

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FOWLER SCHOOL LIBRARY  
AUGUST 21, 2014**

Present: William Kohlman, Ken Estabrook, 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. Estabrook to accept the minutes of July 24, 2014 as written. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 5-0

Chairman's Report

Chairman Kohlman works for the US Army Natick Labs and worked for Major General Harold Greene who was killed outside the City of Kabul last month. He was the Commander in Natick, where there was a memorial service with state dignitaries. Many of our MHS graduates enter the military and willingly put themselves in these positions. Mr. Kohlman asked to keep these people in your thoughts and prayers..

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi and Mr. Hemm attended the coach's meeting tonight. Dr. Gerardi also attended the August 20th 8th grade orientation cook-out and the Educatius Host Family meeting later that evening. The Beacon Villager had several articles in the paper about Maynard Schools.

Citizen's Comments

None

Maynard Cultural Council

Elizabeth Milligan is the Chair of the Maynard Cultural Council and an advocate for having Maynard become a Cultural District designated by the State. She asked the School Committee for their support.

A cultural district is a compact, walk able area of a community with a concentration of cultural facilities, activities, and assets. MCC's Cultural Districts Initiative grew out of an economic stimulus bill passed by the Massachusetts Legislature in 2010.

It is designed to help communities attract artists and cultural enterprises, encourage business and job growth, expand tourism, preserve and reuse historic buildings, enhance property values, and foster local cultural development.

A motion was made by Mr. Kohlman for the School Department to be a supporting institution to the proposal of a Maynard Cultural District. 2nd by Mr. Estabrook. Motion passed 5-0

### Maynard Public Schools Estimated Space/Enrollment Increases

This document was put together to be useful in the long-term planning for the Town and the School Department.

### Central Office Location

The Central Office presently has eight people. There are 2 additional openings.

A motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to approve the plan to move the Central office to the 5th grade wing of the Fowler School. 2nd by Mr. Hemm.

Discussion:

Mr. Kohlman

- Green Meadow is showing its' age. The 3rd grade should be at Fowler.
- Need a longer range plan for the central office. I will vote for the move.

Mr. Estabrook

- We have known about the needs of the central office for a long time. They have looked at PK2, the Mill and other locations. This is a long overdue move.
- Do not see this as a permanent option. This is a 3-year option that fills a temporary need.
- Support the option with the commitment towards a plan for a more permanent solution.

Amy Rebecca Gay

- When we discussed the 3rd grade at Fowler there was parental resistance.
- What are the long-term options?
- In favor of the 5th grade wing reluctantly.
- Hard to justify new construction.
- What steps are we going to take within the three years?
- Talk to the Town about the disposition of Coolidge.

Mr. Hemm

- The Committee has been discussing this for awhile.
- Don't like spending money on a temporary solution. The best solution for now is the 5th grade wing.
- Low cost impact on the bottom line.

Mr. De Vita

- Thanked Dr. Gerardi for taking the time to look at all the options.
- This is the most feasible in the short term, buys some time for a more permanent solution.

Motion passed 5-0.

### Policy #403 Fingerprinting 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Mr. Kohlman to amend the policy to strike "overnight chaperones" and add all students teachers be required to have a Federal Background Check. 2nd by Mr. Estabrook. Motion passed 4-1.

### Policy #103 2nd Reading

Add Superintendent or Designee to 2nd paragraph. A motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to accept Policy #103 as amended. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed. 5-0.

### First Reading

Policy #101 School Committee Legal Status, Powers and Responsibilities

Add Elementary and Secondary in first paragraph

Add Chapter 30A, Section 20 to third paragraph

Policy #105 Student Member

Paragraph #2. Does student member get involved in school policy? Contact student government.

Further contact with the High School on this policy.

Policy #112 School Committee Agenda

Add minutes and another citizens comments

Policy #114 School Committee Minutes

No Change

Policy #115 School Committee Meeting Adjournment

Change from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Policy #131 School Committee Memberships

No Change

Policy #141 Collective Bargaining

Add maintain the option in paragraph 2

Policy #151 School Committee-Superintendent Relations

No change

Policy #272 Crisis Team

Change in last paragraph #15 not #16

Admin Policy #272.1 - Crisis Team Procedures

Alice training being introduced in the district by police department. Policy to MLT.

Policy #481 Professional Development, Educational Conferences, Workshops

Forms on admin reg need to be updated

Policy #634 Parental Notification Relative to Sex Education

No Change

Policy #711 Safe Schools

Cross-reference at bottom changed

### Approval of Principal Caragianas Presentation on Student Centered Learning at the 5th International Education Forum in Shanghai China - November 15, 16, 2014

Dr. Gerardi feels that Principal Caragianes would be the perfect representative for Maynard Public Schools at this education forum in Shanghai.

A motion was made by Mr. De Vita to approve Principal Caragianes trip to China on November 15, 16, 2014. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed 5-0

### Citizen's Comments

None

### Members Comments/Questions

Mr. Estabrook would like discussion around support for the exchange students. Also, information on what we are doing to make sure they have a good educational experience. What are the expectations?

Mr. Estabrook will be resigning his position on the committee around the time of the next meeting. He believes he can be of more service to the schools on the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Kohlman wished Mr. Estabrook good luck and the committee will miss him.

Dr. Gay would like an update on supporting our students in welcoming the exchange students. Also what is the impact on class size with the additional students?

Mr. Hemm stated that both international companies are looking for host families. Also, he is pleased that one guidance staff member has been assigned to the students.

Dr. Gerardi reported that Educatius gave an impressive presentation to families.

A motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to adjourn the meeting at 9::20 p.m. by roll call vote without the intent to return to regular session. 2nd by Mr. Hemm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent