

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held remotely on Tuesday, January 19, at 5:15 pm 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:*

Arcelius Brickhouse, Superintendent Candidate Finalist

Chair Jeanne Downs convened the open session at 5:18 pm. 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	X	

**1. Discussion with Superintendent Finalist Candidate Arcelius Brickhouse:**

The Committee met with Arcelius Brickhouse and discussed various topics related to his Superintendent candidacy. Mr. Brickhouse noted he had an exciting day getting to know the Wayland Public Schools and meeting the different stakeholders. Mr. Brickhouse feels that the most important thing for elementary students when back in school full time is to close the achievement gap for those who have fallen behind and whether or not to mandate the vaccine. He discussed the portrait of a graduated and how he would nurture relationships with parents including parent meetings and keeping parents actively involved. Regarding staff morale, Mr. Brickhouse noted the importance of working with the union which he has had much experience doing.

Mr. Brickhouse noted a principal who had been a mentor to him as a teacher and how he himself tries to model his actions similarly. Regarding engaging students in the middle, Mr. Brickhouse noted the importance of analyzing data systematically to support students. He also spoke about wanting to increase offerings in the district including a Performing Arts Academy and a STEM Academy. Mr. Brickhouse would take a three prong approach to communication, including meetings with various stakeholder groups, newsletters/emails/robo calls, and townwide meetings. He emphasized the importance of clear communication.

Mr. Brickhouse discussed what he had learned from other districts in which he worked including SEL supports and work with unions. For approaching the next school year, he feels there need to be two plans including an all-in plan and a hybrid plan.

Mr. Brickhouse then asked the Committee what the most challenging experiences of 2021 have been. A discussion ensued including bringing the community together out of the pandemic, trust and space needs.

**2. Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Kim Reichelt, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn at 6:16 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	X	

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Downs, Chair  
Wayland School Committee

**Corresponding Documentation:**

1. Agenda