

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FOWLER SCHOOL
JANUARY 8, 2015**

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

Administrators: Dr. Robert J. Gerardi, Jr., Superintendent, Peter DiCicco, Business Advisor

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. De Vita to accept the minutes of December 18, 2014. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 4-0.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Kohlman reported that the Board of Selectmen had recently appointed a Coolidge Re-Use Committee.

Superintendent's Report

The central office move from the Coolidge School to the Fowler School began on December 29th. There will still be some unpacking to do for quite some time but we are open for business in the new year. We operate as our own electronically secured building within the Fowler School and would ask that all visitors come to the Tiger Drive 3-R entrance on the right side of the building.

Dr. Gerardi also reported that there were recent changes made to the MPS web home page. Mr. Kohlman reported that the school committee meeting schedule needed to be changed and some parents cannot access their iPass accounts using Internet Explorer.

Student Representative Report

Janal Carr reported that High School Mid-terms are coming up.

Conor McCarthy reported on the success of the boys basketball team games.

Anjali Rao and Jeff Umbrell attended the Scholar's Luncheon at Holy Cross University with Dr. Gerardi.

Citizen's Comments

None

Maynard Bromfield Co-Op Non-Renewal

Maynard High School athletic programs are competitively placed by MIAA based upon census. In regard to MHS football, all of our male students at MHS are counted (approximately 225 this year) and half of Bromfield's male students are counted (approximately 210 this year) for a total census of about 435 eligible football players. Based on this 435 figure the team is scheduled to move up to MidWach Division C, up from D, this coming year and then fully into Division 5

from 6 statewide. Both Kevin Caruso and Coach Ogilvie do not believe that this is in the best interest of our athletic program.

Maynard High generated 30 of the 36 players this year. Bromfield has 6 players despite the census figures being roughly equal for MIAA counting purposes. Over the 4 years of Co-op play the Bromfield contribution has dropped from 13 to 9 to 7 to 6. The trend is not going in a supportive direction as we anticipate as few as 4 Bromfield players this coming year should the co-op be renewed. To be at a competitive disadvantage because of a census figure that does not reflect the actual number of student-athletes coming from Bromfield does not make sense for the Maynard athletic program. The existing 4 Bromfield students would be grandfathered in.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to approve the non-renewal of the football cooperative agreement with Bromfield. 2nd by Dr. De Vita. Motion passed 4-0.

Student, Teacher, and Administrator Travel/Learning Opportunities through EF Tours
International Program Coordinator, Kevin Caruso, has been investigating international travel opportunities for students during the summer, similar to trips that he has run for MHS in the past. He is in the process of developing a student trip for the summer of 2016. He has already surveyed the foreign exchange students for travel ideas from their country of origin as an attempt to possibly link our Maynard student travel programs with our foreign exchange programs.

These opportunities will be discussed at the next MLT meeting to determine if there is interest from our administration to organize a trip or trips that would benefit several of our teachers or administrators from Maynard. If there is interest, these ideas will be introduced to other educators in our AVC & CASE collaborative or the GS 21 group of communities.

Innovation and the Future of Education - June, 2015

Dr. Gerardi was invited by Tony Bent, the MASS GS 21 Instructor, to attend the Future of Education Summit Conference in Davos, Switzerland in June, 2015.

Dr. Gerardi's participation will provide our district with the knowledge and opportunity for Maynard students and teachers to participate in this annual conference in the future. The process of having students solve pressing global issues was studied last year at my GS 21 professional development. I would like to see these types of activities integrated into our STEM and Senior project initiatives in the future.

A motion was made by Dr. De Vita to approve Dr. Gerardi's conference in Davos, Switzerland from June 24-28, 2015 at a cost of \$1600. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation

Dr. Gerardi presented his mid-year goals, key actions and benchmark documents listed.

- Professional Practice Goal.
- Student Learning Goal.
- Strengthening Curriculum and Instruction as outlined in the Academic Three-Year Plan.
- Utilizing the Tenants of 21st century learning skills.

School Committee transfer of Coolidge School Building to Board of Selectmen

Dr. Gerardi asked for a formal vote from the School Committee to approve the transfer of the Coolidge School Building to the Board of Selectmen.

A motion was made by Dr. De Vita to transfer the Coolidge School Building and property to the care, custody, management and control to the Board of Selectmen. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 4-0.

FY16 Budget

The date for the Town Budget Meeting is February 14, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Policies 1st reading

- a. 231 231.1 Fundraising
- b. 311 311.1 School Transportation
- c. 331 Admission Charges/Donations to School-Sponsored Events
- d. 410 Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA Leave)
- e. 516 Promotion and Retention of Students
- f. 562 562.1 .2 Student Activities/User Fees
- g. 646 646.1 School-Based Public Access Automated External Defibrillation Program
- h. 707 707.1 Display of Advertising Signs at Alumni Field by Commercial and Non-Commercial Organizations

2nd Reading

- a. 215 215.1 Public Complaints
- b. 637 637.1 Child Abuse And Neglect And Reporting Procedures

Citizen's Comments

None

Member's Questions

Dr. Gay was pleased the book donation box at MHS was moved to a better location.

A motion was made by Dr. Gay to adjourn the meeting by roll call vote at 8:15 p.m. without the intent to return to open session. 2nd by Mr. Hemm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent