

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Special Meeting & Town Meeting – April 6, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 6:30 P.M. in Room A149 and Field House of Wayland High School.

Present were:

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

Also:

Paul Stein
Superintendent

Brad Crozier
Assistant Superintendent

Susan Bottan
Business Administrator

Marlene Dodyk
Director of Student Services

Chair Ellen Grieco convened the Regular Session at 6:34 p.m.

1. Comments and Written Statements from the Public:

There was no public comment.

2. Items Not Anticipated by the Chair:

Ellen distributed emails she had received from Donna with revolving fund questions. Donna was asked whether she planned to bring these questions up at Town Meeting. Donna responded that she had spoken to Finance Committee Chair Tom Greenaway and at this point was awaiting an answer from the DOR. She noted that her questions had nothing to do with changing the budget at Town Meeting.

3. Financial Matters:

(a) Discussion and Possible Approval of FY16 Salaries for Non-Union Staff

Paul explained that he asked the School Committee several years ago to annually approve non-union staff salaries separately. Although the committee agreed to the non-union staff salary increase of 1.5% through the approval of the budget, Paul feels it is important to have a separate vote. Discussion ensued about the Early Childhood Coordinator's (ECC) large increase in salary. Paul reminded the committee that in 2012 the committee approved a five year plan to make the ECC's salary commensurate with the teachers which has resulted in a salary increase this year greater than 1.5%.

Upon a motion duly made by Malcolm Astley and seconded by Jeanne Downs, the School Committee voted 4-1 (Donna Bouchard opposed) to accept Paul's recommendation for the ECC's salary increase for FY16.

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher and seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee unanimously approved (5-0) a 1.5% increase to the non-union staff salaries as noted in the document provided with the exception of the ECC position.

(b) Review Information related to the Use of Teacher Computers to be Replaced with FY16 Capital Request:

This agenda item was passed over.

(c) Continued Discussion and Possible Vote to Support Town Warrant Article related to Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher and seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee unanimously approved (5-0) to support the Town Meeting article related to Minuteman. Paul reminded the committee that supporting this article was for fiscal reasons and had nothing to do with the quality of education that Minuteman offers.

(d) Continued Discussion of Process for Determining Statutes Underlying the School Revolving Accounts and Next Steps:

Barb gave an update. Susan spoke to the DESE who wants more information from the DOR and then will get back to her. At Town Meeting as part of the budget motion, the town will be asked to adopt statute 71/71E going forward.

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher and seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted 4-1 (Donna Bouchard opposed) to support the adoption of statute MGL Chapter 71/71E by Town Meeting. Donna noted:

- She would support the motion if the fund balances were zeroed out and given back to free cash.
- She doesn't support the way statute 71/71E was added to the budget motion based on advice of town counsel and thinks it should be addressed in a separate article.

(e) Discussion of CIP for Loker Network Upgrade:

This agenda item was passed over.

(f) Item #2b - Teacher Computers:

This item was revisited. As there were no questions, this agenda item was passed over again.

(g) Approval of Invoices from Pinck & Co. for Claypit Hill Windows & Doors:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher and seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee unanimously approved (5-0) payment of the Pinck & Co. invoice in the amount of \$4,693.63 for the Claypit Hill windows and doors project.

(h) School Committee Schedule and Future Agenda Topics:

This agenda item was passed over.

4. Consent Agenda:

(a) Approval of Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants

- Accounts Payable Warrant dated 4/6/15 for \$181,546.98
- Accounts Payable Student Activities Warranted dated 4/6/15 in the amount of \$28,370.07
- Payroll Warrant dated 4/1/15 in the amount of \$1,249,975.31

(b) Approval of gifts

- Gift of \$259 to WMS "Tripships" account from Sheila and Scott Brown

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher and seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as provided tonight.

4. Executive Session:

- a) Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco and seconded by Barb Fletcher, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to enter into Executive Session at 7:00pm 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 discussion in open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and an Executive Session is necessary to protect the bargaining position of the School Committee and to discuss strategy regarding the investigation of criminal misconduct, as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(5). 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	

The School Committee will be joined by Paul Stein, Superintendent of Schools, Brad Crozier, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Susan Bottan, Business Administrator of Schools.

The School Committee will reconvene in open session to attend to Town Meeting as noted on the meeting notice.

5. Regular Session (continued):

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher and seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to recess to Town Meeting at 7:25 pm.

6. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher and seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Observers:

Mary Ellen Castagno

Annette Lewis

Allison McCall, *Wayland Town Crier*

Corresponding Documentation:

Agenda & Backup Information

Non-Union Salary Increase Memo

Revolving Fund Emails

Pinck & Co. Invoices

Consent Agenda info

Executive Session Motion