

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting – August 31, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Wayland School Committee was held remotely on Monday, August 31, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. broadcast by WayCAM in the Wayland Town Building.

Present and participating remotely were:

Jeanne Downs, Chair
Chris Ryan
Kathie Steinberg

Chair Jeanne Downs convened the open session at 5:35 p.m. The meeting was recorded by WayCAM and 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>Present</u>
Jeanne Downs, Chair	X
Chris Ryan	X
Kathie Steinberg	X

1. Joint Meeting with Board of Health (BOH) to Discuss Metrics for Back to School and/or School Closing due to COVID-19:

The BOH and Committee reviewed the metrics to open/close schools due to COVID-19. It was noted that Susan Bottan, Director of Finance and Operations is the district's COVID leader and the principals in coordination with the building based nurses are the COVID point persons at each building. The MA Department of Health (DPH) metrics will be used by the BOH as one of the determining factors in opening/closing schools. School closure may vary by building depending on the location of COVID cases.

The BOH noted that looking at metrics is really the process of looking at several factors together. Ruth Mori, town nurse, noted that decisions regarding COVID are made in the best interest of health and safety of the community just as they are with any communicable disease. The BOH agreed to make a recommendation to the Committee on October 5th regarding moving to the hybrid model on October 19th.

The BOH also reviewed with the Committee a possible dashboard that can be used by schools to track how the safety protocols are going. This has been shared with school administration.

Julia Junghans shared with the BOH and Committee what took place in the Testing Advisory Committee meeting earlier in the day.

Chris left the meeting at 6:43 pm.

2. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Downs, seconded by Kathie Steinberg, the School Committee voted unanimously (2-0) to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Jeanne Downs, Chair	X	
Kathie Steinberg	X	

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Downs, Chair
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Agenda