

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FOWLER SCHOOL LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

Present; Dawn Capello, Justin Hemm, Mary Mertsch, Jamal De Vita (7:06) Bethlyn Houlihan (Absent).

Minutes

A Motion was made by Ms. Mertsch to accept the minutes of 12/15/16 and 1/05/17 as written. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. The motion passed 3-0.

Chairman's Report

Ms. Capello said that the School Committee will meet with the Board of Selectmen on February 7 at the Town Hall for a discussion on the FY18 budget.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi recognized the recent thank you letter from Principal Caragianes to the Mason's Lodge in Concord for their fundraising efforts on STEM work being done at MHS.

Dr. Gerardi approved the Latin club request to attend the State Convention the weekend of April 7 in Sturbridge, MA.

Dr. Gerardi attended the local EF global symposium with Ms. Gaudet on January 21.

Student Representative Report

Janal Carr reported on the new cell phone policy at the high school. She felt it was a necessary move.

Also, MHS finished mid-terms this week. Janal is part of the group going to Guatemala in March. She is sharing with another student, her senior project and they are collecting dental products from local dentists. They will teach a class on dental hygiene in Guatemala. There is a March 20 deadline for supply donations.

Olivia Palmer reported on "What is the take away from MHS." She is inspired by MHS to want to be a teacher. Her academic journey at MHS has been great.

Sophia Lappas felt her "take away" was being able to do an audition and have a lead in the play, being able to go to Disney, and having cross country at MHS. It really has expanded her horizons.

Citizen's Comments

None

MSBA Statement of Interest

Dr. Gerardi reported that the district is in the process of applying for accelerated repair for the roof at GM. The School Committee and Board of Selectmen have to approve the language in the motion document presented tonight.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to approve the document MSBA Statement of Interest Motion for Approval. 2nd by De. De Vita. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hemm read:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 2, 2017, prior to the closing date, the School Committee of Maynard, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 17, 2017 for the Green Meadow Elementary School located at 5 Tiger Drive, Maynard, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future roof replacement; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town/School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Paraprofessional CBA MOA

Dr. Gerardi presented the MOA and the full contract for the district paraprofessionals for approval.

Dr. De Vita made a motion to approve the paraprofessional MOA and the full contract. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. The motion passed 4-0.

Assabet Valley Collaborative Building Purchase Notification

Dr. Gerardi shared the document and the information on the building purchase update. The AV Board of Directors voted on 1/6/17 to approve the purchase of the condo office space located at 28 Lord Road in Marlboro.

Central Office Move Update

- Plan to move the current student services staff into other locations before February vacation.
- Make minor construction changes before or during February vacation.
- Move Central Office staff to new location during February vacation or before April vacation.
- Move 5h grade and 8th grade classes at the end of the school year.

FY18 Budget

Budget sub-committee has been working to consider the focus of the presentation at the joint budget meeting on February 11. Mary Mertsch will present at this meeting.

Dr. Gerardi Evaluation

Dr. De Vita summarized all responses from the school committee members to reflect the overall consensus of the group.

The following standards were reviewed:

I. Instructional Leadership; II. Management and Operations; III: Family and Community Engagement; IV: Professional Culture.

Comments

Dr. Gerardi appreciated the transparency with the team of Jennifer Gaudet, Michelle Resendes and Charles Gobron. Along with the additional committees of Technology, EL, Professional Development and more, this staff doing a great job.

The next step will be the goal setting process for this school year.

Ms. Capello is very pleased with Dr. Gerardi's performance. This process is fair to you, now that Jennifer Gaudet is here, she will have her own performance review.

Dr. Gerardi works collaboratively with his team members.

Ms. Mertsch feels that as the head administrator, the people you work directly with, should have a voice.

Ms. Capello asked if we are required to use the template we used. Dr. Gerardi said we use the state model.

Ms. Capello said the committee should give thought to the measurement tool. There are a lot of things not on the model.

She also thanked Dr. De Vita for ushering the process.

Dr. Gerardi thanked the committee and said he is the benefactor of all the wonderful things going on in the schools.

This evaluation document is on the district website under School Committee Agenda.

<http://www.maynard.k12.ma.us/board-of-education/meeting-agenda>

Citizens Comments

Mr. Guzzo, Town Accountant attended the meeting. He lives in Acton and feels that if he had to do it over again, he would have moved to Maynard. Michelle Resendes is wonderful to work with. He is very impressed with Maynard.

Anne Duddy would like the Superintendent Evaluation Document posted on the website.

Ms. Gaudet said that leaning walks will start in the district in February. We will explain the learning walk concepts at February staff meetings at the building level and explain the learning walk functions. The Principals will identify volunteers to do the learning walks. It is a building based effort. Principals will talk about the process and teachers will volunteer to go on a learning walk.

Members Comments/Questions

Dr. De Vita had a comment that his 2nd grade son loves math, reflex math, symphony math.

Ms. Mertsch said we talk alot about cultural proficiency and one of our values at GM is kind and empathetic. What is our empathetic education like? How are we equipping kids to talk about how we disagree?

Ms. Messina said that two years ago, we had a speaker from responsive classroom talk about empathy at Green Meadow.

Mr. Hemm will be chaperoning a trip to France with his Lexington high school students.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to adjourn the meeting by roll call vote at 8:32 p.m. without the intent to return to open session. Second by Dr. De Vita. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

