

**Maplewood and North Colonic
Feasibility Study
Minutes**

Work Session #4
5:30 pm
January 17, 2007
At Loudonville Elementary School

1. Committee reviewed the study progress to date

Dan Porter explained optional wrap-up meeting to be held Jan. 25th @ Maplewood 6-8 pm for the Feasibility Study Committee. It will be a panel discussion format. (If you have questions, e-mail them to Dan Porter or Jerry Steele).

2. Next Dan Porter reviewed time line

First week in April (tentative April 4) Joint boards would meet to receive the report.

Dan pointed out State Ed needs to okay the report.

First week in May – Separate public hearings in each district (tentative)

3. The Walk Zones in Maplewood would be recommended (children outside of specific walk zones guidelines would be bused).
4. Lee Peters explained the prioritized recommendations for instructional enhancements from the Jan. 9th committee recommendations.

Lee asked if anyone had suggestions to change the list.

Comments:

Would full day kindergarten be a gain? Is it needed?

Weigh the decisions on enhancements to what is needed.

5. Lee Peters went on to the facilities enhancement recommendations which include the building conditions survey. (State requires this in the report) and listed possible items to consider.
6. The committee broke into 2 groups for a tour of the Loudonville school (which is a bldg. of similar vintage).
7. Dan Porter answered a question from before – How much savings would there be by annexation?

Maplewood – would impact tax rate & non homestead

North Colonie – on capital side – would be less cost on items needing to be done.

Dan will attach bond information to the minutes.

8. Tom Rybaltowski – Asst. Supt. For Business, No. Colonie presented a draft for discussion only on possible use of annexation aid.
9. Dan put committee in 3 groups for Breakout Question # 1

How would you split up the incentive money?

	Taxes	Programs	Capital	Other Reserves
Group 1	25%	20%	25%	30%
Group 2	20%	20%	60	%
Group 3	20%	15%	30%	35%

Dan asked could the groups go with a consensus of 20% - 20% - 60% - It was agreed.

10. Breakout Question # 2 – Back to the original question of –

Should the School Boards take the annexation of Maplewood and No. Colonie to an informational level and go forward to a straw vote?

North Colonie Committee – Unanimous yes

Maplewood Committee – 11 yes

11. Last meeting to be optional wrap-up panel discussion for the Feasibility Committee

Thursday, Jan. 25
6 – 8 pm (no dinner)
Maplewood School

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Kostun
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