

**MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting – March 17, 2020**

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

- Jeanne Downs, Chair
- Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair (participating remotely)
- Nate Buffum (participating remotely)
- Kim Reichelt (participating remotely)
- Kathie Steinberg (participating remotely)

Also present were:

- Arthur Unobskey, Superintendent
- Parry Graham, Assistant Superintendent (participating remotely)
- Richard Whitehead, Director of Student Services (participating remotely)
- Susan Bottan, Director of Finance and Operations (participating remotely)

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm noting that the meeting was being recorded by Waycam and due to the current health emergency, most meeting participants were participating remotely per the revised Open Meeting Law.

1. Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to enter executive session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for collective bargaining with the Wayland Teachers Association (WTA), pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) and to discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, the Superintendent, pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(2). A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Jeanne Downs, Chair	X	
Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair	X	
Nate Buffum	X	
Kim Reichelt	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

The School Committee will reconvene in open session to complete the regular agenda.

2. Possible Vote to Approve Superintendent’s Contract

This agenda item was passed over.

3. COVID-19 Response and Next Steps

Arthur described the email sent to families about the enrichment learning that will take place remotely while school is closed. He thanked the teachers, administration and staff for all their work in making this remote learning possible. A discussion ensued about the legal constraints for the remote learning, long-term planning if the schools don't re-open April 6th, and the budget impact of the closure. The transportation contract, savings opportunities during the closure, and the impact of a delay in the town election and town meeting were also discussed.

Arthur noted that all central office staff except for Susan and he are working from home.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Jeanne Downs and seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn at 6:28 pm. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Jeanne Downs, Chair	X	
Ellen Grieco, Vice Chair	X	
Nate Buffum	X	
Kim Reichelt	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Downs
Wayland School Committee