

# MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Session – May 6, 2013

A Regular Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Monday, May 6, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Barb Fletcher, Chair  
Beth Butler, Vice Chair  
Malcolm Astley  
Ellen Grieco (arrived at 7:27 p.m.)  
Donna Bouchard

Also:

Paul Stein  
Superintendent of Schools

Brad J. Crozier  
Assistant Superintendent

Marlene M. Dodyk  
Director of Student Services

Geoffrey S. MacDonald  
Business Administrator

Also:

Leisha Simon, Director of Technology & Accountability  
Pat Tutwiler, WHS Principal  
Mary Barber, WHS Technology Specialist  
BethAnn Monahan, WMS Technology Specialist

Chair Barb Fletcher convened the Regular Session at 7:05 P.M. and announced that WayCAM was broadcasting the meeting.

1. **Comments and Written Statements from the Public:**

There were no comments and written statements from the public.

2. **Joint Meeting with WHS Student Leaders:**

The School Committee and WHS student leaders participated in an informal discussion at which the students shared their positive experiences and made suggestions of what could be improved at the high school. The students praised the school and the town, as well as the wonderful teachers and coaches. The students also expressed their opinions on the 1:1 laptop initiative – its advantages and disadvantages. They also commented on the competitive culture, which contributes to the stress level of the students, and they shared their thoughts and perspectives on the change this year from homeroom to advisories.

The following students attended: Doug Curtin (Student Council President), Yannick Schaefer (Student Council Vice President), Kruti Vora, (Senior Class President), Isabel Schwartz (SADD President), Genna Cutitta (Student Athlete Captain), Jonathan von Mering (Actor).

3. **Goal Reports – Technology:**

The ACE (Accomplishments, Challenges, Exemplar) Technology goal report was presented jointly by Leisha Simon, Pat Tutwiler, and Mary Barber. Leisha stated that the presentation will address some of the students' concerns mentioned at the beginning of the meeting. She also pointed out to the Committee and the viewing audience where the reports are on the website, as well as the links provided.

Leisha addressed the elementary and middle school initiatives and Pat and Mary addressed the high school initiatives and Global Learning. Leisha named the four indicators within the 1:1 goals that are centered on the 5 C's – Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Global Citizenship. Leisha also commented that the teachers have come so far in the use of technology in the classroom, and they are eager to continue.

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Some of the results of the teachers', parents' and students' state and national surveys (Speak Up 2012) were presented to the School Committee; however, the surveys lacked a high number of participants.

Pat commented on the high school goal to determine the extent to which student-centered activities increased as a result of the 1:1 initiative. He went on to say that students are choosing and using tools to problem solve, create and analyze, as well as in critical and reflective thinking skills. Pat reviewed student computer use as a result of a student questionnaire. Pat shared that, in his opinion, this initiative is a huge success, largely because of Mary Barber's efforts.

Mary also commented the initiative was meant to be a four-year process and is going very well in its first year. Mary stated that the primary focus of the 1:1 was to provide students with a tool that could be utilized any time and in any place. Mary reviewed how the students are participating in Global Learning and the opportunities that have been available to the students as a result.

During the course of the presentation, the School Committee asked questions and raised some concerns regarding the constant use of computers in terms of affecting student relationships.

*Ellen Grieco left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.*

4. **Middle School Roof Project Follow-up:**

The School Committee reviewed the Project Funding Agreement prior to the meeting and did not have any questions pertaining to this document.

Upon a motion duly made by Malcolm Astley, seconded by Beth Butler, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) (Ellen was not present) to approve the Project Funding Agreement, as presented, and to authorize Chair Barb Fletcher to sign the Project Funding Agreement on behalf of the School Committee.

5. **Superintendent Evaluation:**

This agenda item was tabled.

Beth Butler passed out copies of Paul Stein's self-reflection and commented that it will also be sent to the Committee members electronically. Malcolm Astley also instructed the Committee that if they would like additional data included as part of the evaluation process, they should send their suggestions to either him or Beth.

6. **Review of Revised Policies:**

The School Committee reviewed policies KCD (School Gifts & Fundraising), GBEBC (Solicitations by Staff), and GCF (Professional Staff Hiring).

Upon a motion duly made by Beth Butler, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to approve Policy GCF as amended.

The School Committee discussed Policy KCD and Donna Bouchard passed out Weston's policy. The members discussed the process of accepting gifts and the threshold of what is required for review by the School Committee. The Committee agreed that after all end-of-the-year reports are received, they will have another conversation regarding this policy in consideration of the many private organizations who donate funds to the Wayland Public Schools.

*Ellen Grieco returned to the meeting at 9:15 p.m.*

Beth Butler recommended an amendment to Policy KCD and the School Committee discussed the recommended changes.

Upon a motion duly made by Donna Bouchard, seconded by Beth Butler, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve Policy KCD as amended.

7. **Discussion of Assignment of School Committee Liaisons:**

The School Committee discussed the assignment of School Committee liaisons to Town committees and

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organizations. A question was raised in terms of what constitutes a subcommittee.

The Committee also discussed the process by which they will ask community members to submit their names to serve on the Municipal Building Committee. The School Committee will appoint the community liaison and appointed Donna Bouchard to serve as one of the two to serve for the Middle School roof project.

### 8. **Discussion of Appointment to Audit Committee:**

The School Committee discussed the process going forward to appoint a new member, replacing Tony Boschetto, to the Audit Committee for a three-year term, beginning immediately and expiring June 30, 2016. Barb will send out a notice asking for qualified candidates.

### 9. **Consent Agenda:**

(a) Approval of Accounts Payables Warrant:

- Wayland Public Schools Accounts Payable warrant, dated 5/6/2013, in the amount of \$333,603.15
- Wayland Public Schools Accounts Payable warrant, dated 5/6/2013, in the amount of \$30,601.06 (Student Activity Accounts)
- Wayland Public Schools Accounts Payable warrant, dated 5/2/2013, in the amount of \$1,176,674.68

(b) Approval of Minutes:

- Regular Session of April 22, 2013

(c) Approval of Wayland High School Trips:

- Football Team – Camp Caribou, Maine
- French Students – Paris and Toulouse, France
- Classical Studies Students – Italy
- SADD Students – Florida

Paul Stein informed the Committee that the SADD trip to Rhode Island was withdrawn.

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Malcolm Astley, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes.

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Beth Butler, the School Committee voted (5-0) to approve the Regular Session Minutes of April 22, 2013, as amended.

### 10. **Superintendent's Report:**

Paul thanked the School Committee for taking the extra time from the meeting to review the ACE Technology Report.

Paul commented that the Elementary Building Use Task Force (Phase II) is now underway and the Task Force will visit two other school districts that have the same grade configurations that are being considered in Wayland.

He also complimented the performance "Tommy", recently held at the High School.

### 11. **Follow-up and Future Agenda Items:**

(a) Update re: Audit/Review of School Accounts:

Malcolm Astley reported that there has been no response from Powers & Sullivan; however, Chris Riley would be calling them. Geoff MacDonald commented that they did sign the contract and the end date is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Although Barb did not attend the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, she reviewed the conversation regarding the use of funds to pay for the audit and expressed her opinion in terms of who should pay for the audit and from where the funds should be drawn.

Malcolm will follow up with Chris Riley about asking Powers & Sullivan to track their time by account.

(b) Review of Follow-up Status Report:

Barb asked the Committee members to submit their suggestions to her in terms of additions to the Follow-up Status Report by May 14<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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Malcolm recommended “National Resolution Against High Stakes Testing” and Donna recommended that they discuss the Gift Policy further, as well as posting the warrant online.

The School Committee discussed Weston’s Per Pupil Expenditures in comparison to Wayland and Wellesley.

12. **Comments from the Public:**

Tom Sciacca commented on the ACE Technology Report and PowerPoint presentation given earlier in the meeting. He praised Mary Barber for being a wonderful resource and a valuable asset. Tom also commented on the remarks made by the students at the beginning of the meeting regarding computer use in the classroom. Finally, Tom projected into the future in terms of technology replacing many jobs, particularly if they are automatable. In his opinion, however, creativity cannot be replaced by technology.

13. **Executive Session:**

Upon a motion duly made by Malcolm Astley, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to convene in Executive Session at 10:18 P.M. to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining for all school unions (WTA, WESA, Custodial and Food Service), as set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (3), as such a discussion in open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and an Executive Session is necessary to protect the bargaining position of the School Committee and to review the Executive Session minutes of April 22, 2013. The Chair announced that the School Committee will reconvene in Open Session following Executive Session for adjournment purposes only. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

14. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Malcolm Astley, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk  
Wayland School Committee

Observers:

Tom Sciacca, WVN

Corresponding Documentation:

1. ACE Technology Report
2. Letter re: Middle School Roof PFA
3. Project Funding Agreement (PFA)
4. PFA Exhibits
5. Policy GBEB
6. Policy GCF
7. Policy KCD
8. Liaisons Members List
9. Accounts Payable/Payroll Warrants
10. Regular Session Minutes of April 22, 2013
11. Request for WHS SADD Trip to Florida
12. Request for WHS Football Team Trip to Maine
13. Request for WHS Trip to France
14. Request for WHS Trip to Italy
15. School Committee Follow-up Status Report
16. Historical View of Weston’s Per Pupil Expenditures