

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Public Forum/Regular Session – October 11, 2011

A Public Forum/Regular Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in the Large Hearing Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Mrs. Barb Fletcher, Chair
Ms. Beth Butler, Vice Chair
Dr. Malcolm Astley
Mrs. Ellen Grieco
Dr. Shawn Kinney (arrived 7:06 p.m.)

Also:

Dr. Paul Stein
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Brad J. Crozier
Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Marlene M. Dodyk
Director of Student Services

Mr. Geoffrey S. MacDonald
Business Administrator

Chair Barb Fletcher convened the regular meeting at 7:03 P.M.

1. **Fall Public Forum:**

Barb Fletcher and Paul Stein presented a PowerPoint presentation, including proposed district-wide goals and priorities, financial results, and FY13 budget process, operational review update, High School Building Project update, 1:1 Computer Learning Initiative update, and a discussion period.

2. **Comments & Questions from the Public:**

- Tom Sciacca asked several questions related to recent newspaper articles. He specifically asked about an article in the Boston Globe related to increases in the special education population and individualized instruction.
- Michael Patterson commented that he was pleased to see accountability several times in the district goals. He also asked if the district was moving toward a merit pay system.
- Betsy Brigham asked about the 1:1 pilots and what was learned from the classes.
- A community member asked if the School Committee was considering the possibility of reopening the Loker School. She also asked the process for the FDK recommendation, including parental input.
- Tracy Scheidemantel hoped that the School Committee would also look at the total budget and services when considering FDK.
- Stephanie Leong asked if the WSCP before-school exercise program was going to be run again this year.

3. **Regular Matters**

Discussion of Proposed FY12 Superintendent's Goals:

The School Committee discussed the Superintendent's draft goals. They reviewed each of the six goals and made suggestions and comments. The Committee also reviewed the "On Deck" goals. Dr. Stein will begin working on the next steps in the process.

Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Grieco, seconded by Ms. Butler, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to accept Dr. Stein's goals as presented.

4. **Meet with Finance Committee Liaisons for the Schools:**

Paul Grasso, FinCom liaison, reviewed the budget guideline for FY13. He answered questions from the School Committee and wanted to continue to track utility costs. There are no FinCom guidelines for capital projects. Each project will be evaluated individually.

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5. **Review Draft Capital Plan:**

Public Buildings Director John Moynihan reviewed the draft Capital Plan for FY13 with the School Committee. Committee members were asked to send follow-up questions to the Chair by Friday, October 21, 2011.

6. **Discussion re: Community Communication Proposal:**

Cindy Boyd from Gatehouse Media presented a communication proposal to inform the community about the High School opening. The School Committee consensus was to coordinate with the HSBC and move forward with the project.

7. **Approval of Middle School 8th Grade Science Trip to New York:**

The School Committee reviewed the Middle School 8th grade geology trip proposal.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Kinney, seconded by Dr. Astley, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the 8th grade science trip to New York in late October.

8. **Review School Committee Budget Principles:**

The School Committee reviewed a draft of the School Committee Budget Principles. Several changes were made to the draft document, and the Committee will continue to review them as the budget process moves forward.

9. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Butler, seconded by Dr. Kinney, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve payment of the following:

- Wayland Public Schools Accounts Payable warrant, dated 10/11/2011, in the amount of \$397,482.57
- Wayland Public Schools Payroll warrant, dated 10/6/2011, in the amount of \$1,134,936.56

10. **Approval of Minutes:**

Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Grieco, seconded by Dr. Kinney, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the following minutes as written:

- Regular Session of September 26, 2011

11. **Superintendent's Report:**

(a) Enrollment Update:

Dr. Stein provided the October 1 enrollment numbers to the School Committee.

(b) School News:

Dr. Stein reported on how impressed he is with the high school English structure for the 9th grade students in the college level.

12. **Follow-up and Future Agenda Items:**

(a) Review Draft School Committee Report re: Part 1 of the Abrahams Report:

The review was tabled to the next meeting. Comments should be sent to Ellen Grieco before the next meeting.

(b) Celebrate Wayland:

Dr. Astley updated the Committee on the Celebrate Wayland planning meeting.

13. **Comments from the Public:**

- Donna Bouchard commented on the FY11 budget process and how disappointed she is with cuts to staffing and with the district having to turn back funds to the Town. She hopes that the budget process will be different in future years...one that focuses on students.
- Tom Sciacca commented on the Superintendent's goals and efficiency in the budget process.
- Louis Jurist commented on the revolving accounts and possible uses of those funds to improve the schools and not to offset the operational budget and other capital items.

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14. **Executive Session:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Butler, seconded by Mrs. Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to convene in Executive Session at 10:25 P.M. to review September 26 Executive Session minutes, which involved matters pertaining to a parental request regarding school attendance, as set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (7) to comply with a general or specific law, specifically FERPA and M. G.L., Chap. 71. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mrs. Barb Fletcher, Chair	X	
Ms. Beth Butler, Vice Chair	X	
Dr. Malcolm Astley	X	
Mrs. Ellen Grieco	X	
Dr. Shawn Kinney	X	

The Chair announced that they would reconvene in Regular Session for adjournment purposes only.

15. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Grieco, seconded by Dr. Kinney, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Observers:

Tom Sciacca, WVN
Michael Patterson
Donna Bouchard
Tracy Scheidemantel, 242 Old Connecticut Path
Betsey Brigham, 78 Rice Road
Louis Jurist, 86 Sears Road
...and others

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Superintendent's 2011-2012 Proposed System-wide Goals
2. FY13-17 Capital Requests
3. Approval Request for 8th Grade Geology Trip to New York
4. Draft School Committee Report re: Part 1 of the Abrahams Report
5. School Committee Budget Principles
6. Enrollment Report