

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FOWLER SCHOOL
September 24, 2014

Present: William Kohlman, Amy Rebecca Gay, Justin Hemm, Jamal De Vita
Administrators: 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. Gay to accept the minutes of September 22, 2014. 2nd by Mr. Hemm.
Motion passed 4-0.

Chairman's Report

None

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi welcomed the Student Representatives Janel Carr and Conor McCarthy. They will be sharing the Student Representative role.

Dr. Gerardi reported on his NEASS Fall Conference in Portland Maine. Also in attendance was Amy Rebecca Gay and Mike Stevens. Maynard was selected because of its' leadership on the new evaluation system and our collaborative leadership.

Student Representative Report

The 8 grade student government elections and school improvement appointments were held today at the High School.

High School Guidance Update

Principal Caragianes talked about the Pathways to College link that is a timeline of recommended activities for students beginning in Freshman year. This feature provides an easy to read post secondary roadmap for students and families. There is a list of services provided to our students and families including counseling services beyond Maynard High School, there are links to clubs and activities including the National Honor Society, there are frequently used and required documents, and there is a regular News and Updates section among other features. Counselors also teach and advise a Mentorship Class. Maynard High School currently uses "My College Options", a free platform created and maintained by the College Board in Princeton, New Jersey. More information is available at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/maynard.k12.ma.us/guidance/home>

Foreign Exchange Funds

The Foreign Exchange Program was primarily developed for the academic purpose of preparing our students for a global economy and to foster tolerance and acceptance of other cultures. An added benefit of this program was financial with the addition of student tuition. These funds need to be kept separate, and there was discussion on how best to spend those funds. Additional on-line or dual enrollment course funding has been added to benefit the foreign exchange students and also resident students. There have been several requests on how to spend the money, i.e, field trips, additional expansion of some sports programs.

Mr. Kohlman advised that the Committee doesn't have to approve field trips. Approval is done at the building level.

There was discussion around a freshman basketball team and numbers on the girls team also.

Mr. Caruso will come back to the next meeting with firm numbers.

There was discussion around more organized activities for the foreign exchange students. Organizing activities with three different companies involved is difficult. We need to look at more opportunities to blend into the community. Also, students need more help in some classes.

Since we are in the early stages of this program, there are issues to be sorted out. We will look to put process procedures in place for this program.

Coolidge School Building Discussion

When the Central Office relocation occurs, the school department agreed that the maintenance of the building is in the school budget and our responsibility to mothball the building. This means draining the water and having minimal heat and lighting.

The Committee would like to see a timeline for this project. Dr. Gerardi will speak with the Town Leadership Team.

Policies - 1st Reading

140	Policies, Regulations, and Job Descriptions
152	Evaluation of Superintendent
171	Advisory Committees
303	Emergency Powers of Superintendent
204	Administrative Regulations
241 241.1	Duplication of Materials
303	School Committee Financial Actions
305	Public Bids
441	Substitute Teachers
642	Substance Abuse - Drug Free Workplace
643	Tobacco-Free Schools
207 207.1	School Cancellation, Delayed Opening, Early Dismissal

Administrative Policies

272.1 Crisis Team Procedures

481.1 Professional Development, Educational Conferences, Workshops

The above administrative policies were adopted.

Citizen's Comments

None

Members Comments/Questions

Dr. Gay asked about the changes at MassBay. Dr. Gerardi said for two years we had concurrent programs and our teachers were adjunct professors and our students were getting dual credit. Now, MassBay is going through accreditation and they did not like the concurrent programs offered. We looked at dual enrollment as a satellite program. We presently have a program 3 days a week and 2:00 p.m. and two days at 7:30 p.m. We are offering 2 courses this semester

A motion was made by Dr. De Vita to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. without the intent to enter Executive Session. 2nd by Mr. Hemm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent