

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting – December 11, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held in conjunction with the Finance Committee on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Large Hearing room of the Town Building.

Present were:

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

Absent:

Nate Buffum

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Assistant Superintendent
Marlene Dodyk, Student Services
Arthur Unobskey, Superintendent
The Finance Committee

Chair Ellen Grieco convened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

1. Approval of the December 7, 2017 Payroll Warrant *(taken out of order)*

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Kim Reichelt, the School Committee voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the December 7, 2017 payroll warrant.

Kathie Steinberg arrived at 7:10 pm.

2. School Committee Presentation to the Finance Committee regarding School Staffing and Budget Guidelines

Arthur presented information to the Finance Committee regarding school staffing and budgeting including employment contracts and contractual obligations, staffing, enrollment, EL proficiency levels and guidelines, staffing impact guided by enrollment and why it fluctuates, savings incurred by keeping Special Education students in-district, resource redeployment and reallocation, and peer comparative data for taxation.

3. Discuss and Review Operating and Capital Budget with School, Discuss FY19 Finance Committee Guidelines, Discuss Committed Costs, School Bus Parking, and Follow Up Questions from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee asked several questions about Arthur's presentation including how the savings for retirement are calculated, why staffing is increasing when enrollment hasn't increased as much relatively, long range planning, contract STEP changes, risks in the budget, comparison of SPED spending percentages in surrounding communities, staff children attending WPS, WMS phone system, peer comparisons, staff retention, and general budget logistics.

The budget guideline was also discussed including how the committed costs that went into setting the guideline were calculated.

4. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Downs
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documents:
-Presentation to Finance Committee