

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Executive Session – December 15, 2014

Executive Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Monday, December 15, 2014, at 10:50 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Ellen Grieco, Chair
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair
Malcolm Astley
Jeanne Downs

Absent:

Donna Bouchard

Also:

Paul Stein
Superintendent

Diane Marobella
Recording Secretary

1. **Executive Session:**

Subsequent to a roll call vote in Regular Session on a motion brought by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Barb Fletcher, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to enter Executive Session at 10:50 p.m. for the purposes of discussing strategy related to Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Richard Lodge of Gatehouse Media on November 24, 2014 related to prior Executive Session Minutes, as listed on the Meeting Notice, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1), to continue to discuss strategy related to George Harris's Open Meeting Law Complaints filed on February 28, 2014 and on October 21, 2014 related to prior Executive Session Minutes as listed on the Meeting Notice, including request for information from Attorney General regarding these minutes, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1), and to discuss strategy related to George Harris's Open Meeting Law Complaint filed on December 5, 2014 related to Non-Production of Public Records, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1) and to approve minutes from prior executive sessions, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §22 for December 1, 2014 and December 5, 2014. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Donna Bouchard (absent)		
Jeanne Downs	X	

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

The School Committee will reconvene in Open Session to conduct regular matters as listed on the meeting notice.

2. **Discuss Strategy related to Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Richard Lodge of Gatehouse Media on November 24, 2014 related to Prior Executive Minutes, as Listed on the Meeting Notice, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1):**

The School Committee reviewed the draft response to the Attorney General regarding Richard Lodge's Open Meeting Law Complaint. Mr. Lodge's asked the School Committee to reconsider the redactions made in the Executive Session minutes that he requested. The Committee discussed the law as it pertains to the draft response. The members also discussed whether to remain with Town Counsel's advice or to reconsider the redactions as requested by Mr. Lodge.

Barb left the meeting at 11:03 p.m. to make copies.

3. **Approval of Minutes, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §22:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Jeanne Downs, the School Committee voted (3-0) to approve the Executive Session minutes of December 1, 2014 and December 5, 2014, as written.

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4. Continue to Discuss Strategy related to Open Meeting Law Complaints filed by George Harris on February 28, 2014 and October 21, 2014 related to Prior Executive Session Minutes as listed on the Meeting Notice, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1), including Request for Information from Attorney General regarding these Minutes:

Barb returned to the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

The School Committee reviewed the following minutes for release and/or changes to the redactions. Barb noted the Attorney General's request for information relative to these minutes. She informed the Committee that she also reviewed these minutes with Town Counsel and town officials in terms of their recommendations. Barb read a response drafted by Town Counsel, which he will send to the Attorney General. The released minutes, some with redactions, will be sent, as well as a chart that answers the questions the Attorney General posed to the Committee.

2008: March 10, March 31, May 12, June 2, July 7 (#2), July 28, August 25, August 29, September 15 (#1), October 20
2009: January 5, March 2, March 12, March 23, April 6, June 1 (#1 & 2), June 8 (#1) June 22, August 31, September 29
2010: October 12
2011: January 31
2013: February 25, September 9, December 2
2014: January 6, March 10

The Committee discussed the process for reviewing/declassifying Executive Session minutes.

5. Discuss Strategy Related to Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by George Harris on December 5, 2014 related to Non-Production of Public Records, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1):

Ellen updated the Committee on this OML complaint filed by George Harris on December 5, 2014. Mr. Harris submitted a public records request to which Ellen responded, but forgot to send him the requested documents within the allotted time allowed. However, upon receiving the OML complaint, Ellen forwarded the documents to Mr. Harris. Ellen will draft a response to the Attorney General by December 26, 2014 in which she will describe the chain of events leading up to the OML complaint.

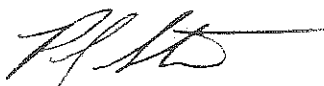
6. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the Executive Session at 11:35 P.M and to reconvene in open session. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Donna Bouchard (absent)		
Jeanne Downs	X	

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 11:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Draft Response to Attorney General regarding Richard Lodge's OML Complaint filed on November 24, 2014
Executive Session Minutes of December 1, 2014 and December 5, 2014

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- 3. Draft Response to Attorney General regarding George Harris's OML Complaints filed on February 28, 2014 and October 21, 2014
- 4. Executive Session Minutes:
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Also:

2014: January 9, January 13, January 21, January 27, February 3, February 6, February 10, February 24