School Committee were suggested as January 11 or February 8.

The Committee would like more information on the MCAS scholarship criteria. The Committee would like to move up the foreign language discussion well before the course selections in May.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. by roll call vote without the intent to return to open session.

W. Kohlman (Yes); M. Brannelly (Yes); P. Howes (Yes); M. Wood (Yes);

A. Pratt (Yes).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools