

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Special Meeting – January 15, 2019

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 8:00 A.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

- Jeanne Downs, Chair
- Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair
- Kim Reichelt
- Kathie Steinberg (by remote)

Absent:

Nate Buffum

Also:

Arthur Unobskey
Superintendent

Also:

Louise Miller
Town Administrator

Chair Jeanne Downs convened the special session at 8:03 a.m.; the meeting was not recorded by WayCAM. Kathie Steinberg participated remotely due to her distance from the meeting.

1. High School Master Athletic Plan:

- Project Status
- Budget
- Warrant Article and Possible Vote to Approve
- Possible to Approve Placement of Debt Exclusion Question on Town Election Warrant

Jeanne and Louise Miller updated the School Committee on the master athletic plan. Based on the project reconciliation and the third party estimate for the master athletic plan, the PMBC placed an upper cost for the project at \$7.75M. The budget will be reviewed and refined over the next few weeks. The Committee reviewed the cost estimates since the inception of this project, noting that the costs have increased considerably.

The School Committee’s concern is that this project could restrict the operating and capital budgets of the School Department, even though the athletic facility would also be a town and community resource. Louise explained that this project falls under debt exclusion and does not affect the operating budget; however, it does affect the residents’ property taxes paid. It was noted that Wayland’s biggest asset are the schools, and, without usable athletic facilities, the future of the athletic programs and schools could be impacted.

A discussion ensued on the cost of the bathrooms and bleachers. March 21 is the deadline for project bids.

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Kim Reichelt, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to approve and submit the article for Town Meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Kim Reichelt, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to request the Board of Selectmen to place a debt exclusion question on the town election ballot. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

2. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Kim Reichelt, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 8:34 a.m. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Unobskey, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Agenda