

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting – February 11, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:55 pm in the auditorium of the Wayland Middle School prior to Special Town Meeting.

Present were:

Ellen Grieco, Chair (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair
Donna Bouchard (arrived 7:03 p.m.)
Jeanne Downs
Kathie Steinberg

Also:

Susan Bottan, Business Administrator
Louis Jurist

Vice Chair Barb Fletcher convened the Regular Session at 7:01 P.M

1. Distribution of the Budget Presentation and Budget Booklet to the School Committee

Barb passed out a draft of the budget hearing presentation and noted several changes to the presentation including changing the goal of “thriving in place” to “balance” and adding an FTE chart, provided by Brad Crozier. Barb noted that the most recent DESE data is from 2014 and that the benefit information is still to come.

Kathie noted that she has received comments concerning the date of the budget hearing and that some residents were unable to comment on the budget due to the weather cancellation of the 2/8/16 School Committee meeting and the fact that the budget hearing is the day after school vacation ends. Barb noted that residents can send any comments to the School Committee.

2. Educational Matters – Review, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Draft FY17 Budget Hearing Presentation and School Committee FY17 Budget Book

Barb noted that Ellen suggested scheduling a meeting to review the draft budget presentation and budget book.

3. Financial Matters

a. Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve the Statement of Interest for the MSBA Grant related to the Loker Windows and Doors Project

Barb noted that the non-binding Statement of Interest (SOI) needs to be submitted to the MSBA by Friday, February 12th. Barb moved:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 11, 2016, prior to the closing date of February 12, 2016, the School Committee of The Town of Wayland, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 8, 2016 for the Loker Elementary School located at 47 Loker Street, Wayland, MA 01778, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. Priority #5, Replacement of windows and exterior doors, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy-related costs in a school facility due to deficiency of the existing windows and exterior doors; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Wayland School

District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

The motion was seconded by Kathie and passed unanimously by a vote (4-0) of the School Committee.

4. Consent Agenda

Barb moved to approve the wrestling trip to the MIAA State Tournament on February 19th as proposed. Kathie seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by a vote (4-0) of the School Committee.

5. Financial Matters (cont.)

b. *Review and Possible Vote to Approve Warrant Article related to OPEB Parity and Expense Payments for FY17*

This item was passed over.

c. *Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve the Use of Revolving Account Surplus Funds from all Special Revenue Funds, including WSCP, FDK, Building Use, etc. for Program-Related Expenses and the FY17 Happy Hollow Playground Equipment Capital Request*

Barb reported that Susan contacted the DOR who confirmed that we can apply a percentage of the revolving account surplus funds to the Happy Hollow playground equipment capital request. The dollar amount would be approximately \$10,000. Kathie expressed concern as to whether this would set a precedent and suggested distinguishing this as a unique opportunity to use the surplus funds.

Barb moved to approve the use of \$10,000 from the BASE surplus funds as a one-time event to help fund the Happy Hollow FY17 capital request for playground equipment and not for it to represent an ongoing commitment. Ellen seconded the motion. Kathie asked if the expenditure of revolving account surplus funds was up to the School Committee and Barb confirmed it was. The motion passed unanimously by a vote (5-0) of the School Committee.

A discussion about the suggested uses of the other revolving account surplus funds was tabled for a future meeting.

6. Educational Matters – Review, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Draft FY17 Budget Hearing Presentation and School Committee FY17 Budget Book (cont.)

Ellen passed out a draft of the budget book. The committee agreed to meet on Thursday, February 18th at 9:00 am to review both the budget presentation and budget book.

7. Financial Matters (cont.)

d. *Review and Possible Vote to Approve Warrant Article related to OPEB Parity and Expense Payments for FY17*

Susan reported that a vote on the FY17 OPEB parity and expense payments is needed by Thursday, February 18th. This item will be added to the agenda for that day.

8. Comments from the Public

There were none.

9. Special Town Meeting

Barb moved to break to attend Special Town Meeting. Donna seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by a vote (5-0) of the School Committee.

10. Adjournment

Barb moved to adjourn. Jeanne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by a vote (3-0) of the School Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documents:

1. Draft FY17 Budget Presentation
2. Draft FY17 Budget Book