

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FOWLER SCHOOL LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Present: Dawn Capello, Justin Hemm, Jamal De Vita, Mary Mertsch, Bethlyn Houlihan
Administrators: Robert J. Gerardi, Jr., Superintendent; Peter DiCicco, Business Advisor
Jennifer Gaudet, Curriculum Director, Charles Caragianes, Principal Maynard High School

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. De Vita to accept the minutes of September 10, 2015 as written.
2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairman's Report

None

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi reported on the following:

- The Food Service Program submitted documents were approved by DESE and we can now move forward with final signatures on the contract.
- Attended the grand re-opening of Kate Hogan's office at Town Hall.
- Attended the New England Association of School Superintendents (NEASS) conference, where he facilitated a session on global learning. Dr. Gerardi is Co-President of NEASS.
- Dr. Gerardi attended the Annual Middlesex Partnership for Youth (MPY) District Attorney's Superintendent's and Chief's breakfast this morning in Woburn along with Police Chief Dubois and Fire Chief Stowers.
- Dr. Gerardi attended the dedication of the Fowler Playground this evening where Rep. Kate Hogan presented a Fowler playground proclamation from the State House.
- Dr. Gerardi and Principal Caragianes received a check from the Halfway Cafe in Maynard from their summer golf tournament in the amount of \$5,469.00 in support of the High School Scholarship Fund.

Citizen's Comments

None

WAVM Chapter Feasibility Study

Presented by Jennifer Gaudet, Principal Charles Caragianes, John Mollica and Richard Fournier.
Mr. Caragianes gave some background saying that he met with the last school committee and presented them with the thought of a feasibility study on WAVM. Today, this committee would like to revisit this discussion with the new members of the school committee.

WAVM started at Maynard High School 50 years ago as a club. It then evolved into a radio station and 35 years ago started a Telethon. WAVM is also one of 6 schools in Massachusetts that has an FCC License.

Mr. Fournier conducted a study from December 2014 to May, 2015. The purpose was to assess two main areas: 1.) school community interest, support, and concerns for a new program, and 2.) the high school's financial, structural and human resource viability for such a program. Also, the report provides state and national market growth relevant to the program, an overview for program structure, observed lessons-learned from current models in nearby Mass high schools and final recommendations.

Jennifer Gaudet, Curriculum Director, reported on the challenges of the program.

The team will complete their research and investigations per the Ch74 guidelines for new program development; for a CH 74 Vocational Program Advisory Team; complete the elements for a program application and apply to DESE for program approval.

Next steps: a final recommendation to the school committee on December 3 where the team will invite the public to ask questions and hear the feasibility study then continue with the application process.

The school committee thanked the group for their hard work and all were in agreement to go ahead with their work on the CH74 program approval study.

MHS Quebec City Trip

As stated in the Administrative regulations of Policy 651.1, Dr. Gerardi informed the school committee of approved out-of-state field trips. Dr. Gerardi also informed the committee to look at modifying this policy to address international field trips.

Citizen's Comments

Mrs. Duddy reported on the curriculum night at Green Meadow on September 17.

Member's Comments

Dr. De Vita commented on the great work being done at Green Meadow.

Mr. Hemm commented on the problem of opiates in the Metrowest area.

Ms. Capello asked Dr. Gerardi to talk to Chief Dubois on the opiate issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to adjourn the meeting by roll call vote at 7:52 p.m. without the intent to return to open session. Second by Dr. De Vita.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent