

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of School Committee Meeting
Coolidge School
July 1, 2008

Present: W. Kohlman., M. Brannelly, P. Berry

Administrators: M. Masterson

Dr. Masterson opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. requesting that he postpone his comments on the major challenges facing the district until the August workshop. He then requested nominations for Chair. Mary Brannelly nominated William Kohlman; Mr. Berry seconded his nomination. The members voted 3-0 for Bill Kohlman as Chair. He then requested nominations for vice chair. Phil Berry nominated Mary Brannelly; Bill Kohlman seconded her nomination. Mrs. Brannelly was elected Vice-Chair 3-0.

The members reaffirmed their philosophy of acting as a committee-of-the-whole with the exception of negotiations and budgeting. Dr. Masterson suggested that Mr. Berry & Mrs. Brannelly would be excellent reps on the town budget sub-committee. Mr. Berry agreed to join Mrs. Brannelly.

Superintendent's Report:

- Powell Flutes: Dr. Masterson spoke with the President, Stephen Wasser, established a District contact between Powell and Bill Brisson, Fowler Music teacher.
- Advised Committee members that the final FY 08 warrant would need to have at least three member signatures at some point next week.
- Superintendent has approved two teachers to travel to Nicaragua to initiate links between a school there and Maynard.
- Fac com is struggling w/the role of the 'Owners' Project Manager'.
- Following a conversation w/the Chair the Superintendent will not file a request with the Planning Board to seek a variance from the Planning Board.

The members then discussed our current status with the MSBA. The Committee accepted the recommendation of the facilities committee not to re-file an MSBA Statement of Interest for Green Meadow, but to focus MSBA on our High School challenge. Mark Howrey called in and via speaker phone discussed with other committee members the strategy of including in the MSBA letter 'regionalization' as attempted. The Committee agreed that regionalization was a 'dead end' and to so draft the letter. Members had a number of questions about the facilities issues; it's clear some common work-session is needed in the early fall.

There were no Committee action regarding account transfers for the conclusion of FY08; the Chair signed info memos for Town Hall to close FY08 and beginning FY09.

Minutes

The minutes of June 12, 2008 both regular meeting and the executive session, were approved 3-0.

Committee request: Number of 8th graders leaving the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Masterson
Superintendent of Schools