

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

Present: Amy Rebecca Gay, William Kohlman, Justin Hemm, Ken Estabrook, Jamal De Vita
Administrators: Robert J. Gerardi, Jr., Superintendent, Peter DiCicco, Business Advisor

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

School Committee Reorganization

Dr. Gerardi opened the meeting. He stated that the School Committee as a Whole would like the opportunity for all interested candidates to speak about the positive attributes they would bring to that position. After the speeches have been conducted, he would accept multiple nominations. He would not pole the committee after each nomination but would pole the School Committee as a whole as to which of the nominated candidates they would like to fill the position of chairman.

After the candidates spoke Dr. Gerardi called for a nomination. Mr. Hemm nominated Mr. Estabrook for the Chairman position; 2nd by Mr. Kohlman.

Dr. Gay nominated Mr. Kohlman for the Chairman position; 2nd by Mr. Hemm,
There being no other nominations there was call for a roll call vote.

Dr. Gay voted for Mr. Kohlman; Mr. Kohlman voted for himself; Mr. De Vita voted for Mr. Kohlman;
Mr. Hemm voted for Mr. Kohlman; Mr. Estabrook voted for himself.

Mr. Kohlman then nominated Mr. Estabrook for Vice-Chairman. 2nd by Dr. Gay. Motion passed 5-0 for Mr. Estabrook.

Committee as a Whole

Budget - Amy Rebecca Gay and Ken Estabrook

Negotiations - Bill Kohlman and Justin Hemm

Curriculum - Amy Rebecca Gay and Ken Estabrook

Maynard Charter Review Committee - Bill Kohlman

Wellness Committee - Jamal De Vita

Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Gay to accept the minutes of July 12, 2014. 2nd by Mr. Estabrook.
Motion passed 4-0

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to accept the minutes of June 26, 2014. 2nd by Dr. Gay. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Kohlman reported that Dawn Capello resigned from the Board of Selectmen and she will be missed.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi reported on three conferences.

1. The MASC/MASS Joint Conference.

This conference is November 5-8 in Hyannis, MA.

2. The MASS Executive Institute

This conference is an annual event for Superintendent's in the month of July.

3. The New England Association of School Superintendent's (NEASS).

Dr. Gerardi is on the Board of NEASS. This year he has a labor management team from Maynard to be panelists at the upcoming conference in Portland Maine. They will share experiences as a collaborative district in developing the educator evaluation system.

A motion was made by Mr. De Vita to have a team from Maynard present at the NEASS in September. 2nd by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed.

Citizen's Comments

None

Secretary Contract Approval

The Secretaries Union ratifies their contract this week.

A motion was made by Dr. Gay to approve the secretaries contract. 2nd by Mr. De Vita.

Motion passed unanimously.

Band and Chorus Trip to DC

This trip takes place every four years for members of the MHS band and chorus. This trip has many academic benefits for our students.

A motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to approve the Band and Chorus trip to Washington DC in April, 2015. 2nd by Dr. Gay.

Academic 3-Year Plan

Dr. Gerardi presented a visionary document of potential district-wide accomplishments not to be confused with our district and school improvement plans. This document is meant to be more of a guide toward the ultimate best practices of school districts that supports an overarching desire in the Maynard Community to provide a superior education.

Policy #403 Fingerprinting 2nd Reading

The Committee continued discussion on the Fingerprinting Policy.

They discussed the policy that addressed the law and had further discussion on the following.

Would the district fingerprint:

- General School Volunteers? - No
- Overnight Chaperones? - Yes
- Day Chaperones? - No
- Sub-Contractors? - No
- School Committee Members? - No
- Student Teachers? - Yes

Mr. Kohlman will revise the policy to reflect the decisions discussed.

Central Office Location Plan

Chronology of events that lead to the discussion at this meeting.

1. In 2008, an architect study was done that indicated that Coolidge needed over \$2M in renovations to be brought up to code.
2. In 2013, there was talk that 129 Parker Street may gift a building to the Town for use as a School Admin Building/Community Center.
3. In 2013, the move of grade 8 to MHS opened up a full wing of classrooms at Fowler.
4. In 2014, the administration explored the use of Town Hall, ArtSpace and the cost of a market rate lease in the downtown storefronts as well as 149 Parker Street. The cost was approximately \$80K per year.
5. In 2014, the administration negotiated a gift/lease with Clock Tower at \$30K per year. The RFP process prevented the School Committee approval.
6. Portable Offices were looked at the Assabet Valley Collaborative. That cost was \$120K per year.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to approve the engagement of Brooke Trivas to do the feasibility study at Fowler for under \$10K. 2nd by Mr. Estabrook.

School Committee Timeline

The intent of this timeline was to provide a document for the community to have a general understanding of the School Committee Timelines. This is a starting point for further discussion on the policy at a later meeting.

China Trip

Dr. Gerardi gave a slide presentation on his recent trip to China.

Citizens Comments

Mrs. McCarthy had concern around additional foreign exchange students increasing the senior class size.

Members Questions

Mr. Estabrook wanted to know the number of Foreign Students currently enrolled. (17 presently).
Decided on a maximum? wrote the RFP for a minimum of 5.

Mr. Hemm said that families are still needed for the students. They need a bed dresser and desk.
Families would receive \$700 per student.

Dr. Gay asked if the DESE audit results were in yet. (No).

A motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. by roll call vote without the intent to return to open session. Second by Mr. Hemm. Motion passed. 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent