

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular/Special Session – April 8, 2014

A Regular/Special Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the Field House of the Wayland High School prior to Town Meeting.

Present:

Barb Fletcher, Chair
Beth Butler, Vice Chair
Malcolm Astley
Donna Bouchard (arrived at 7:10 P.M.)

Also:

Paul Stein
Superintendent of Schools

Marlene Dodyk
Director of Student Services

Barb Fletcher convened the Regular/Special Session at 7:05 p.m.

1. **Minuteman Town Meeting Warrant Articles:**

Paul updated the Committee on a conversation he had with the Superintendent of Minuteman. He reported as follows:

- Per a letter that was distributed to the Committee by Paul, the Commissioner is committed to creating regulations that would approve a facilities fee for non-members, which would result in our proportionate share being reduced.
- The agreement is still evolving.
- Weston is possibly looking into executing an inter-governmental agreement whereby they would withdraw from Minuteman and would enter into an agreement to guarantee a certain number of seats. This approach may make sense for communities with fewer than 10 students at Minuteman.

Paul remarked that this arrangement seems to be a moving target. The Minuteman Superintendent did indicate that they may have more concrete information in a few months. However, Paul doesn't feel comfortable that we've looked at the numbers closely enough and would prefer to defer the entire matter for this Town Meeting.

Paul also noted that it appears that the reason for making these revisions to the agreement now involve the desire to change the "voice" and the ability to withdraw. He also expressed a concern about our students being able to access vocational programs.

The Board of Selectmen discussed this issue earlier in the night. Mary Ellen Castagno, Wayland's Minuteman's representative, reported that the BOS will ask the Town to vote against the revised agreement. They also plan to provide an amendment to the article to withdraw from Minuteman.

The Committee agreed that the next steps should be for Paul to speak with the Weston Superintendent to learn more about the inter-governmental agreement and for Barb to provide the Committee with a draft of such an agreement provided by Mary Ellen.

2. **High School Building Project Funds:**

Paul reported that funds from the High School project would be used to fund the Fine Arts Department request funds for a digital console for the theater for approximately \$6,000.

The Committee asked for a reporting of the balance of the funds remaining from the project at a future meeting.

3. **Recess to Town Meeting:**

Upon a motion duly made by Beth Butler, seconded by Malcolm Astley, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to recess to Town Meeting.

4. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at the conclusion of Town Meeting at 10:50 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

- Agenda
- Letter from Commissioner re: Minuteman