

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Executive Session – January 21, 2014

An Executive Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Thursday, January 21, 2014, at 9:45 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
Donna Bouchard

Also:

Paul Stein
Superintendent of Schools

Brad Crozier
Assistant Superintendent

1. Executive Session:

Subsequent to a roll call vote in Regular Session on a motion brought by Malcolm Astley, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to enter into Executive Session per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §21(a)(7) under Chapter 214 §1B (right to privacy) because of confidential information as received from our auditor related to the METCO account and to discuss which authorities to pursue to resolve the METCO accounts, and to review the Executive Session minutes of December 2, 2013 under M.G.L. 30A §22. 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	

2. Continued Discussion of Next Steps re: METCO Account (M.G.L. 30A §21(a)(7):

Barb updated the School Committee on the potential investigation by the [REDACTED] office. That office contacted Jim Powers for information regarding the METCO accounts, which Jim provided to them. Jim was also asked to keep their conversation confidential, although he could inform the Chair of the School Committee.

Barb consulted Gini Tate who advised Barb concerning the OML's exemption to be relied upon for this executive session. Gini advised that the School Committee avoid interference with any potential investigation going forward, and not publicly discuss the [REDACTED] request. However, Gini recommended that the Committee could draft a letter to the [REDACTED] asking if the accounts are being investigated for criminal activity, which could fulfill the School Committee's fiduciary responsibility. The Committee reviewed a letter drafted by Beth; Gini will also be asked to review it.

The School Committee discussed their actions taken up to the present and what course of action should be taken going forward. Suggestions were made about how to proceed, even though the [REDACTED] office may be investigating the matter. If the Committee decides to contact an agency with subpoena power, it was agreed that the Inspector General's charge was most in line with the Committee's responsibility.

Donna made a motion to send the letter that was drafted to the Inspector General. There was no second. The discussion continued about preserving the confidentiality of the [REDACTED] request when communicating with the Inspector General.

In an effort to maintain confidentiality, Barb will ask Mark Lanza to call the [REDACTED] and the State Ethics Commission to understand how the Committee's investigation, including contacting the Inspector General, could impact other state agencies' investigations.

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3. Approval of Minutes:

- Executive Session of December 2, 2013

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Executive Session minutes of December 2, 2013 as written. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

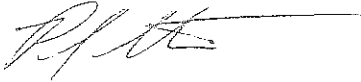
<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Barb Fletcher, Chair	X	
Beth Butler, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Ellen Grieco	X	
Donna Bouchard	X	

4. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Beth Butler, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:30 P.M. and reconvene in Open 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	

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Draft Letter to 