

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
AUGUST 23, 2012**

Present: Dr. Amy Rebecca Gay, William Kohlman, Phil Berry, Ken Estabrook, Edward Mullin
Administrators: Dr. Robert J. Gerardi, Superintendent, Peter DiCicco, Business Advisor

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

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Kohlman to accept the minutes of July 26, 2012 as written. 2nd by Mr. Estabrook. Motion passes unanimously.

Chairman's Report

None

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi thanked all of the staff for all their hard work this summer in all the school buildings.

Two new administrators to the District were announced by Dr. Gerardi. Pernima Vadhera at Maynard High School and Chris Fleming at Green Meadow School. Also, Terri Morrison was hired as a Math Coach.

At the last School Committee meeting the Acceptable use Policy was addressed. Since it was a change to the administrative regulation, the committee did not have to vote this policy. Members were given the recent updated Policy for review.

Citizens Comments

None (Parents Diane Donovan and Tara Livolsi were present).

Sub-Committee Reorganization

Dr. Gay reviewed the School Committee of the Whole and the Liaisons and asked if any member wanted to change their liaison position. Members wanted to leave the organization as it is.

Superintendent Evaluation

Dr. Gay hoped that the School Committee had reviewed the new DESE evaluation structure for the Superintendent. She asked if the Committee wanted to adopt the DESE policy or do one of their own. Her recommendation was to adopt the DESE model.

Dr. Gay made a motion accept the Massachusetts DESE model for academic year 2013. 2nd by Mr. Estabrook. Motion passed unanimously.

The District goals will be presented by Don Holm in September. Dr. Gerardi's goals will be set by the second meeting in September. The next goals review will be in late January, and the end of the cycle is in June.

Mr. Kohlman noted that there is a need to revise Policy #152 to reflect new DESE evaluation system.

New Building Transition

Dr. Gerardi would like to have a transition committee put together as soon as possible. On August 16, the Building Committee held its' meeting after a construction site tour. The project is on budget and schedule at this point.

Some of the increased expenditures in FY14 were discussed. Some of the increase estimates were: Increase in utilities, additional custodial staffing, additional maintenance, scheduling and an additional playground at Fowler for an estimated cost of \$360K.

Other non-monetary concerns were identified, including impact on traffic and parking, staff assignments, maintenance of technology and data systems, physical shut down of current MHS, physical move from old to new building, building alignments.

To these points, a motion was made by Mr. Estabrook to delay the transition of the 3rd grade move to the Fowler School in FY14. 2nd by Mr. Mullin.

There was much discussion regarding the Fowler playground. The Committee felt that the playground should still move forward even if the 3rd grade does not move when the 8th grades leaves.

This money was voted at Town Meeting. Dr. Gay would like more discussion with the Town Administrator about the timelines for the playground and Mr. Kohlman would like to hear from the Green Meadow School Counsel regarding the delay of the 3rd grade move.

A motion was made by Mr. Kohlman to table the previous motion to delay the movement of the 3rd grade to Fowler. Motion passed unanimously.

Policies

Mr. Kohlman reviewed the 1st reading of the following policies:

- #14 Equal Educational Opportunity/Equal Employment Opportunity
- #16 Harassment
- #113 Executive Session
- #519 Student Scholarships
- #564 Athletics
- #610 Selection of Instructional Materials

Citizens Comments

6th graders and 7th don't have recess time.

Member Questions

Mr. Estabrook had comments about the Acceptable Use Policy around the iPad initiative. We need to look at the expectation on how the iPads would be used. What are the consequences if students were

engaged in various things? Need more clarity around here is what is acceptable and what is not acceptable use. What are the consequences? There need to be clearer expectations. Dr. Gerardi will revisit this policy.

Mr. Estabrook also attended the Immersion Program Orientation.

Mr. Berry had concerns that some students at the High School were not getting the classes they wanted. The Committee had some discussion around Virtual High School and on-line courses.

Mr. Mullin recently attended the High School coaches meeting with Mr. Caruso. He commented that the spirit of cooperation with coaches and administration was incredible. User fees were also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned by roll call vote at 8:40 without the intent to return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools