MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE Executive Session - December 1, 2014

All Recutive Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Monday, December 1, 2014, at 10:12 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were: Ellen Grieco, Chair Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair Malcolm Astley Donna Bouchard Jeanne Downs

Also: Paul Stein Superintendent

Brad Crozier Assistant Superintendent

Diane Marobella Recording Secretary

Mark Lanza Town Counsel

1. Executive Session:

Subsequent to a roll call vote in Regular Session on a motion brought by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Barb Fletcher, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to enter Executive Session at 10:12 p.m. for the purposes of discussing strategy related to George Harris's Open Meeting Law Complaint filed on November 4, 2014 related to prior Executive ession Minutes, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1), to continue to discuss strategy related to George Harris's Open Meeting Law Complaints filed on February 28, 2014 and on October 21, 2014 related to prior Executive Session Minutes as listed on the meeting notice, including request for information from Attorney General regarding these minutes, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1), and to discuss strategy related to Richard Lodge's Open meeting Law Complaint filed on November 24, 2014 related to prior Executive Session Minutes, as listed on the Meeting Notice, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1), and to approve the November 17, 2014 Executive Session minutes, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §22. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

| Roll Call | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|----|
| Ellen Grieco, Chair | Χ | |
| Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair | Х | |
| Malcolm Astley | Х | |
| Donna Bouchard | Χ | |
| Jeanne Downs | Х | |

The School Committee will be joined by Paul Stein, Superintendent of Schools, Brad Crozier, Assistant Superintendent, Diane Marobella, and Town Counsel Mark Lanza

The School Committee will reconvene in Open Session to conduct regular matters as listed on the meeting notice.

2. Discuss Strategy related to Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Richard Lodge on November 24, 2014 related to Prior Executive Minutes, as Listed on the Meeting Notice, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1):

The School Committee discussed Richard Lodge's OML Complaint. Ellen noted that Mr. Lodge requested that the School Committee review the minutes again and reconsider the redactions made, as he claims that the redactions are too broad, and Purpose 5, as noted in the minutes, is an inappropriate reason for entering executive session.

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discussion ensued with Mark Lanza in terms of why he advised the redactions as he did. He will review the minutes, as there might be a possibility of un-redacting portions of the minutes. The Committee also discussed the language to be included in a response to Mr. Lodge.

3. Continue to Discuss Strategy related to Open Meeting Law Complaints filed by George Harris on February 28, 2014 and on October 21, 2014 related to Prior Executive Session Minutes as listed on the Meeting Notice, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1), including Request for Information from Attorney General regarding these Minutes:

Ellen referred to a letter from the Attorney General's office in which it was requested that the School Committee provide a breakdown of the 25 sets of minutes requested by George Harris, including a categorization of the reasons for the redactions. There isn't a deadline for this request.

Barb will work on this request, and the Committee will discuss again on December 15th. Mark will follow with the Attorney General's office in terms of what can be redacted if the subject deals with personnel and student matters.

4. <u>Discuss Strategy Related to Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by George Harris on November 4, 2014 related to Prior Executive Session Minutes as listed on the Meeting Notice, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1):

Donna distributed the draft response and the un-redacted minutes for the Committee's review of sufficient or insufficient detail regarding the OML complaint filed by George Harris on November 4, 2014. Barb suggested that the red-lined minutes be attached. After some discussion, it was agreed that another extension will be requested from the Attorney General's office. Donna will also speak directly to George Harris regarding an extension.</u>

5. Approval of Minutes, pursuant to M.G.L. 30A, §22:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher, seconded by Jeanne Downs, the School Committee <u>voted</u> unanimously (5-0) to approve the Executive Session minutes of November 17, 2014, as written. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

| Roll Call | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|----|
| Ellen Grieco, Chair | X | |
| Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair | Χ | |
| Malcolm Astley | Χ | |
| Donna Bouchard | Χ | |
| Jeanne Downs | Χ | |

8. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee <u>voted</u> unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the Executive Session at 11:04 P.M and to reconvene in open session. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

| Roll Call | <u>Yes</u> | No |
|---------------------------|------------|----|
| Ellen Grieco, Chair | Х | |
| Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair | Х | |
| Malcolm Astley | Χ | |
| Donna Bouchard | Χ | |
| Jeanne Downs | Х | |

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk

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Sponding Documentation:

- 1. Executive Session Minutes of November 17, 2014
- 2. Open Meeting Law Complaint from Richard Lodge of the Metro West News
- 3. Letter from Attorney General's Office re: February 28 and October 21, 2014 George Harris's OML Complaints
- 4. Draft Response re: OML Complaint from George Harris on November 4, 2014, including the following minutes:
 - May 6, 2013
 - June 17, 2013 #2
 - August 26, 2013
 - September 23, 2013
 - October 1, 2013
 - October 21, 2013
- 5. Minutes regarding George Harris's OML Complaints of February 28 and October 21, 2014

2008

- March 10
- March 31
- May 12
- June 2
- July 7
- July 28
- August 25
- August 29
- September 15 #1
- October 20

2009

- January 5
- March 2
- March 12
- March 23
- April 6
- June 1 #1 & #2
- June 8 #1
- June 22
- August 31
- September 29
- October 13
- November 9
- November 18
- November 30
- December 7

2010

October 12

2011

January 31

2013

- February 25
- September 9

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December 2

2014

- January 6
- January 9
- January 13
- January 21
- January 27
- February 3February 6
- February 10February 24March 10