

**MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting – April 12, 2016**

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in room A149 of Wayland High School.

Present were:
Ellen Grieco, Chair
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair
Jeanne Downs
Kim Reichelt
Kathie Steinberg

Also:
Paul Stein, Superintendent

1. Convene in Open Session:

Chair Ellen Grieco convened in open session at 6:04 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being taped by Waycam. Ellen welcomed newly elected committee member Kim Reichelt.

2. Executive Session:

Upon a motion made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Barb Fletcher, the School Committee voted (5-0) to enter Executive Session at 6:06 pm for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to threatened litigation under Title IX Anti-Retaliation Provisions and M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 185, by the Former Athletic Director Stephen Cass against the Wayland Public Schools and the School Committee, as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3), as such discussion in open meeting 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)	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	
Kim Reichelt	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

The School Committee will be joined by Mark Lanza, Town Counsel, Paul Stein, Superintendent of Schools, and Donna Bouchard, former member.

The School Committee will reconvene in open session to conduct regular matters as noted on the meeting notice.

Kim Reichelt left the meeting at 8:10 pm.

3. Review and Possible Vote to Approve a Statement regarding the Arrest and Prosecution of Former Athletic Director:

This item was passed over as the committee was not ready to address it.

4. Public Comment:

Susan Foster noted her concern with the April 7th School Committee meeting and the use of the term “disingenuous” to describe Donna Bouchard. She also noted her concern over the METCO Director situation. She asked the School Committee members to consider their legacy to the schools, their families, and the community.

John Flaherty expressed concern about the amount of money spent on lawyers and asked how much was spent for this meeting's executive session to have town counsel attend. He asked Ellen to provide this information.

Alice Boelter asked if the committee recognized how pained the public is over all that is happening in Wayland and noted that the public wants answers.

Donna Bouchard acknowledged that she received an apology for how she was characterized at the April 7th meeting and that it was a misunderstanding and things are okay now.

Alan Reiss expressed concern with the amount of time the committee has spent on the matter concerning the former athletic director and noted that the committee could have done better earlier to avoid much of the time spent. He encouraged the committee to get back to the business of being a school committee.

Ellen Grieco, speaking for herself and not as chair of the School Committee, commented that it is very difficult to know what can and cannot be said concerning the matter of the former athletic director.

John Flaherty noted that he understands that there are things that can and cannot be said for legal reasons but the committee had many times where it could have changed course and chose not to do so which has cost money and time. He also expressed concern with the practice of limiting public comment.

5. Matters Not Anticipated by the Chair

Ellen received a contract to sign for the middle school roof project. Jeanne will follow up with Ben Keefe to see if town counsel has reviewed the contract and how it relates to the amount of the appropriation and timing of the project. It will be put on the agenda for the April 15th meeting for School Committee approval for Ellen to sign. Paul will have the contract scanned into the meeting folder. The Finance Subcommittee will work with Ben Keefe to develop a process for getting these types of contracts signed going forward.

Ellen will contact the Attorney General's office to discuss the timing and content of the OML training the Committee is required to attend.

6. Recess to Town Meeting

This item was passed over as it is not relevant.

7. Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Ellen Grieco and seconded by Barb Fletcher, the Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Observers:

Alice Boelter
Donna Bouchard
John Flaherty
Susan Foster
Alan Reiss
Collin Steel
Molly Upton

Corresponding Documents:

~ Agenda
~ Executive Session Motion