

MINUTES
Maynard School Committee
Tri-Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 7:00 pm
Remote Meeting

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the School Committee has modified meeting procedures to ensure the safety of all participants. The public was not allowed to physically access this School Committee meeting. This meeting was held virtually (internet) using Zoom Technology. All members of the public were invited to join the meeting virtually online or by phone. In addition, a recording of the meeting is posted on the WAVM YouTube page under Maynard School Committee Meetings. (<https://www.youtube.com/user/WAVMproductions/playlists>)

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm. An attendance roll call was taken

Select Board Members Present

David Gavin
Jeff Swanburg
Armand Diarbekirian
Chris DiSilva
Justin St. John

Finance Committee Members Present

Jill Prendergast
Alannah Gustavson
Tom Black
Bob McCarthy
Ken Estabrook

School Committee Members Present

Natasha Rivera - Present
Bethlyn Houlihan - Present
Jessica Clark - Present
Lydia Clancy - Present
Mary Brannelly (arrived late)

Other School Staff Present: Brian Haas, Superintendent, Jennifer Gaudet, Assistant Superintendent
Wayne White, Business Manager; Colleen Andrade, Administrative Assistant

Other Town Staff Present: Greg Johnson, Town Administrator; Megan Zammuto, Assistant Town
Administrator; Justin DeMarco, DPW Director

Public comment: There was no public comment.

FY21 Town Budget and Budget Uncertainties

The Town has made revised budget projections based on lower Town revenue due to COVID-19. Total estimated budget shortfall is \$892,370 and after the shifting of funds from various Town accounts, it is estimated that the Town will need to cut \$176,948 and the Schools \$265,422 from their budgets. These projections are a conservative estimate. The Select Board will vote on the Fall Warrant at their 9/2/20 meeting, we may not have budget information from the state at that time.

Capital Planning

The GM Building Feasibility Study is part of the Capital Planning Requests for the amount of \$1,000,000 and proposed to come out of the General Stabilization Fund. It is estimated that the MSBA will reimburse about 50% of the Study. There was some discussion about whether the Feasibility Study should come out of the Stabilization Fund or be funded through a tax override. There was concern from the Select Board and FinCom about leaving low funds in the Stabilization Fund, as well as some concern about an additional tax on Town residents if an override was asked for. Fire Station is still being recommended as a warrant item at the estimated cost of \$16,000,000. Some smaller Capital Stabilization projects are also being planned. Mr. DeMarco noted significant capital improvements that were needed to the water and sewer infrastructure over the next 5 years.

School Re-Opening

The School District has to submit 3 plans (full in school, full remote, hybrid) to the state by July 31st. State suggestions are either a 3' or 6' separation, Maynard leaning towards 6'. Have committee's at each building and the district level to look at what it may look like in Maynard. A lot is still unknown including potential costs. Cares Act funds will pay for PPE and Nurse supplies among other things, Chief Stowers is working with the District to make purchases that qualify for these funds. Have had 3 public zoom meetings with families, and a few coming up for some sub groups (Kindergarten, Sped and ELL). A survey also went out to families, approximately 60% preferred a full return to school with safety precautions, 40% preferred a hybrid, and 15-20% required a remote only option but that number may rise. Maynard Schools are leaning toward a 50% population return. A portion of the Cares Act funding will be earmarked for online subscription services to assist with remote learning. After an analysis of what we may need to come back, we may require additional staffing in the area of Special Education, and the costs around that are not yet known. The plan is that staff will be teaching either online or in person, not likely both at the same time. Discussions will be continuing throughout the summer between the Town, staff and families

It was suggested that the Budget SubCommittees should start to meet again.

David Gavin made a motion to adjourn the Select Board meeting.
Chris DaSilva 2nd the motion.

Ken Estabrook made a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting.
Tom 2nd the motion

Natasha Rivera motioned to adjourn the School Committee meeting.

Mary Brannelly 2nd the motion

Roll Call vote of the Select Board was completed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:34pm

Respectfully Submitted

Colleen Andrade

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools

Approved 7/22/2020