

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting – February 1, 2021

A Joint Meeting of the Wayland School Committee and Board of Health was held remotely on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. broadcast by WayCAM in the Wayland Town Building.

Present and participating remotely were:

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

Also participating remotely:

Arthur Unobskey
Superintendent

Board of Health Members:

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

Julia Junghanns, Health Department Director
Ruth Mori, Town Nurse
Ellen Mahoney, School Physician

Chair Jeanne Downs convened the open session at 6:05 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	X	
Kathie Steinberg	absent	

1. Discussion of All-In Return of Kindergarten the Week of February 22, 2021:

Arthur noted that in his opinion, there does not appear to have been in-school transmission of COVID-19 to date. He addressed the BOH questions regarding the kindergarten all-in return including distancing, snack and mask breaks, adequate ventilation, options for families concerned with less than six feet of distancing, evaluation once kindergarten is all-in, and a backup plan if the all-in plan does not work. John S. noted that it is worth the effort to get students back to school. Arthur noted that seven families have opted to move their kindergartners to the remote model and one family has opted to move their kindergartner from the remote model to the all-in model.

Kathie Steinberg joined the meeting at 6:10 pm.

A discussion ensued about surveillance testing and Ellen gave an update on where the testing program stands. The district has been matched with CIC Broad through the state's surveillance testing program. Dr. Mahoney noted that any spike resulting from starting the surveillance testing program needs to be viewed separately statistically from a spike resulting from the start of bringing kindergartners back all-in.

Kathie Steinberg left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Upon a motion made by John Schuler and seconded by Brian McNamara, the Board of Health voted unanimously (5-0) to support the schools moving forward with bringing kindergartners back all-in, the surveillance testing program and keeping the Board of Health informed. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Bob DeFrancesco, Chair	X	
Susan Green	X	
Arne Soslow	X	
John Schuler	X	
Brian McNamara	X	

2. **Possible Vote to Approve COVID Surveillance Testing Fee:**

This item was passed over as there was not a quorum of eligible School Committee members to participate in the vote.

3. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Chris Ryan, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 6:31 p.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	
Chris Ryan	X	
Kathie Steinberg	absent	

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Downs, Chair
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Agenda