

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Coolidge School
December 20, 2007

Present: W. Kohlman, M. Brannelly, A. Pratt, P. Berry, (B. Smith; Absent)
Administrators: M. Masterson, P. DiCicco

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Coolidge Park

Two members of the Coolidge Community Park committee, the Co-Chair, Alannah Gustavson and Landscape Designer, Lisa Bailey requested the School Committee to develop a letter, cf. attached 12/5 request to permit building on the site. After some discussion the School Committee agreed to direct the Superintendent to craft a letter in support of the group's efforts. Mary Brannelly agreed to work with the Superintendent to draft the letter.

FY 09 Budget

The SC members went through the Superintendent's budget recommendations in detail and included several items to the draft level-service budget, specifically \$60,000 to Special Education, \$45,000 for a Green Meadow teacher to allow for increased enrollment at Grade 3 and \$9000 to fund the ELL section at the HS.

The Committee then added several requests beyond level service, \$50,000 for a High School Connections program, \$45,000 for a GM/Fowler counselor, \$58,500 for a series of Enrichment program items, \$145,000 for technology needs, and \$72,000 for High School staffing needs. The Committee then voted to submit an FY09 budget request of \$13,795,790.

The Committee identified four facilities issues to move forward as warrant articles:

1. \$117,000 for repair replacement items.
2. \$41,600 for Green Meadow and High School security needs.
3. \$100,000 for High School Science lab renovations (NEASC Accreditation related)
4. \$356,928 for Green Meadow temperature control system.

Finally the School Committee asked the Superintendent to fund his suggested NESDEC grade-structure alternatives study via the unused FY08 study monies identified by the Business Administrator.

Superintendent's Report

SC members voted 4-0 "to direct the Superintendent to appeal the Building Inspector's ruling to the Planning Board and request a Special Permit to sell advertising on the Alumni Field fence."

Past minutes were approved: November 1, 2007, 3-0-1A; November 15, 2007, 4-0; and December 6, 2007, 3-0-1A.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools