

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Session – June 30, 2014

A Special Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Monday, June 30, 2014, at 7:30 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Barb Fletcher, Chair
Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair (by remote)
Malcolm Astley
Donna Bouchard

Absent:

Jeanne Downs

Also:

Paul Stein
Superintendent of Schools

Brad Crozier

Assistant Superintendent

Barb Fletcher convened the Special Session at 7:34 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being taped by WayCAM. Barb noted that a quorum is present and Ellen Grieco has provided a remote participation form and unable to attend due to geographic reasons.

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

There were no comments or written statements from the public.

2. **Continued Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation and Possible Vote Whether to Expand Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Pilot in FY15:**

At the request of Donna Bouchard, this discussion was brought back to the School Committee. Donna explained that she first thought that the decision to move to PARCC for some grades was a policy decision and the Committee should solicit public input; thus, it was voted at the last meeting to defer the decision to the fall. Since the June 23rd meeting, she did some research in terms of what other districts have done, and she found that no other districts involved the public in their decision. Therefore, it is probably an unnecessary step, and she asked that the School Committee vote again regarding PARCC.

Paul noted that the deadline to notify the DESE of the district's decision was today at noon. However, Paul called them and the DESE agreed to provide an Xcel spreadsheet in which Paul would fill out and email to them tonight. This would replace the online form that is no longer available. The DESE will input the information manually from the spreadsheet that Paul sends them. Paul confirmed that this is not a School Committee policy per se, but it is a School Committee decision. Paul also noted that MCAS has not been used for math placement since 2011 and, with regard to placement of students in Grades 6 and 9, PARCC would not be used in any case.

Upon a motion duly made Ellen Grieco, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted (3-1) to support the Superintendent's recommendation that next year Wayland will administer the PARCC assessments in Grades 3 to 8 only. The test will be computer based. Grade 8 students will be given the Grade 8 mathematics assessment, unless they are enrolled in the Level 3 math course, in which case they will take the Algebra I assessment, and PARCC will not be administered at the high school level. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Barb Fletcher, Chair	X	
Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair (by remote)	X	
Malcolm Astley		X
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs (absent)		

Malcolm commented that he is puzzled by the policy distinction, though appreciates it being made. Barb noted that MASC's legal counsel gave a legal opinion that this choice required School Committee approval. A discussion followed. Malcolm would like to raise the issue of testing periodically.

3. **Executive Session:**

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to enter Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to litigation from the Attorney General's decision regarding the Open Meeting Law Complaints filed by George Harris on June 27, 2013 and Donna Bouchard on July 1, 2013 related to the June 3, 2013 Executive Session, as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the custodians, as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), as such discussions in open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation and collective bargaining positions of the School Committee and an Executive Session is necessary to protect the litigation and collective bargaining positions of the School Committee. The School Committee will reconvene in open session to conduct regular matters as noted on the meeting notice. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Barb Fletcher, Chair	X	
Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair (by remote)	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs (absent)		

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

Since Ellen is participating remotely, Barb asked her to state at the start of the Executive Session that no other person is present and/or able to hear the discussion at Ellen's remote location. Ellen replied that no other person is present at her location and/or able to hear the discussion.

The School Committee reconvened in open session at 8:40 p.m.

4. **Possible Vote to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Custodians:**

Upon a motion duly made by Donna Bouchard, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Wayland School Committee and the custodians for a two-year contract extending from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016 as discussed tonight with a possible language change in Article 3, Section 2 applications. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Barb commented that the Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-1 in favor of the MOA, with one abstention. Barb noted that the abstention was due to a potential conflict with a member's immediate family working for the school system.

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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Barb Fletcher, Chair	X	
Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair (by remote)	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs (absent)		

5. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the Special Session at 8:42 p.m. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Barb Fletcher, Chair	X	
Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair (by remote)	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs (absent)		

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Agenda
2. Custodial MOA
3. Executive Session Motion