

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

Present: William Kohlman, Ed Mullin, Phil Berry, Ken Estabrook

Absent: Amy Rebecca Gay

Administrators: Dr. Robert Gerardi, Superintendent; Dr. Laura Chesson, MHS Principal;
Charles Caragianes, MHS Assistant Principal

Meeting called to order at: 7:05

Adams Scholarship Recipients

This scholarship provides a tuition waiver for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Mass State University. These students must score at the advanced level on both or advanced on one and proficient on the other Grade 20 MCAS tests in ELA and math. Also, must have a combined score from the MCAS ELA and Math that place in the top 25% of students in the graduating class in their district. Dr. Gerardi congratulated the Adams Scholarship recipients: Joseph Barbagallo, Zoe Berkley-Cramer, Allison Bosse, Allison Bradley, Anna Gubula, Nicole Howell, Michael Marshall, Thamires Nunes, Karina Patino, Margaret Reilly, Zachary Stern, Daniel Sweeney, Brian Terranova, Christopher Wagman, and Tess Weyburne.

Minutes

A motion was made by E. Mullin to accept the minutes of September 1. 2nd by Phil Berry. Motion passed.

A motion was made by E. Mullin to accept the minutes of October 27. 2nd by Phil Berry. Motion passed.

Chairman's Report

A reminder to the Committee to please come in to the Central Office and sign warrants during the Holidays.

Mr. Ed Mullin wanted to remind the Committee that the 4th annual Hall of Fame Induction was November 19 with 285 people attending. This event is truly a tribute to these Athletes and the community. There is a 1939 classmate attending up to 1994. Dr. Chesson would like the bios of these inductees so students can hear as announcements in the morning at the high School.

Superintendent's Report

Since this School Committee meeting is focused on the High School, Dr. Gerardi shared some interesting High School Academic, Athletic, and extracurricular success facts:

1. We had three students recognized as 'commended' for the 2010 PSAT tests. That means they ranked in the top 5% of the country in their scores.

2. 40 students took the AP exams last year. Half of those students took more than one exam. For each test the average score was 3.0 or better which allows these students to get college credit for high school courses.
3. We met our targets for performance and improvement on the MCAS test for 2011. 97% of our students passed math and 98% passed ELA.
4. Dr. Chesson and former assistant principal Mr. Testa spoke at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators Association about the senior project program at Maynard High School.
5. Recently Nicole Howell and Chris Wagman attended the Harvard Book Award breakfast at the Harvard Club in Boston. This is in recognition of their receiving the award last year as juniors.
6. On Wednesday November 9, 2011 at Maynard High School, senior Michael Marshall signed his letter of intent to attend Bryant University and play baseball for Bryant next year.
7. Our boys and girls soccer teams have already made it to the play offs
8. Lucien Gerondeau, a Maynard High School senior, qualified in the Regional/District Division 3 State Golf Tournament
9. This year we have a new club which was formed due to high student interest - mock trial! We have over 27 students involved and are seeking a local attorney to advise the group. Mr. Caragianes and Ms. LaBelle are the advisors.
10. Over 20 students are currently scheduled to audition for the District Band and Chorus sponsored by the Massachusetts Music Educators.

Citizens Comments

None

21st Century Learning - MHS

Dr. Chesson introduced Emily Dowd who is presently the High School computer teacher.

Dr. Chesson's presentation focused on:

- What are the characteristics of a 21st century education?
- What is our vision for a 21st century education at Maynard High School?
- How do we move forward?
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Head Injury Protocol

Mr. Caragianes, MHS Assistant-Principal presented Maynard Public Schools Protocol Procedures for Head Injuries and Concussions in Extracurricular Athletic Activities.

Every district must submit a protocol by January 1, 2012. to the Department of Public Health.

If a student receives a head injury, and/or permanent impairment is suspected, the coaches are required to pull the student out of play. The student must get medical attention and have a phased re-entry. Beyond athletics, the protocol would apply to a gym class and any injury to the head at school; same protocol. Students must be phased into academics also. There are three documents needed to be completed prior to engaging in extracurricular athletics: The MHS Extracurricular Agreement, MIAA Recommended

Sports Candidate Medical History Questionnaire and the Maynard Schools Athletic Parental Consent Form.

There is a tremendous amount of training required along with paperwork requirements. This is not a policy, but protocol for districts. Mr. Caragianes cited that there are many grey areas to be worked out by the DPH.

Members Questions

Is there policy on substitute teachers? What is the protocol for long term need for a teacher? What is impact on different substitutes each day? Do we have any consistency? Can we look into a daily sub in each building? Mr. DiCicco will be looking into the financial impact of a daily substitute at each building. Dr. Chesson stated that the High School has teacher leaders that can help with lesson plans with substitutes.

Are the School Committee meetings being broadcasted on WAVM? We need to publicize.

There was a question on the Grading of Physical Education at the Fowler School. Mr. Mela is researching.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by roll call vote, to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
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Superintendent of Schools