

## MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE Special Session – September 16, 2013

A Special Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Barb Fletcher, Chair  
Beth Butler, Vice Chair  
Malcolm Astley  
Ellen Grieco (arrived at 7:56 p.m.)  
Donna Bouchard

Also:

Paul Stein  
Superintendent of Schools

Brad Crozier  
Assistant Superintendent

Chair Barb Fletcher convened the Special Session at 7:40 P.M. and announced that WayCAM was taping the meeting.

1. **Comments & Written Statements from the Public:**

Tom Sciacca followed up on a comment he made at the last meeting regarding expense reports, as he felt the term was misunderstood. He also commented that the account reporting was a management failure, not a failure of individuals.

2. **Update on Retreat:**

The School Committee discussed how each member could communicate with Rob Evans regarding the upcoming retreat without violating the Open Meeting Law. The purpose of each conversation would be to establish an agenda based on the following questions: What is going well on the School Committee? What needs work? Paul will provide each member with Dr. Evans' contact information.

Barb informed the School Committee that the Town Clerk posted a meeting for all boards and committees to attend the Open Meeting Law training.

3. **Discussion re: Instrumental Music Rentals:**

Barb referred to a letter in the Town Crier from Spencer Brook Strings. Paul Stein read the letter that he and Susan Memoli, Director of Fine Arts, wrote in response. Paul commented that he had been in touch with Spencer a year ago in regard to the same issue, as this type of accusation is repeatedly made in Wayland and in other towns. The process concerning instrument rentals was discussed. It was determined that purchasing and offering services to families is a different process. Paul will ask Mark Lanza if it is advisable and within his role responsibilities to respond further to the company again.

*Ellen Grieco arrived at 7:56 p.m.*

Barb updated Ellen on the musical instrument rental discussion.

Donna will contact the MASC also for an opinion.

4. **Superintendent's Report:**

Paul informed the Committee that the High School did not acknowledge September 11<sup>th</sup> with a moment of silence. He noted that the Middle School did have a moment of silence and read the principal's message. Paul publicly acknowledged that the district is not proud of this omission, and it was not for a lack of respect.

A discussion followed in terms of how the district can observe September 11<sup>th</sup>, as well as other important local, state, and national events and how this might fit into the social emotional learning of the students. Also noted was the historical nature vs. the personal nature of these events. Paul will speak to the principals about future commemorations. This matter was taken as an action item for discussion at a future meeting.

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Donna Bouchard asked if the School Committee should meet with Town Department Heads regarding the Sullivan & Rogers Report. Barb will ask the Board of Selectmen if they would like to meet.

5. **Comments from the Public:**

Tom Sciacca commented on the previous announcement about the resolution to the WTA contract. However, he said, it hasn't been signed. He asked the School Committee if this process was done or not.

6. **Executive Session:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Malcolm Astley, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to enter Executive Session at 8:27 p.m., as permitted under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining for all school unions (WTA, WESA, Custodial and Food Service) and to reconvene only for the purpose of adjournment, as such a discussion in open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and to review and approve Executive Session minutes of June 3, 2013 pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30(a) Section 22. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Barb Fletcher, Chair	X	
Beth Butler, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Ellen Grieco	X	
Donna Bouchard	X	

The School Committee reconvened in Regular Session at 10:01 P.M.

7. **Vote to Release June 3, 2013 Executive Session Minutes:**

The Chair noted that the vote on the June 3, 2013 minutes was not anticipated.

Upon a motion duly made by Beth Butler, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to release the June 3, 2013 Executive Session minutes as amended and redacted. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Barb Fletcher, Chair	X	
Beth Butler, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Ellen Grieco	X	
Donna Bouchard	X	

8. **Comments from the Public:**

There were no public comments.

9. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk  
Wayland School Committee

Observers:

Tom Sciacca, WVN

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Letter to Editor in Town Crier from Spencer Brook Strings
2. Response to Spencer Brook Strings from Superintendent and Fine Arts Director
3. June 3, 2013 Executive Session Minutes