

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FOWLER SCHOOL
September 11, 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 Mr. Hemm to accept the minutes of August 21, 2014. 2nd by Dr. De Vita.
Motion passed 4-0

Chairman's Report

Mr. Kohlman reported that Mr. Estabrook has officially resigned. The Committee will request a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Dr. Gay will serve as an Interim Assistant Chairperson until another person is elected.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi reported that MHS Teacher Rochelle Lerner and some of her students were recognized on September 13 by Congresswoman Nikki Tsongas for their contributions to the Assabet River clean-up. Dr. Gerardi introduced a new member of the Maynard Leadership Team, Dr. Charles Gobron who will be job sharing with Don Holm. He will support the curriculum efforts of principals and teacher leaders with specific projects in compliance with various DESE initiatives.

Citizen's Comments

None

Capital Planning Presentation

Andrew Scribner-MacLean, Assistant Town Administrator, presented the process for Capital Planning. There is a new six member committee in place. He has made similar presentations to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

District Plan

Don Holm and Charles Gobron presented the District Plan
This presentation is available on the district website.

School Committee Vision

All students achieve their full potential in an interconnected technological world.

Maynard Public Schools' Mission Statement

The Maynard Public Schools are committed to a superior academic experience for Maynard's students that prepare them to be productive citizens in an interconnected technological world.

We will achieve this through incorporation of 21st century learning skills and opportunities across disciplines and establishing high academic standards that encourage students and teachers to achieve their full potential. We will ensure that the professional staff, the curriculum, and the facilities function in unison to achieve the best possible learning environment for the students.

We will also provide an educational environment that is supportive of individual differences where all people are valued and respected. Parents and community members are our partners in the educational

process and require frequent communication on the state and activities of the Maynard Public Schools. We will constantly pursue a path of continuous improvement in all of our efforts to keep pace with an ever changing world

A motion was made by Dr. De Vita to approve the district goals. 2nd by Mr. Hemm.

Acceptance of resignation and approval of letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding resignation.

In accordance with the Town Charter, the School Committee must approve the formal letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting the joint meeting within 30 days. The next available opportunity for the meeting would be October 7.

A motion was made by Dr. Gay to accept the resignation letter dated September 5, 2014 of Ken Estabrook

from the School Committee. 2nd by Mr. Hemm; and to approve the letter dated September 11, 2014, to Selectmen Cranshaw regarding the vacancy on the School Committee. Motion passed 4-0.

Members are available on October 7 for a joint meeting.

Custodial Contract Approval

This contract is a one year letter of agreement at 1.5%.

A motion was made by Dr. Gay to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the School Committee and the Custodial Union for one year. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 4-0

School Committee Policies - 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Dr. Gay to accept the following policies in total. 2nd by Mr. Hemm

#101 Add Elementary and Secondary; add financial in 2nd paragraph; MGL chapter corrections.

#105 No change

#112 Add minutes and Citizens Comments; b. Discard second sentence

#114 Change last paragraph

#115 Time change from 9pm to 10pm

#131 No change

#141 Second paragraph change

#151 No Change

#272 Last paragraph change

#272.1 Change at bottom

#481 No Change

#481.1 Forms changed; paragraph changes

#634 Last paragraph add Assistant Superintendent

#711 Cross Reference change

Motion passed 4-0

Citizen's Comment

Mrs. Duddy said the Green Meadow PTO gave \$4500 to the literacy library.

Member's Comments

Dr. De Vita made comment on the recent article in Boston Magazine about the ranking of the top 50 school systems. The author of this article was a classmate of Dr. De Vita. After discussion about the article, there will be a follow-up article in an upcoming section of the Boston Globe. We have an opportunity to have an accurate representation of who we are. Dr De Vita and Dr. Gerardi will meet about the content of the article.

Mr. Hemm spoke about the Foreign Exchange students and thanked the leadership team for help getting them settled. In particular, Kevin Caruso for his hard work. Citizens can contact anyone in the schools if interested in hosting. Could we have an update on WAVM as a vocational program?

Dr. Gay asked about the Student Representative to the Committee and the state of the Coolidge School.

Dr. Gerardi reported that Mr. Caragianes has a UMASS Lowell connection and students will be coming to MHS to support our music instruction program.

A motion was made by Dr. De Vita to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. without the intent to enter Executive Session. 2nd by Mr. Hemm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent