

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Special Meeting & Town Meeting – April 13, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 6:45 P.M. in Room A149 and Field House of Wayland High School.

Present were:

Ellen Grieco, Chair (via remote participation)
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:55 pm)
Malcolm Astley
Donna Bouchard
Jeanne Downs

Also:

Paul Stein
Superintendent

Susan Bottan
Business Administrator

Member Jeanne Downs convened the Regular Session at 6:50 p.m.

1. Jeanne stated that Ellen had completed the remote participation form as required as she was not able to attend the meeting in person for geographic reasons.

2. Ellen deputized Jeanne to run the meeting.

3. Comments and Written Statements from the Public:
There was no public comment.

4. Administrative and Financial Matters:

(a) Update Regarding the Warrant Article for Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School:
Jeanne reviewed the language of the Minuteman article that was voted in at Town Meeting with the committee.

(b) School Committee Schedule and Future Agenda Topics:
Ellen noted that there was a potential conflict with the 5/19/15 date for the Summit subgroup reporting meeting. Ellen will send out a doodle poll to the committee with other possible dates.

(c) Review and Possibly Approve Article for *Crier* re: Budget:
A draft article for the *Town Crier* was reviewed. Jeanne had two minor changes. Barb will make the recommended changes and submit the article to the *Town Crier*.

(d) Discussion of Article 27 from Annual Town Meeting Warrant:
The committee discussed Article 27 concerning the scheduling of future Town Meetings. Many things need to be taken into account when thinking of moving Town Meeting to a later date including, but not limited to, the impact on capital projects, personnel decisions and time spent on educational matters as well as the timing of April vacation. Malcolm noted that he would like to hear the school administrators' thoughts regarding estimates of the consequences of moving the date later. Donna noted that other peer towns have later town meetings. Alice Boelter noted that in the last 17 of 23 years Town Meeting has been on or after April 25th.

Upon a motion duly made by Donna Bouchard and seconded by Barb Fletcher, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to take no action on Article 27 at this point. It was noted that more information was needed before the committee could take action. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Roll Call	Yes	No
Ellen Grieco, Chair	x	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	x	

Malcolm Astley	x
Donna Bouchard	x
Jeanne Downs	x

5. Matter Not Anticipated by the Chair:

Susan reported that she had received a number of calls about the bus fee with questions as to why it was increasing a second year in a row. Barb passed out a draft of some language to post/send to families as to why the bus fee has increased. Donna suggested adding language that noted the full cost of riding the bus. Jeanne suggested adding language about the committee's decision to increase the bus fee vs. adding a new extra-curricular fee. Kathie Steinberg noted that parents would have their children walk to school but it is not safe to do so with the lack of sidewalks in much of town. Barb will update the language and bring it to the next Finance subcommittee meeting for discussion and then to the 4/27/15 School Committee meeting for approval.

Ellen left the meeting at 7:19 pm.

5. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

6. Recess to Town Meeting:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher and seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to recess to Town Meeting at 7:25 pm.

7. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher and seconded by Malcolm Astley, the School Committee voted unanimously (3-0) to adjourn the Regular Session at 11:10 pm. Donna Bouchard was absent for the vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Observers:
Alice Boelter
Mary Ellen Castagno
Kathie Steinberg

Corresponding Documentation:
Agenda
Minuteman Article Language
Town Crier Article
Bus Fee Language