

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting – February 3, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the small conference room and School Committee Room of the Town Building.

Present were:

Jeanne Downs, Chair
Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair
Nate Buffum
Kim Reichelt
Kathie Steinberg

Also present:

Arthur Unobskey, Superintendent
Parry Graham, Assistant Superintendent
Susan Botta, Manager of Finance and Operations

Chair Jeanne Downs convened the meeting at 5:30 pm and noted that it was being recorded by WayCam.

1. Review of Capital Budget Prioritizations and Possible Re-Vote of Capital Budget

The School Committee reviewed and discussed the prioritization of the capital projects. A discussion ensued about moving the Loker Roof Air Handler project into the larger Loker Roof Project as well as revising the High School Outdoor Athletic Complex Part 3 warrant article to be for design only. Jeanne will follow up on these items.

2. Discussion and Possible Vote to Withdraw the Debt Exclusion Request for the High School Field Project

Upon a motion made by Kathie Steinberg, seconded by Kim Reichelt, the Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to withdraw its request to the Board of Selectmen to place an exempt debt question on the ballot for design and construction of the High School Outdoor Athletic Complex Part 3.

3. Matters Not Anticipated

a. Arthur updated the Committee about the response to the letter received from the Finance Committee on Friday regarding reducing the school budget by \$150,000. The Administrative Council will discuss what such a reduction would look like and its impacts and Arthur will present the information at the Feb. 10th School Committee meeting. Jeanne updated the Committee on her conversation with the chair of the Finance Committee concerning their letter.

Ellen arrived at 5:45 pm

b. Susan presented the OPEB contribution amounts. Upon a motion made by Ellen Grieco and seconded by Nate Buffum, the Committee approved (4-1) the OPEB annual contribution amounts presented by Susan as amended.

4. Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs and seconded by Ellen Greico, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to enter Executive Session at 5:53 pm for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Wayland Teachers Association (WTA), pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) and discussing strategy with respect to litigation with the Wayland Teachers Association (WTA) before the Department of Labor Relations, pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3), as discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigating positions of the Committee. The School Committee will be joined by Arthur Unobskey, Superintendent, and Parry Graham, Assistant Superintendent. The School Committee will reconvene in open session as set forth on the agenda .

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Jeanne Downs, Chair	X	
Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair	X	
Nate Buffum	X	
Kim Reichelt	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

5. Attend IDEAS – Session I – Diversity and Equity Training

The School Committee attended the training noted.

Kim left the meeting at 9:00 pm.

6. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Nate Buffum, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Downs
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documents
--OPEB Contribution Spreadsheet