

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Special Meeting – October 8, 2020

A Joint Meeting of the Wayland School Committee and the Board of Health was held remotely on Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. broadcast by WayCAM in the Wayland Town Building.

*Present and participating remotely were:*

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

*Also participating remotely:*

Arthur Unobskey  
Superintendent

Board of Health  
Susan Green, Chair  
Brian McNamara  
John Schuler  
Arne Soslow

Health Department  
Julia Junghanns  
Ruth Mori

Chair Jeanne Downs convened the meeting for the School Committee at 9:06 a.m. WayCAM recorded the meeting and it was livestreamed via ZOOM. The meeting was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and according to the revised open meeting law that allows remote participation. A roll call was taken:

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

**1. Discuss Metrics for Back to School Hybrid Mode Planned for October 19th:**

Ruth Mori reported that there was one new COVID case in town. A discussion ensued among the Board of Health about the reporting of COVID cases.

The School Committee and the Board of Health reviewed Section I of the metrics for reopening schools. A discussion ensued about students and staff coming to Wayland from other communities. Dr. Soslow emphasized the importance of mitigating protocols such as masking and social distancing.

Ellen described possibly asking families to get COVID tested on a voluntary basis prior to moving to the hybrid mode starting on October 19. Dr. Schuler, Dr. Soslow and Susan Green felt that voluntary testing could provide a false sense of confidence to families. Julia felt a communication to parents regarding vigilance in the health attestation and other health and safety protocols was important.

Arthur explained the online health attestation process for students. He noted that ensuring completion of the attestation daily would be a challenge. The Board of Health noted the importance of ensuring that students without completed attestations are not allowed into school buildings. Arthur will revisit the process.

Review of the metrics continued with sections II and III. Arthur noted that the small group of students who have been in school since September 14 have been compliant with health attestations and mask wearing. A discussion ensued about ventilation. After review of the metrics, the Board of Health agreed to recommend that the schools go ahead with the plan to move to hybrid mode on October 19.

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2. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. 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	
Kim Reichelt	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Downs, Chair  
Wayland School Committee

***Corresponding Documentation:***

1. Agenda
2. Local Metrics for Wayland School Opening or Closure