# MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING FOWLER SCHOOL LIBRARY JUNE 23, 2016

Present: Dawn Capello, Justin Hemm, Jamal De Vita (absent), Bethlyn Houlihan, Mary Mertsch (absent)

Administrators: Robert J. Gerardi, Jr., Superintendent; Peter DiCicco, Business Advisor, Jennifer Gaudet, Curriculum Director

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

#### Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to approve the minutes of June 9 as written. 2nd by Ms. Capello. Motion passed 3-0.

## Chairman's Report

Chair Capello reported that she and Dr. Gerardi attended the recent CPC (Community Preservation Committee) meeting. They spoke with Andrew Scribner-MacLean and Aaron Miklosko, DPW Director about the process going forward.

## Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi reported that also at the CPC meeting, there was a document on the history of CPC requests and funds provided since 2008.

Dr. Gerardi and Police Chief Dubois attended the Police/Superintendent partnership meeting. The discussion was on opiod and substance issues. Tewksbury Superintendent showed the film "If Only" produced by James Wahlberg that was filmed at Tewksbury High School.

Jennifer Gaudet announced a Community Read on Growth Mindset. There will be a public meeting in October.

### Citizens Comments

Renee Lilley (1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>grade students). She had concern that some of her neighbors are sending their students to AMSA and Fenn School citing behaviors and curriculum.

Dr. Gerardi felt that there are some students coming back. We have implemented Computer Science and Latin at Fowler. He felt that we have competitive offerings.

2<sup>nd</sup> question – GM parent feels like level of anger that the teachers have is oozing out of the school. She feels the kids are victims of a lot of anger.

Ms. Gaudet stated we are addressing issues next year with professional development. She will have a mobile office in each school to have conversations with faculty.

#### Policies - 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Ms. Houlihan to accept Policies #113 and #519 as constituted. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 3-0.

## Superintendent's Mid-Year Review

Dr. Gerardi, Jennifer Gaudet and others wrote a white paper on The State of Global Competence in Massachusetts Schools. It can be read on the MASS website.

The 16-17 Evaluation Goals will be attached to these minutes on our website.

## Interim Director of Student Services

Dr. Gerardi reported to the Committee that three candidates were recommended to him. There is concern about the need for a Director by July 1. Any candidate would have to give notice to their district and there may be a need for an Interim Director.

A motion was made by Ms. Capello to authorize Dr. Gerardi to appoint an interim Director of Student Services if needed. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 3-0

### Citizen's Comments

None.

## Members Comments/Questions

The curriculum committee should try to meet soon, so they can start planning for the fall. A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to adjourn the meeting by roll call vote to executive session without the intent to return to open session at 8:20 p.m. 2nd by Ms. Capello.

Respectfully submitted,

#### Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools