

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Session – November 7, 2011

A Regular Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Mrs. Barb Fletcher, Chair
Ms. Beth Butler, Vice Chair
Dr. Malcolm Astley
Mrs. Ellen Grieco

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. and thanked the administrators for attending last week's meeting in Boston with the METCO families.

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

- Tom Sciacca provided a handout to the members of the School Committee that compared spending to student achievement. The comparison shows that there isn't a relationship between spending and achievement.

2. **2011 MCAS Report and Analysis:**

The School Committee received the 2011 MCAS Report. Questions will be sent to the Chair and the report will be placed on a future agenda.

3. **Contract Award for High School Wastewater Treatment Facility:**

The School Committee reviewed the RFP and the recommended award for the High School Wastewater Treatment Facility. John Moynihan answered questions from the Committee members.

Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Grieco, seconded by Ms. Butler, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to award the operation and maintenance services of the Wastewater Treatment Facility at Wayland High School to Weston & Sampson Services, Inc.

4. **Staff Deployment & Class Size Report:**

Item was tabled until the next meeting.

5. **Wayland Middle School 7th Grade Cape Cod Trip 2012:**

The School Committee reviewed the proposed 7th grade Cape Cod trip for 2012.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Astley, seconded by Ms. Butler, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the 7th grade Cape Cod trip for 2012.

6. **Draft School Committee Report on Part 2 of The Abrahams Report:**

The School Committee reviewed the ORC's recommendations related to Part 2 of The Abrahams Report and began drafting their response to the ORC. Mrs. Grieco will draft the School Committee's response and will be reviewed at a future meeting.

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7. **Name of High School Buildings:**

The School Committee reviewed the memo from Principal Tutwiler that described the process for naming the two new high school buildings. He recommended naming them “North” and “South.” The School Committee supported the recommendation.

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

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Astley, seconded by Ms. Butler, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to approve payment of the following:

- Wayland Public Schools Payroll warrant, dated 11/3/2011, in the amount of \$1,187,418
- Wayland Public Schools Accounts Payable warrant, dated 11/7/2011, in the amount of \$391,664.05

9. **Approval of Minutes:**

Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Grieco, seconded by Dr. Astley, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following minutes as amended:

- Regular Session of October 24, 2011

10. **Superintendent’s Report:**

(a) Enrollment Update:

Dr. Stein provided the School Committee with the latest enrollment numbers.

(b) School News:

- Dr. Stein thanked Mabel Reid Wallace, the METCO staff, and the attendees for the Wayland’s Got Talent fundraiser.
- Dr. Stein announced that the high school will have a forum on the 1:1 initiative on 11/15/2011.
- Dr. Stein informed the School Committee on the NAEP testing and Massachusetts’ role in the testing.
- Dr. Stein painted an image of his recent tour of Claypit Hill and witnessed students working on mathematics and learning in the learning centers – yet another impressive aspect of learning in Wayland.
- Dr. Stein has requested a formal bid for the space utilization study from an outside contractor.
- Dr. Stein announced that he is still reviewing the FDK budget from FY11 and projections in FY12. He would like to get the tuition around \$4,000.
- Dr. Stein provided the School Committee with a list of questions, which survey the parents in the FDK program, as well as the Traditional program.
- Dr. Stein provided the School Committee with a parent/staff survey to possibly change the school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year due to the recent power outages.

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

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

The School Committee reviewed the draft of their response to the ORC’s recommendations to Part 1 of The Abrahams Report. Several changes were suggested and the Committee will review the updated draft at a future meeting.

(b) Continued Review of FY13 Capital Request:

The School Committee members will send questions related to transportation and technology to the Chair by Friday, November 18, 2011.

(c) School Committee Communication:

The School Committee reviewed a draft of a communication that was suggested as a submission to the Wayland Town Crier.

(d) Thanksgiving Celebration:

Dr. Astley provided a handout to the School Committee describing events associated with the Thanksgiving Celebration and the formalization of an Alumni Association.

12. **Comments from the Public:**

- Jeff Dieffenbach commented on Dr. Kinney’s letter to the Wayland Town Crier.
- Louis Jurist also commented on Dr. Kinney’s letter to the Wayland Town Crier. He also commented on the proposal to revise the 2011-2012 calendar. He also commented on the FDK survey.
- Tom Sciacca commented on the climate change and the need for the schools to have generators. He also commented on the wastewater treatment plant and its close proximity to the Happy Hollow wells.

13. **Executive Session:**

Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Grieco, seconded by Dr. Astley, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) by roll call vote to convene in Executive Session at 9:48 P.M. to review October 24 Executive Session minutes, and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the WTA, as set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with the WTA. 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	

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

14. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Butler, seconded by Mrs. Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Observers:

Tom Sciacca, WVN
Jeff Dieffenbach, Wayland
Louis Jurist, Wayland

Corresponding Documentation:

1. October 24, 2011 Regular Session Minutes
2. October 24, 2011 Executive Session Minutes
3. Price Proposal for O & M services for WHS Wastewater Treatment Facility
4. Wastewater Treatment Facility Service Contract Questions
5. Request for Approval of 7th Grade Cape Cod Trip 2012
6. November Enrollment Update
7. Five-Year Capital Plan Project Requests Summary
8. CIP Appropriation Request for Disaster Recovery
9. CIP Appropriation Request for Networking Upgrades
10. School Committee Draft Response to ORC Findings on Abrahams Group Report Part 1
11. Memo from Pat Tutwiler re: Naming of New High School Buildings
12. School Committee Draft Communication for Town Crier
13. Handout re: Relationship Between Spending and Students’ Results
14. Handout re: “Celebrate Wayland”