

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Special Meeting – November 9, 2020

A Joint Meeting of the Wayland School Committee and Board of Health was held remotely on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 6:15 P.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

Absent:

Chris Ryan

Also participating remotely:

Arthur Unobskey
Superintendent

Board of Health Members:

Susan Green, Chair
Arne Soslow
Brian McNamara
Bob DeFrancesco
John Shuler

Julia Junghans, Health Department Director

Ruth Mori, Town Nurse
Sejal Srinivasan

Chair Jeanne Downs convened the open session at 6:58 p.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	
Chris Ryan	absent	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

1. Discussion of Positive COVID Cases:

Ruth reviewed the town COVID statistics. A discussion ensued about cases in the schools, whether Wayland's caseload is similar to other districts and transmission in school buildings. Arthur described how compliance with safety protocols is tracked in the schools. He noted that mask compliance is virtually 100% and cleaning, ventilation, completion of health attestations and hand hygiene are all working well. Students do need periodic reminders about social distancing.

2. COVID Testing:

Ellen gave an update on the surveillance testing plan that Sejal Srinivasan, Susan Garfield, Kim and she have been working on. The proposed plan involves pooled testing. Ellen reviewed the testing survey results noting that 85% of families are supportive of a testing program. A discussion ensued about funding, financial help for those families who need it, including town employees, and the testing schedule. The hope is to run a pilot program from December through February.

Reopening after Thanksgiving was discussed. Julia will work with Susan and Arthur to draft a communication to families about gatherings and travel at Thanksgiving.

Arthur left the meeting at 8:38 pm.

3. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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Kim Reichelt	X	
Chris Ryan	absent	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Unobskey, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Agenda