

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting – November 13, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held Tuesday, November 13th at 6:15 pm in Room A149 the Field House of Wayland High School.

Present were:

Jeanne Downs, Chair
Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair (*arrived 6:30 pm*)
Nate Buffum
Kim Reichelt
Kathie Steinberg

Also:

Susan Bottan, School Manager of Finance and Operations
Arthur Unobskey, Superintendent

Chair Jeanne Downs convened the meeting at 6:17 pm and noted the meeting was being recorded by WayCam.

1. Consent Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by Kathie Steinberg and seconded by Kim Reichelt, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to approved the consent agenda.

2. Discussion Regarding School Start Times

The Committee reviewed a communication regarding school start times that will be distributed via list serve. Brief edits were made. Jeanne will send the edited version to Diane for distribution.

The Committee continued its discussion about changing school start times including the concerns voiced over the past few weeks about not starting elementary school too early. Both a 7:55 am and 8:00 am elementary start time was discussed as well as the corresponding end time for high school.

Ellen arrived at 6:30 pm.

The Committee continued its discussion including whether to condense the high school day, the limitation with the buses, and moving the early release day to another day. Arthur reported what the principals have expressed regarding the start times. Arthur also noted that after the School Committee vote on November 19th, he will present a timeline of next steps for implementation.

3. Matters Not Anticipated by the Chair

Ellen updated the Committee on a letter drafted by the Finance Subcommittee for distribution to the town's Finance Committee from the School Committee. The Committee reviewed the letter. Jeanne will contact Carol Martin and plan a time for Ellen and herself to meet with Carol, Steve Correia and Klaus Shigley about the letter.

4. Public Comment

John Kingsley noted their family is living with the transition to 6th grade and urged the Committee to continue with making the change in school start times.

Paul Maranberg supports the change in school start times and noted that an 8:00 am elementary start time may make it more palatable for families. He noted that there would be an opportunity for feedback to make adjustments after a year.

Chirs Deville is in favor of the change in start times noting it is something their family has wanted since their kids were in elementary school.

A resident noted that her high school aged son comes home from school and sleeps before doing any activities or homework. She welcomes the change in school start times.

5. Recess to Town Meeting

Upon a motion duly made by Kathie Steinberg and seconded by Ellen Greico, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to recess to Special Town Meeting at 6:57 pm.

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Ellen left the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Kim left the meeting at 7:53 pm.

6. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by Kathie Steinberg and seconded by Jeanne Downs, the School Committee voted unanimously (3-0) to adjourn at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Downs
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documents:

- Draft School Start Time Communication
- Draft Finance Committee Communication