

MINUTES – WAYLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Executive Session – January 28, 2015

An Executive Session of the Wayland School Committee was held on Thursday, January 29, 2015, at 9:28 P.M. in the School Committee Room of the Wayland Town Building.

Present were:

Ellen Grieco, Chair
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair
Donna Bouchard
Jeanne Downs

Absent:

Malcolm Astley

Also:

Paul Stein
Superintendent

Susan Bottan

Business Administrator

Diane Marobella

Recording Secretary

1. Executive Session:

Subsequent to a roll call vote in Regular Session on a motion brought by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to enter Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. to approve minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §22, to review minutes from December 29, 2014 Executive Session for possible declassification, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §22, to discuss strategy related to George Harris's Open Meeting Law Complaint filed on December 16, 2014 related to insufficient detail for minutes from a prior meeting and not stating a purpose for entering Executive Session for the August 28, 2014 meeting, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1), to review Executive Session minutes, as listed on the meeting notice and corresponding documents to confirm declassification related to George Harris's Public Records Request of January 20, 2015, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §22, and to discuss the investigation of charges of criminal misconduct, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(5). A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley (absent)		
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	

The School Committee will be joined by Paul Stein, Superintendent, Susan Bottan, Business Administrator, and Diane Marobella, recording secretary.

The School Committee will reconvene in open session to conduct regular matters as listed on the meeting notice.

2. Approval of Minutes, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §22:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher, seconded by Donna Bouchard, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 20, 2015, as written. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley (absent)		
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	

3. Review of Executive Session Minutes for December 29, 2014 for Possible Declassification, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §22:

The School Committee reviewed the Executive Session Minutes of December 29, 2014 for possible declassification. Suggested redactions were discussed. The Committee will vote in open session to declassify and release the minutes, with redactions.

4. Discussion of George Harris's Open Meeting Law Complaint of December 16, 2014, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1):

Ellen updated the School Committee regarding the chain of events that took place since George Harris delivered the December 16, 2014 Open Meeting Law Complaint to the School Department. Because this complaint was not addressed by the Committee within 14 business days, George Harris wrote a letter to the Attorney General's office stating that he has not received a response and this matter should be considered an additional violation. The Committee also discussed whether the minutes of August 28, 2014 contained sufficient detail and what the term "intentional" means relative to Open Meeting Law complaints.

Barb will review the related minutes for sufficient detail and Ellen will request a 14-day extension. This matter will be discussed at the Committee's next meeting.

5. Review the Executive Session Minutes as Listed on the Meeting Notice, and Corresponding Documents to Confirm Declassification related to George Harris's Public Records Request of January 20, 2015, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §22:

Barb reviewed certain Executive Session minutes listed on the meeting notice and corresponding documents related to George Harris's public records request of January 20, 2015 to confirm declassification. The Committee agreed that certain minutes should be amended to include additional documents listed as Corresponding Documents. They also discussed the attorney/client privilege relative to some of the documents in question. The Committee will vote to declassify these minutes in open session, with some redactions.

6. Discuss the Investigation of Charges of Criminal Misconduct, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(5):

Paul distributed two requests for documents by the State Ethics Commission and the Inspector General's office. The deadline to respond is February 9, 2015 for the State Ethics Commission and January 30, 2015 for the Inspector General. However, an extension is being requested from the Inspector General.

Paul and the Committee reviewed the requests and discussed, in particular, the Executive Session minutes in terms of whether the un-redacted or redacted versions should be provided to these agencies. Ellen recommended language to be included in a letter to both agencies regarding confidentiality and a waiver of the attorney/client privilege.

Upon a motion duly made by Ellen Grieco, seconded by Barb Fletcher, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to authorize the limited release of non-released Executive Session minutes, as well as the limited waiver of the attorney/client privilege for the limited purpose of allowing an in-camera review of those materials by the Inspector General and the State Ethics Commission. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley (absent)		
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	

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usan will gather all of the information requested before Town Council is asked to review it.

7. Adjournment:

Upon a motion duly made by Barb Fletcher, seconded by Ellen Grieco, the School Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:30 P.M. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Ellen Grieco, Chair	X	
Barb Fletcher, Vice Chair	X	
Malcolm Astley (absent)		
Donna Bouchard	X	
Jeanne Downs	X	

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Stein, Clerk
Wayland School Committee

Corresponding Documentation:

1. Executive Session Minutes for January 20, 2015 meeting
2. Executive Session Minutes for December 29, 2014 meeting
3. Executive Session Minutes
 - November 18, 2013
 - October 6, 2014
 - November 3, 2014
 - November 17, 2014
 - December 1, 2014
 - December 5, 2014
 - December 15, 2014
4. Public Records Request from the Inspector General
5. Summons for Documents from the State Ethics Commission] DO NOT RELEASE