

Maynard School District

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Public Meeting Meeting Minutes September 24, 2013

Board Members present were Dr. Steve Bounds, Mike Roberts, Daniel Lawrence, Babbie Nelson, and Charles Jarrett.

1. Board President, Dr. Steve Bounds, opened meeting at 6:00pm.

2. Dr. Bounds welcomed visitors and introduced the Superintendent, Mr. Sullinger.

3A. Mr. Sullinger introduced Wal Mart Representatives. Maynard was chosen for the Wal Mart Teacher Rewards program this year. Twenty K-8 teachers received \$50 gift cards and gift bags.

3B. Accreditation Status:

1. Maynard High School currently offers the 38 courses required by the state as well as several additional courses.
2. AP and preAP courses are offered in Math, English, Social Studies and Science.
3. More concurrent credit courses have been added this year. Students may receive college credit for advanced classes in Math, English, Social Studies, Science and Business Education.
4. The District continues to monitor Highly Qualified Teacher status as required by the State Board of Education.
5. We currently have one teacher on an ALP, which means that while she is a certified teacher, she is not yet certified in the class she is currently teaching.
6. Due to an increasing number of students, we may hire an additional Special Education teacher.
7. Our ISS and ALE programs are still in use with no changes this year.
8. 2013-14 Budget and Funding issues were discussed.

4. Focus School Status: Mr. Sullinger stated that the formula for Focus School Category is determined because we are a Provision II School District. All students are considered socio-economically disadvantaged, which causes our 3 year average to be different from non-Provision II schools. We did not meet our exit criteria so we are still in Focus School status.

Proposals to Correct Deficiencies:

1. The district will offer after-school tutoring to those students who need extra time or help with their work.
2. Two high-school aides have been hired to work in small groups and individually with struggling learners.

3. Students who do not score Proficient on the statewide tests are required to attend remediation. The Jedi computer program and other resources will be used for remediation.

5A. Pat Rawlings, Curriculum Administrator and Federal Programs Coordinator, presented information about several of the Federal programs and related funding offered to the district.

5B. Mrs. Rawlings also discussed the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, which outlines the plan and resources the District will use to help students who are not performing well on state tests. It also specifies how federal funds will be used.

6. Mrs. Dauck, High School Principal, introduced two Learn and Serve students, Brittany Ray and Savannah Late, who helped her present information about high school activities.

1. The students will gather material this year for Student Leadership notebooks. These notebooks will contain work samples, grades and test scores to help students make educational goals.
2. The students read and learned about the Leader in Me 7 Habits last year; this year they are using the Leadership notebooks to put those habits into practice.
3. Concurrent credit classes have been offered in more subjects this year. If a student takes all of the courses offered, they can graduate high school just a few hours short of being a college sophomore.
4. Learn and Serve classes pair students with teachers and students in elementary. The teachers appreciate the extra help, the volunteers enjoy helping the younger students, and the elementary students are excited to have friends in high school.

7. Mr. James, Elementary Principal, discussed Math and Literacy interventions that the elementary school is implementing this year. One change is the departmentalization of grades 4-6. By letting the teachers teach only one or two subjects the students are getting more subject-focused instruction time.

8. Mr. Sullinger introduced the two new Parent Involvement Coordinators, Michelle Byers and Karla James.

1. The school welcomes and encourages volunteers from parents, grandparents and community members.
2. The school is required to submit a Parental Involvement Plan; the coordinators will be contacting parents and staff members to help with this plan.

9. Mr. Sullinger informed the audience that we now have one counselor for the District, which is allowable based on our numbers. However, due to the many obligations that Mrs. Murray has, Mrs. Dixon will be helping with the counselor responsibilities at elementary. Some of the duties covered by the counselor's office are:

1. Scholarship information; financial aid and college advice
2. Test coordinator
3. 504 program coordinator
4. Homeless Liaison; Child find contact
5. Group Guidance
6. Rice Depot Backpack program facilitator

7. E-school plus assistance (Scheduling, Progress Reports, Report Cards)
10. Mr. Sullinger discussed the opportunities, activities and/or duties for the following programs:
 1. Band/Choir- Members have attended several out of state performances and competitions.
 2. Art- Students participate in the Art Contest at the NEA cooperative and attend the galleries and stores at Hardy each spring.
 3. FCCLA- Club competes at the District and State meetings. They have attended the National Competitions in recent years.
 4. FBLA- This group also competes at the District and State levels.
 5. FFA- Students build and sell items to the public, help with school projects and attend the National Convention.
 6. Provision II- This program provides meals to all Maynard students at no cost to the students' families. The choices and serving sizes are subject to the program guidelines.
 7. School Nurse- The district has one nurse available for distributing medications and performing mandated health screenings.
 8. Library/Media Center- Both libraries have computer labs for student use and several electronic readers available.

11. Public Question and Answer Time: Mr. Sullinger asked if anyone had any questions or concerns that they would like to address. One staff member commended the High School Counselor for everything that she does and wished the District would reconsider hiring an elementary counselor.

12. Adjourned the meeting at 6:58.

President Secretary

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- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.**
- II. Mrs. Rawlings presented information about the Title I program and explained that Title I funds are divided into two categories: Program Funds and Parent Involvement Funds. Both categories must be used following the Title I guidelines. A School-Parent compact must be signed by parents to insure that the student, parents and administrators all understand their responsibilities in educating our students.**
- III. Our curriculum is updated as needed to meet state and federal mandates.**
- IV. Our staff members are here to work with parents to make sure each student succeeds.**
- V. All employees may be contacted through the school website at maynard.nesc.k12.ar.us**
- VI. The school employs the use of several assessments throughout the year to monitor student progress.**
- VII. Important dates for the District are available on the school website. Reminders are sent through the SchoolReach system, also.**
- VIII. There was no other new business to discuss, so the meeting was adjourned at 7: 09 p.m.**

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