

**Advisory Committee**  
**April 6, 2015**  
**Faculty Dining Room**  
**Wellesley Middle School**

Andy Patten called the meeting of the Wellesley Advisory Committee to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present included Mary Crown, Thomas Engels, Tom Frisardi, Chad Harris, John Hartnett, John Hussey, Lucy Kapples, Michael Mastrianni, Frank Pinto, Ann Rappaport, Sara Raveret, and Kathleen Woodward.

Citizen Speak

No one wished to speak at this time.

Article 17 School Security

Superintendent David Lussier, Police Chief Cunningham, Matt King, Chair of the PBC, K.C. Kato, School Facilities Committee Chair and former member of the School Committee, Kathy Mullaney, Projects Administrator for the PBC and members of the School Committee joined Advisory for further discussion on the issue of updating school security. A proposal for design funds of \$408K was before the committee. It was noted that the schools along with PBC and WPD have worked collaboratively over the last two and a half years to reach this point but Advisory Committee members would liked to have had more detailed information in terms of cost, scope of project and the impact this project will have on annual operating costs in the School and FMD budgets in the future. Other concerns included the use of cameras, particularly at the elementary level, that would be used primarily for discipline issues, the fact that the broader school community hadn't been made aware of this project, the financial implications of working on schools that are due to go under significant renovation (Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham) and the total cost of this project. Finally, it was felt that educating the staff on safety protocols was paramount. Despite all of the concerns expressed, AC members felt that the safety of the students was of utmost importance and strongly encouraged the PBC, in the future, to wait until projects were further developed before coming before Advisory.

Vote

Article 17 - Appropriates design funds of \$408,3000 to the PBC to develop a security plan for the Wellesley Public Schools.

Ann Rappaport made a motion that Advisory recommend favorable action on Article 17.

Disposition: The motion was seconded by Michael Mastrianni and approved by a show of hands, 12-0.

The Advisory Committee will meet in special session prior to the Annual Town Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 7, 2015 in the Faculty Dining Room of the Wellesley Middle School.

Mr. Patten adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with no objections.