

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Regular Session – October 24, 2011

A Regular Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Monday, October 24, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Mrs. Barb Fletcher, Chair  
Ms. Beth Butler, Vice Chair  
Dr. Malcolm Astley  
Mrs. Ellen Grieco  
Dr. Shawn Kinney

Also:

Dr. Paul Stein  
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Brad J. Crozier  
Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Marlene M. Dodyk  
Director of Student Services

Mr. Geoffrey S. MacDonald  
Business Administrator

Chair Barb Fletcher convened the regular meeting at 7:16 P.M.

1. **Special Matters:**

**Meeting with Board of Selectmen and FinCom to Receive Part 2 Report from the ORC:**

ORC Chair Rebecca Chasen and members of the ORC presented their findings to the School Committee, Board of Selectmen, and FinCom. The ORC members answered questions posed by the board members.

The FinCom members left the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

The ORC opened the meeting for public comment and received one written statement from Donna Bouchard, which was read.

The ORC adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

2. **Discussion of Technology Consolidation:**

John Senchyshyn and Leisha Simon updated the School Committee on the collaboration between the Town and the School Department on the Town's computer network. The Town and School Department will continue to collaborate to maximize staff skills, knowledge, and resources.

3. **HSBC Shawmut Design and Construction Company Change Orders 10a and 10b:**

HSBC Chair Lea Anderson reviewed Change Orders 10a and 10b with the School Committee. Mrs. Anderson noted that the HSBC had reviewed and voted on the orders.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Butler, seconded by Mrs. Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve Change Order 10a for SDC in the amount of \$50,750 for work done in buildings A and B and Change Order 10b in the amount of \$233,897 for work done in the Field House and wastewater treatment plant for a revised contract value of \$57,117,972.

Mrs. Anderson also described the process for naming the two buildings. The recommendation was to name the buildings "North" and "South" from the principal.

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4. **Comments & Questions from the Public:**

- Tom Sciacca commented on a recent article in the New York Times related to the Federal Headstart Program and early intervention.

5. **Regular Matters**

**FY12 Quarterly Report:**

Geoff MacDonald reviewed the draft of the first quarterly financial report of the current fiscal year. He also requested that the Committee review the final report at a future meeting in one month's time.

6. **FY13 Capital Budget Request:**

Leisha Simon reviewed the Technology Capital Request for FY13 in the amount of \$50,000 for network upgrades and infrastructure. The School Committee recommended submitting a placeholder pending more detail at the next meeting.

John Moynihan reviewed the Facility Capital Request with the School Committee. He answered questions that the School Committee submitted.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Astley, seconded by Ms. Butler, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the items in the FY13 Capital Request except the Happy Hollow modulars.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Astley, seconded by Ms. Butler, the School Committee voted (4-1) (Mrs. Grieco abstained) to submit a placeholder for moving the high school modulars to Happy Hollow pending more detail at a future meeting. It was noted that vote is not intended to reflect a decision to move forward with the modulars, but to keep the School Committee's options open.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Kinney, seconded by Mrs. Grieco, the School Committee voted (5-0) unanimously to submit a placeholder for a new bus in the amount of about \$70,000, as requested by Geoff MacDonald.

7. **Transfer Request:**

Dr. Stein requested a transfer from the transportation line item to fund the following: 1) After-School Math Preview Program, 2) Middle School METCO After-School Program, 3) FDK Financial Aid, and 4) Dedicated Secretarial Staffing for the Business Administrator.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Kinney, seconded by Mrs. Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve Dr. Stein's transfer request.

8. **FY11 End-of-Year Curriculum Report:**

Brad Crozier reviewed the End-of-Year Curriculum Report with the School Committee. He highlighted several projects and answered questions from the School Committee members.

9. **2011 Summer Curriculum Work Report:**

Brad Crozier reviewed the Summer Curriculum Work Report with the School Committee. He highlighted several projects and answered questions from the Committee members.

10. **Approval of Wayland High School Trips:**

Dr. Stein reviewed the two WHS trip requests: 1) Spanish students' trip to New York and 2) business students' trip to Iceland.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Kinney, seconded by Dr. Astley, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the Spanish trip to New York and the business trip to Iceland.

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11. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants:**

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Astley, seconded by Ms. Butler, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve payment of the following after asking questions of Geoff MacDonald, all of which he answered.

- Wayland Public Schools Accounts Payable warrant, dated 10/24/2011, in the amount of \$186,131.12
- Wayland Public Schools Accounts Payable warrant, dated 10/17/2011, in the amount of \$2,878,893.23 (High School Project)
- Wayland Public Schools Payroll warrant, dated 10/20/2011, in the amount of \$1,132,561.48

12. **Approval of Minutes:**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Butler, seconded by Dr. Kinney, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the following minutes as amended:

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13. **Superintendent's Report:**

(a) Revolving Accounts Update:

Dr. Stein updated the School Committee on the process for reviewing the revolving accounts and the next steps.

(b) School News:

Dr. Stein informed the School Committee about a forum for the 1:1 Student Computer Initiative on November 15 at 7:00 P.M. He also described his observations of Wayland's early intervention program at The Children's Way and the High School Arts Program.

14. **Follow-up and Future Agenda Items:**

(a) Review Draft School Committee Report re: Part 1 of the Abrahams Report:

Members will submit their comments to Mrs. Grieco for review at the next meeting.

(b) Continued Discussion of FY11 End-of-Year Financial Report and Revolving Accounts:

This item was tabled until November 21<sup>st</sup>.

(c) Meeting Dates:

The School Committee discussed the upcoming meetings.

(d) Continued Discussion of Possible School Committee Retreat:

The School Committee discussed a possible retreat to discuss guidelines for working together during the FY13 budget.

(e) "Celebrate Wayland":

Dr. Astley updated the Committee on the "Celebrate Wayland" planning meeting.

15. **Comments from the Public:**

- Tom Sciacca commented on the variation in early childhood programs and how the district should consider taking an active roll in early childhood preschool programs. He also reminded the School Committee of grant opportunities through the River Foundation.

16. **Executive Session:**

Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Grieco, seconded by Dr. Kinney, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to convene in Executive Session at 10:25 P.M. to review October 11 Executive Session minutes, as set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (7) to comply with a general or specific law, specifically FERPA and M. G.L., Chap. 71 and negotiations with the WTA, as set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (3). A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mrs. Barb Fletcher, Chair	X	
Ms. Beth Butler, Vice Chair	X	
Dr. Malcolm Astley	X	
Mrs. Ellen Grieco	X	
Dr. Shawn Kinney	X	

The Chair announced that they would reconvene in Regular Session for adjournment purposes only.

17. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Kinney, seconded by Mrs. Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the Regular Session at 11:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stein, Clerk  
Wayland School Committee

Observers:

John Senchyshyn, Asst. Town Manager  
Tom Sciacca, WVN  
Donna Bouchard  
Tracy Scheidemantel, 242 Old Connecticut Path  
Betsey Brigham, 78 Rice Road

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Memo from the ORC re: The Abrahams Group Report Part 2
2. Memo from David Saindon of KVA re: SDC Change Orders 10a and 10b
3. FY13 Technology Capital Request
4. FY11 End-of-Year Curriculum Report
5. 2011 Summer Work Report
6. Field Trip Permission – WHS Spanish students' trip to New York City
7. Field Trip Permission – WHS Business students' trip to Iceland
8. Regular Session Minutes of October 11, 2011
9. Executive Session Minutes of October 11, 2011
10. Handout from D. Bouchard – Overlay for FY11