

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Minutes of School Committee Meeting**  
**Coolidge School**  
**May 15, 2008**

Present: W. Kohlman, M. Brannelly, A. Pratt, B. Smith, P. Berry  
Administrators: Dr. M. Masterson

Chairman, Mr. Kohlman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Kohlman requested the Superintendent provide his report, attached; he highlighted the playground happenings.

Several parents had arrived to discuss the professional development calendar for next year, and the Chair, Mr. Kohlman, asked them to speak.

Two specific child-care problems were identified:

- Afternoon pre-school parents with a child also in Green Meadow have a schedule problem in that they drop-off their pre-school child at noon, pick-up their elementary child at 1:00 p.m. and return for the pre-school child at 2:30 p.m.
- Elementary parents were concerned that Green Meadow's professional day calendar was entirely different than the other schools, thus multiplying child-care variables.

The School Committee listened to the concerns and accepted the petition (several signers interjected that they now had a better understanding of the coordinated scheduling and were less concerned than previously). The School Committee requested that the Superintendent investigate these concerns, resolve them wherever possible, and report back to the Committee.

Members, noting that early release days were once Wednesdays, discussed the difficulties of establishing which day was preferable.

#### Planning for Town Meeting

The Superintendent offered two documents, several PowerPoint slides and a list of student successes. Members discussed strategies, made suggestions, and the Chair, Mr. Kohlman, agreed to integrate those into his presentation. After some discussion the members decided to use the bulleted successes as handouts for Town Meeting; however it was agreed that the Superintendent was to add a section on "needs", probably facilities.

#### MSBA

The Superintendent shared a draft of the MSBA required building committee, recommending two required slots, School Committee and Finance Committee representative be filled by two volunteers, Mark Howrey and Kristin LaCroix. Additionally, Laura Chesson, the new High School Principal will join the committee upon her arrival this summer. The Superintendent distinguished between a 'building committee' the School Committee's facilities committee.

The School Committee voted 5-0 to add these members to its facilities committee.

Policy #516

The Committee expressed concerns that the policy be firm in its support of the school Principals' maintaining appropriate standards. Suggested amendments included, paragraph 1 "...considered when any of the following occur:" Suggestion that all references "parent/guardians" be identical. With those changes the policy passed, 5-0.

The Chair called for a roll call vote to enter in executive session for negotiations, not to return to open session, at 8:40PM.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, the Chair, Mr. Kohlman, handed out the superintendent evaluation forms and the Superintendent handed out his activities in support of the District goals. The meeting then adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson  
Superintendent of Schools