

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting – June 12, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Ellen Grieco, Chair
Jeanne Downs, Vice Chair
Nate Buffum
Kim Reichelt
Kathie Steinberg

Also:

Paul Stein
Superintendent

Chair Ellen Grieco convened the special session at 7:04 p.m.; the meeting is being recorded by WayCAM.

1. Comments & Written Statements from the Public:

Several Happy Hollow parents were present to comment on the current 5th Grade enrollment at Happy Hollow School. They listed their concerns as follows:

- Is an equity issue
- Students are at a disadvantage compared to Loker and Claypit Hill
- Lack of physical space at Happy Hollow
- Teachers' difficulty in managing/teaching large classes
- Issues with the current guidelines

Some dialogue occurred between the School Committee, Paul and the parents regarding the class size guidelines, the change in the Loker/Happy Hollow buffer zones, and the letter to parents of upcoming 5th graders offering the opportunity to change schools.

The parents requested that the School Committee take action regarding this matter and suggested creating a task force. The School Committee will discuss this issue at its June 19th meeting.

Tom Sciacca informed the School Committee that based on some of the negative comments he has heard around town about the process that the School Committee has undertaken regarding school bus parking, he has defended the School Committee in this regard. He commented that many residents are convinced that the buses will be parked in the south end of town and that any research in determining if the old dump is a viable location is basically a sham. Tom suggested that the School Committee could do a better job of communicating its process. On a different note, Tom described a competition that emphasizes creativity in which his granddaughter competed – Destination Imagination.

2. Financial Matters:

(a) Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve the High School and Middle School 1:1 Laptop Maintenance Fees and BASE fees:

The School Committee will not discuss the BASE fees at this time. At its June 5th meeting, the School Committee discussed the 1:1 laptop maintenance fees for the High School and Middle School with Leisha Simon in preparation for a vote of approval. Ellen will abstain from voting, as she did not file a conflict of interest form.

To recap, the Middle School fee is staying the same, and the High School fee is going from \$75 to \$45 based on 600 high school student users.

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Kim Reichelt, the School Committee voted (4-0) to approve the 1:1 maintenance fees for the Middle School and High School as presented at the last meeting.

3. Administrative/Procedural Matters:

(a) Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation – Review and Finalize Comments from Committee, Provide Ratings:

Jeanne noted that she drafted an evaluation that includes her and Kathie's comments. Jeanne reviewed the process going forward in preparation for a final evaluation vote on June 19th. A discussion ensued in terms of the evaluation ratings, since Nate is the newest School Committee member since April. Document distribution

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regarding the evaluation between School Committee members was also discussed. The School Committee continued with the performance ratings for the standards and work performed in terms of the UNITED goals, and each member contributed input regarding the evidence Paul presented throughout the year. Overall, Nate did abstain on most of the ratings; however, he commented on some aspects of the evaluation and the related evidence. The elements were reviewed and the School Committee provided feedback related to the elements. Language changes were also suggested in the evaluation.

Jeanne read an evaluation summary related to the evaluation and written by Kathie.

Kim left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

A discussion ensued regarding the State's incomplete data in terms of District Determined Measures related to student learning for the Superintendent's evaluation. Jeanne will update the evaluation and the Committee will vote on June 22nd.

(b) Discussion of an Open Meeting Law Complaint Filed by George Harris on June 7, 2017 regarding the May 8, 2017 Agenda (Item #10c):

Ellen read the Open Meeting Law complaint filed by George Harris. Per the complaint, Ellen will acknowledge the lack of information regarding employee positions for BASE and The Children's Way listed in the posted agenda. She will consult with the Attorney General's office for clarification before responding within 14 days. Kathie noted that the Town's counsel from Kopelman and Paige has been responding to all Open Meeting Law complaints and a discussion followed. Ellen will ask Nan Balmer about having town counsel respond to the OML complaint. This OML complaint will be discussed again on June 19th.

4. **Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair:**

None.

5. **Consent Agenda:**

(a) Approval of 2018 WHS France Trip

(b) Approval of Minutes:

- May 8, 2017

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

6. **Executive Session:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Jeanne Downs, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to enter Executive Session at 9:24 p.m., to review for possible declassification Executive Session minutes, as permitted by M.G.L. c.30A, §22: April 24, 2017 (#2) and May 8, 2017 (#2). A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Jeanne Downs, Vice Chair	X	
Nate Buffum	X	
Kim Reichelt	absent	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

The School Committee will be joined by Paul Stein, Superintendent of Schools and Diane Marobella, recording secretary.

The School Committee will reconvene in open session for a possible vote to declassify Executive Session minutes as listed on the meeting notice.

7. **Regular Matters (continued):**

(a) Possible Vote to Declassify Executive Session Minutes:

- April 24, 2017 - #2
- May 8, 2017 - #2

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Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Jeanne Downs, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to release the Executive Session Minutes for April 24, 2017 (#2) and May 8, 2017 (#2) as redacted.

A discussion ensued about the method by which these minutes will be sent to George Harris.

8. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Kathie Steinberg, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Observers:

Jen Johansson, 21 Highgate Road
Erin Mueller, 10 Holbrook Road
Jae Lee, 35 Woodland Road
Irene Rideout, 29 Highgate Road
Tom Sciacca, WVN, Wayland BUZZ
Lisa Moscuffian, 1 Carroll Court
Esperanza Brown, 21 Harrison Street
Lauren Alongi, 8 Bogren Lane

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Agenda & Backup Information
2. Draft Superintendent's Evaluation
3. Open Meeting Law Complaint of June 7, 2017
4. WHS International Trip Proposal to France
5. Executive Session Motion