

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting – October 30, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held remotely on Friday, October 30, 2020, at 11:30 A.M. 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:

Arthur Unobskey
Superintendent

Heath Rollins
Athletic Director

Chair Jeanne Downs convened the open session at 11:35 am. 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	

Kathie Steinberg called the Finance Subcommittee meeting to order as well.

1. Discussion and Possible Vote on High School Athletics Post-Season Play:

Heath updated the Committee on competing against “red” COVID towns. For those schools that started as non-red towns when the athletic season began and then moved into the red COVID designation, it was up to that town’s School Committee as to whether they continued athletic competitions. One DCL town has continued to play while “red” and their COVID numbers increasing. Heath consulted with the Wayland Health Department and last week decided not to play regular season games against that town in the medium risk sports (as identified by the MIAA) of field hockey and soccer. Wayland did compete against them in the low risk sports of cross country and golf.

Heath explained that there will be a DCL Small Championships (the COVID Cup) that will include both Wayland and the red town described above. While Wayland and that team will not face each other in the first round of the field hockey or soccer tournaments, there is a possibility they could face each other in the final round. Heath and Arthur recommended that if this occurs, Wayland not play. The Committee agreed with the recommendation. Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco and seconded by Kathie Steinberg, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0) that in consideration of the Board of Health recommendation, in the event Wayland is paired against a red town in the fall tournaments for medium/high risk sports, Wayland will not take part in the competition. 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	

2. Discussion of Winter Athletic Season:

Heath updated the Committee on the winter sports season noting that schools are waiting on the EEA guidelines from the state for how to run winter/indoor sports. Once those guidelines come out, DESE and the MIAA will issue guidelines. The expected date is November 13th. Heath noted that activities will be run in some form according to the health and safety guidelines issued. Heath sees activity as the important thing and the competitions as secondary.

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3. Matters Not Anticipated by the Chair:

There were none.

4. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Kathie Steinberg, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn at 12:05 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,

Arthur Unobskey, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Agenda