

Minutes _ Wayland School Committee
Special Meeting – May 12, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held on May 12, 2016 @ 7:00 PM in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Ellen Grieco, Chair
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair
Jeanne Downs
Kathie Steinberg
Kim Reichelt

Also,
Paul Stein
Superintendent

Brad Crozier
Assistant Superintendent

Police Chief Irving

Mark Lanza
Town Counsel

Chair Ellen Grieco convened the special session as noted in the meeting notice for 7:00 PM this evening.

1. Executive Session:

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Barb Fletcher, the School committee voted unanimously (5-0) to convene in Executive Session at 7:05 pm for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to threatened litigation under Title IX Anti-Retaliation Provisions and M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 185, by the Former Athletic Director Stephen Cass against the Wayland Public Schools and the School Committee, 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 litigation position of the School Committee and an Executive Session is necessary to protect the litigation position of the School Committee .

ROLL CALL	Yes	No
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	
Kim Reichelt	X	

The School Committee will be joined by Paul Stein, Superintendent of Schools, Brad Crozier, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Police Chief Irving and Mark Lanza, Town Counsel.

The School Committee will reconvene in open session to conduct regular matters as noted on the meeting notice.

- 2. Viewing of the Open Meeting Law Training Tape as Directed by the Attorney General:**
The School Committee viewed the taped Open Meeting Law presentation originally delivered by Lauren Goldberg, Esq. of Kopelman and Paige on May 21, 2015. Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to authorize Ellen Grieco to send a letter to the AG's office certifying that the committee watched the presentation and town counsel attended to respond to questions.

Following the presentation, Mark Lanza responded to the Committee's questions regarding proper posting of topics that arise within 48 hours of the meeting; holding a hearing to determine civil penalties; cure of violations once realized and prior to a complaint.

Barb commented that the committee has made huge strides in its practices regarding minutes and and agrees with the presenter that there are so many issues not yet addressed in the regulations which makes following the law often very difficult. Mark Lanza concurred.

The Committee expressed its desire to work collaboratively with citizens in addressing complaints prior to filing with the attorney general's office.

- 3. Discussion of Outstanding Public Records Requests and Open Meeting Law (OML) Matters, including Review and Possible Approval of Responses to Three OML Complaints, filed by George Harris on April 20, 22, and 26, 2016, respectively Alleging Late Review and Release of Executive Session Minutes, Improper Recess and Reconvening of Meeting on April 7, 2016, Improper Notice of Executive Session under M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3):**
Ellen distributed the responses to the three OML complaints. Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to send the three responses as written to the attorney general. Barb will update the status report.

- 4. Public Comment:**
Carol Plumb, Bald Rock Rd commented in response to the School Committee statement regarding the Cass arrest. She expressed her concerns that the steps to let Mr. Cass go should have been done better and the situation does not reflect well on the schools or the town.

Mary Ann Porreca agreed with the presenter that the OML makes it tough to get people to serve and she wanted to thank the Committee for their service to the town. She appreciates and respects the volunteers and employees of our town and wanted to thank the School Committee members for volunteering.

- 5. Adjournment**
Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Kim Reichelt, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn at 10:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Steinberg
Wayland School Committee