

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Executive Session – November 3, 2014

An Executive Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Monday, November 3, 2014, at 10:41 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

- Ellen Grieco, Chair
- Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair
- Malcolm Astley
- Donna Bouchard
- Jeanne Downs

Also:

- Paul Stein
- Superintendent

- Brad Crozier
- Assistant Superintendent

- Diane Marobella
- Recording Secretary

1. Executive Session:

Subsequent to a roll call vote in Regular Session on a motion brought by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Barb Fletcher, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to enter Executive Session at 10:41 p.m. for the purposes of discussing strategy related to George Harris's Open Meeting Law Complaint filed on September 15, 2014 related to the January 21, 2014 and January 27, 2014 Executive Session Minutes, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1) and to discuss strategy regarding the Investigation of Charges of Criminal Misconduct, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(5), and to review executive session minutes and additional response related to George Harris's Open Meeting Law Complaint filed on August 27, 2014 for approval and potential declassification, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §22. The School Committee will also review minutes and corresponding documents from prior executive sessions for declassification, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §22, for the executive session meetings noted on the meeting notice and to approve the October 20, 2014 Executive Session minutes as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §22. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	

The School Committee will be joined by Paul, Superintendent of Schools, Brad Crozier, Assistant Superintendent, and Diane Marobella.

The School Committee will reconvene in Open Session to conduct regular matters as listed on the meeting notice.

2. Continue to Discuss Strategy Related to Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by George Harris on September 15, 2014 related to January 21, 2014 and January 27, 2014 Executive Session Minutes, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1) and Discuss Strategy regarding the Investigation of Charges of Criminal Misconduct, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(5):

Ellen read a letter to the Committee that was sent to the Attorney General's office from George Harris. She informed the Committee that she and Mark Lanza discussed the possibility of Ellen speaking to the Inspector General (IG) in person regarding the public records requests and the investigation of criminal misconduct. Ellen asked the Committee for their thoughts and their approval. Ellen further explained the reasons why she is contemplating visiting the Inspector General, which is to get a better sense of their timeline, the work they have done to date, and guidance as to how to respond to public records request.

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Paul commented that since Susan has been working with them, she sensed that their deadline was the end of December.

The Committee discussed legal fees if Mark accompanied Ellen to the IG's office, and the Committee set a limit of \$250. A discussion also followed in terms of how the release of the records could affect this matter as well as the person involved.

A motion was duly made by Malcolm Astley, seconded by Jeanne Downs, that the School Committee agree to the maximum funding of \$250 for Mark Lanza to accompany Ellen to meet with the Inspector General. Donna amended the motion to include her attendance. There was no second to this amendment to the motion.

Donna asked that the following statement be recorded in the minutes: The Committee has refused for Donna Bouchard to attend a meeting with Ellen and the Inspector General. Some members expressed the opinion that this was not the correct interpretation of the Committee's actions. Donna asked Ellen why she refused to attend a meeting with the Inspector General and Attorney Mark Lanza, if Donna attended. Ellen refused to respond.

Ellen withdrew her offer to meet with the Inspector General.

Jeanne Downs rescinded the second motion; thus, there is no second.

3. Approval of Minutes, pursuant to M.G.L. 30A, §22:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher, seconded by Jeanne Downs, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Executive Session minutes of October 20, 2014, as written. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	

4. Review Revised Executive Session Minutes and Additional Response related to Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by George Harris on August 27, 2014 for Approval and Potential Declassification, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §22:

Malcolm left the meeting at 11:14 p.m.; returned at 11:17 p.m.

Paul and Brad left the meeting at 11:16 p.m.

The Committee discussed the February 3, 2014 (#1) executive session minutes. They were revised as they pertained to the August 27, 2014 Open Meeting Law complaint.

5. Review Executive Session Minutes and Corresponding Documents as Listed on Meeting Notice for Declassification, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §22:

The School Committee reviewed the listed executive session minutes for possible declassification, including redactions. Subject to Attorney Mark Lanza's approval, the minutes will be released with redactions and revisions, in some instances.

6. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the Executive Session at 12:09 A.M and to reconvene in open session. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session at 12:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Stein, Clerk  
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Letter to Attorney General from George Harris dated October 28, 2014
2. Executive Session Minutes of October 20, 2014
3. Executive Session Minutes for Possible Declassification (8e):

2014:

January 6, 2014  
January 9, 2014  
January 13, 2014 - #1  
January 16, 2014 - #1  
January 16, 2014 - #2  
January 21, 2014  
January 27, 2014  
February 3, 2014 - #1  
February 3, 2014 - #2  
February 6, 2014  
February 10, 2014  
February 24, 2014  
March 10, 2014  
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May 12, 2014  
May 27, 2014  
May 29, 2014  
June 9, 2014  
June 23, 2014  
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July 30, 2014  
August 28, 2014  
September 8, 2014  
September 22, 2014 - #1  
September 22, 2014 - #2

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