

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FOWLER SCHOOL  
MAY 28, 2015**

Present: William Kohlman, Amy Rebecca Gay, Justin Hemm, Jamal De Vita (Absent), Mary Mertsch

Administrators: Robert J. Gerardi, Jr., Superintendent; Peter DiCicco, Business Advisor; Charles Caragianes, Maynard High School Principal, Charles Gobron, Interim Curriculum Director, Peter Martin, Technology Director

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Gay to accept the minutes of May 14, 2015 as written. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 4-0.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Kohlman reported on the recent Town Meeting that the committee attended. He reported that our out of district special education costs were greater than anticipated. Also, the town is making good effort to support the schools.

Superintendent's Report

State Representative Kate Hogan presented Mr. Kohlman and Dr. Gay citations from the State House and congratulated them on their years of service to the Town and Maynard Public Schools.

Dr. Gerardi reported that this evening he attended a cook-out at the High School honoring the Foreign Exchange students. He recently attended the High School Spring Concert, the 2nd grade Art Space Show and the WAVM banquet.

Student Representative Report

Conor McCarthy reported that the senior class has finished their classes today and are participating in a white water rafting trip on May 29.

Mr. Kohlman also presented a certificate to Conor for being a student representative to the school committee.

Citizen's Comments

None

MHS Attendance

Mr. Kohlman provided background information from 2009 when the former principal requested changes to the attendance and credit policies.

There was discussion about the policy that "students are allowed 7 unexcused absences (3 tardies count as one absence) per semester"; and "students with absences over this limit would receive an administrative F for the semester.

Mr. Caragianes reported that he and the members of his data term were also concerned about the excessive tardies at the high school. He presented their findings. The number of students with excessive tardies in 2013-2014 was 92 and the number in 2014-2015 is already 127.

MaryEllen McCarthy, representing the High School PTO, would like the policy revisited. Students who arrive five minutes late are marked the same as a student arriving at 10:30 a.m. The student representative Conor McCarthy believes students recognize the importance of being on time and would also like a review of the policy.

Mr. Hemm stated that Lexington accepts parent phone calls. They also offer an appeal process. Maybe there should be an investigation, a formal appeal process and have student input. This policy should be revisited.

#### District Technology Presentation

Charles Gobron, Interim Curriculum Director and Peter Martin, Technology Director Maynard is a candidate with DESE to receive grant money in July for our infrastructure. We will get matching money from the Town if this succeeds.

The following topics were discussed:

- District Technology Committee has 11 members
- Guiding Principles of the Technology Plan
- Infrastructure & Digital Partnership Schools Grant
- Chromebook Initiative in Grade 8
- Bright Bytes Information
- DESE Benchmarks
- Preliminary Recommendations

#### FY15 Budget Transfer

Mr. DiCicco, Business Advisor, requested to relocate funds from the FY15 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to approve the amount of \$190K from the salary line to the expense line. 2nd by Dr. Gay. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Policies 2nd Reading

#563 Student Activity Accounts

#742 Green Cleaning Products

#645 Pregnant Students

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to approve the above policies as written. 2nd by Dr. Gay. Motion passed 4-0.

#631 MHS Academic Requirements

A motion was made to accept the policy as written with discussed changes. 2nd by Dr. Gay

#102 School Committee By-Laws

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to accept the policy as written with changes. 2nd by Ms. Mertsch. motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Mr. Kohlman thanked Dr. Gerardi for all his work on the self-evaluation part of the evaluation.

Mr. Kohlman added all the evaluator comments. Dr. Gerardi was assessed on progress towards goals, performance on standards, rated overall summative performance and evaluator comments.

Citizen's Comments

None

Member's Comments

Mr. Hemm attended the High School senior projects presentations. The students did an outstanding job.

A motion was made by Dr. Gay to adjourn the meeting without the intent to return to open session at 9:00 p.m. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent