

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Minutes of School Committee Meeting**  
**Coolidge School**  
**June 12, 2008**

Present: W. Kohlman, M. Brannelly, A. Pratt, B. Smith, P. Berry  
Administrators: M. Masterson, A. Dulong, R. Brooks, B. McLaughlin

The Chairman, Mr. Kohlman, opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

There was a question about the MHS driveway pavement and Dr. Masterson explained that Pete had requested Lazaro Paving to repair the pot holes and the tank-removal area behind the High School. The process had begun this week.

School Improvement Plan Reports

Green Meadow

Mrs. McLaughlin introduced Marybeth Wallace, Nance Messina, Pat McCarthy, Marie Kutlowski as members of her team. She talked about the focus on the individual child, the Scott Foresman project and outlined the fact that 12% of the children were at risk in the fall and the most current DIBELS done in May show that only 5% children at risk.

Transition issues to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and the generous PTO enrichment dollars were mentioned. The suggestion was made that the Principal share her weekly newsletter by way of email with the MFA and create ways to bring in pre-school children for some of the Green Meadow programs.

High School

Mr. Dulong, Interim Principal, talked about MCAS classes and the need for sophomores to get a score of 240 or proficient whereas previously to get a 220 score was adequate. He mentioned the importance of clear expectations for teachers regarding gradequick. Mr. Dulong expressed the need for more .2 electives in Social Studies, additional science, a strong math "non-calculus" course and electives in non-performance music and art.

Fowler

Mr. Brooks reviewed the research he had done regarding Assabet Valley, homework surveys with teachers and students to change policy, and his change in student vacation policy.

CASE Collaborative Representative

Dr. Masterson was appointed CASE representative for 2008-09 by a vote of 5-0.

Minutes

The minutes of May 15, 2008 were approved, 5-0.

### Members' Comments/requests

Summer School Committee meetings were set for July 1 at 7:30 p.m. and a work session for August 6, time to be determined. Some School Committee meeting dates for next year were changed, including October 16 to 15, October 30 to November 6 and November 13 to 20.

- Ann Pratt submitted her letter of resignation to the Chair of the School Committee effective June 30, 2008. There was a motion to have Ann Pratt maintain her role on the negotiating team. That vote was 4-0-1; Mrs. Pratt abstaining.
- Mr. Dulong, Interim Principal, was asked by the Committee to write a letter to the Beacon about his perceptions of Maynard High School.
- The second meeting in September, the Committee would like to see the numbers of High School students in all sections.
- The Committee would like to see the student numbers and VHS courses taken this past year, and to have a Guidance report regarding the number of drop-outs this year and post all available scholarships on the web, including appropriate application processes and dates.
- Request to re-send a regionalization consideration letter to Lincoln-Sudbury.
- Request to send a copy of the Fowler School Improvement Plan study to Laura Ross and Gene Carlo.
- Request the Superintendent review the athletic fee collection process with Ms. Chesson and the Athletic Director.
- Investigate whether Tiger Drive is a public way? If not determine process for making it a public way.
- Request that Mark Minasian share with the School Committee early next year the 'ads' he has developed, plans to develop others, and how they will be used.
- Requested information on the sign-up for Fowler football next year, the schedule, and the program costs.

The Committee by roll call vote, 5-0, at 10:10 p.m. went into executive session to discuss teacher negotiations, with no intent to re-enter into public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson  
Superintendent of Schools