

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Session – May 30, 2013

A Regular Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Thursday, May 30, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Barb Fletcher, Chair
Beth Butler, Vice Chair
Malcolm Astley
Ellen Grieco
Donna Bouchard

Also:

Paul Stein
Superintendent of Schools

Brad J. Crozier
Assistant Superintendent

John Senchyshyn
Town of Wayland HR Director & Asst. Town Manager

Chair Barb Fletcher convened the Regular Session at 7:10 P.M.

1. **Executive Session:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Beth Butler, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to convene in Executive Session at 7:10 P.M. to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining for all school unions (WTA, WESA, Custodial and Food Service), as set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (3), as such a 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. The Chair announced that the School Committee will reconvene in Open Session following Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Barb Fletcher, Chair	X	
Beth Butler, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Ellen Grieco	X	
Donna Bouchard	X	

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 9:31 p.m.

2. **Comments and Written Statements from the Public:**

Annette Lewis commented that she has been attending the FinCom meetings regarding budgets and how they are put together. She was impressed by Brian Keveney's presentations and asked the School Committee to invite him to one of their meetings so they can benefit from his presentations as well.

3. **Vote to Award Contract on Middle School Roof:**

The School Committee reviewed the information provided by John Moynihan. Donna Bouchard updated the Committee on the Permanent Municipal Building Committee meeting that she attended. Based on the Permanent Municipal Building Committee's review of the Middle School roof project, she agreed with John's recommendation to award the contract to Capeway Roofing Systems. A question arose in terms of what line items caused the estimates to vary.

Upon a motion duly made by Malcolm Astley, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to award the Middle School roof contract to Capeway Roofing Systems, Inc. at the base bid of \$1,965,800.00.

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4. **Continued Discussion re: Public Records Requests:**

The School Committee reviewed the following four public records requests from George Harris:

- All emails or other communications between individual School Committee members related to Collective Bargaining from March 1 to May 15, 2013
- Any documents establishing the charge authority and current membership of the team
- All agendas and minutes of negotiating team
- All documents and emails from July 1, 2012 to May 23, 2013, establishing dates of all meetings of negotiating team

Barb provided the status of each request and a discussion ensued about the minutes being created for the meetings and what the protocol would be in terms of public records requests. Beth updated the Committee on the Attorney General's office's response. Beth also spoke to Glen Koocher of the MASC. A definitive answer was not given, as this subject was referred to as a "gray area." Beth will speak to Gini Tate regarding the information she got from the Attorney General's office and the potential impact on negotiations. She will report back to the Committee.

It was confirmed that the negotiating session for June 3rd was posted as a precaution and minutes will be taken, although the negotiating team is not being viewed as a subcommittee.

The Committee and administrators were instructed to gather the emails related to the fourth document request, and once a reasonable time is established for all to pull these emails, Barb will respond to the requester with a date.

George Harris also directed questions to Gini Tate, the school attorney, which would require a response only. Beth will follow up with Gini Tate.

5. **Discussion re: Communication Guidelines for School Committee Members:**

The School Committee discussed how to proceed in establishing communication guidelines, so everyone has the same information. Ellen suggested informally that members who have substantive and/or beneficial information from conversations with other Town boards, Wayland residents, and/or between members of the School Committee, should share it with the whole Committee. Donna described the BOS method of sharing information via brief update reports at each meeting. The Committee agreed that this issue could be added to "Follow-up and Future Agenda Items."

The Committee also discussed how to keep their meetings within a three-hour time frame, beginning in July and moving forward. Paul offered suggestions in which to accomplish this.

6. **Superintendent's Report:**

Paul commented that he attended the HS/MS Jazz and Pops Concert and called it a "Wayland moment." Paul praised the musicians' performances, as well as the creative programming done by Joe Oneschuk.

Brad Crozier also recognized the district's bus drivers, who were honored at an appreciation breakfast hosted by the Middle School and the Middle School PTO. Families also donated the food for the breakfast and the students gave the bus drivers thank you notes.

Paul thanked the Georgetown and Norton school districts for allowing a small Wayland group to tour their schools as part of the work being done by the Elementary School Building Task Force.

7. **Comments from the Public:**

Annette Lewis commented on the Middle School roof project in terms of the \$2.9M voted at Town Meeting and the amount of the contract award voted at tonight's meeting. Information was confirmed by Donna Bouchard. The Project Funding Agreement was also discussed.

8. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Beth Butler, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:19 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Letters from John Moynihan re: the Middle School Roof Project