

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting – August 6, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held on Thursday, August 6, 2015, at 10:00 A.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Ellen Grieco, Chair
Donna Bouchard
Jeanne Downs (by remote)
Kathie Steinberg

Absent:

Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair

Also:

Paul Stein
Superintendent

Brad Crozier
Assistant Superintendent

Susan Bottan
Business Administrator

Marlene Dodyk
Director of Student Services

Chair Ellen Grieco convened the Special Session at 10:07 a.m. and announced the meeting is being recorded by WayCAM. Ellen also stated that there will not be a public comment session scheduled for this meeting.

Ellen left the meeting at 10:08; returned at 10:09.

Ellen also stated that Jeanne Downs is participating remotely due to geographical distance and has submitted the remote participation form. Jeanne confirmed that no one is present at her location.

1. Executive Session:

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted (4-0) to enter Executive Session at 10:09 a.m. for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to threatened litigation under Title IX Anti-Retaliation Provisions and M.G.L. c. 149, §185, by the former athletic director against the Wayland Public Schools and the School Committee, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3), as such discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the School Committee and an Executive Session is necessary to protect the litigation position of the School Committee. 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	absent	
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs (by remote)	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

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

The School Committee reconvened in open session at 11:19 a.m.

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2. **Discussion of and Potential Vote to Send Proposed Written Communication to the Public regarding Allegations of Impropriety in the Athletic Department:**

Upon a motion duly made by Kathie Steinberg, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted (3-1) to send the written communication, as discussed in Executive Session, through the normal channels of ePublications, newspapers, and the List Serve. 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	absent	
Donna Bouchard		X
Jeanne Downs (by remote)	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

Although discussed in Executive Session, Donna noted that she will not sign the communication because the public will not receive enough information.

Jeanne confirmed again that no one is present at her location.

3. **Review, Discuss, and Potentially Vote to Send Response to George Harris’s Open Meeting Law Complaint dated July 20, 2015:**

Ellen commented that the response related to George Harris’s Open Meeting Law Complaint of July 20, 2015 is due August 7th. Although Kathie prepared the response for the Committee’s review, an extension of time will be requested from the Attorney General to allow additional time to respond.

4. **Vote to Send Communication from the School Committee to the Community regarding an Update on the METCO Revolving Account Matter:**

The School Committee received this communication on August 3rd for their review.

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Kathie Steinberg, the School Committee voted (3-1) to send the communication regarding the METCO matter drafted by Barb Fletcher and given to the School Committee on August 3rd. 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	absent	
Donna Bouchard		X
Jeanne Downs (by remote)	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

The School Committee discussed including additional details, such as reminding the public of the issues related to this matter. Ellen commented that the draft communication was approved by town counsel as written. The Committee will review this communication further at its August 17th meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Kathie Steinberg, the School Committee voted (3-1) to sign the communication “From the School Committee” with a tagline at the bottom of the page indicating the members’ names and title it “Interim Communication from the School Committee.” 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	absent	
Donna Bouchard		X
Jeanne Downs (by remote)	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

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5. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Kathie Steinberg, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the Special Session at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Observers:

Linda Segal, Wayland
Beth Butler, Wayland
Stephen Cass, Wayland

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Agenda
2. OML Complaint dated July 20, 2015 filed by George Harris
3. Draft Response to the OML Complaint dated July 20, 2015
4. Draft Communication regarding METCO
5. Draft Communication regarding the Athletic Department