

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022

APPROVED
1-24-22

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Marilyn Bemis; Joe Glynn.

Members Not Present: Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino; Grace LePain, Student Representative to the School Committee; Kristen Stagg, Student Representative to the School Committee.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Vida Morris.

At 6:32 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports:

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg
Neither student was present.

School Building Committee Report –Joseph Tierney
Mr. Tierney was not present.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen
Dennis: No report.
Yarmouth: No report.

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

a. Initial FY23 Budget Review

Superintendent Woodbury gave a PowerPoint presentation on the FY23 Initial Budget Proposal, a copy of which was provided to the Committee at the meeting. She reviewed Student Enrollment Data; Selected Populations; College Plans; Budget Timeline Key Dates; Foundation Enrollment; State Aid; Revenue Variables; Budget Priorities; and Function Codes. She explained that we have a diverse population in need of particular services. Many students deferred their college plans due to the pandemic. She said that the budget can always go down; it cannot go up once it is voted. Getting bus drivers has been a challenge.

b. Development and Approval of Capital Plan for Cape Cod Collaborative

The superintendent referenced the letter and attachments from Cape Cod Collaborative that was included in the packet. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 4-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: To establish a Capital Reserve Fund to support the programming and services offered through the Cape Cod Collaborative.

Joe Glynn	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Phil Morris	yes

Jeni Landers

yes

c. Covid Update

The superintendent gave an update on Covid-19. There have been a high number of cases; the mask mandate has been extended through February 28th. Everyone is doing the best that they can. Attendance among staff and students has been terrible.

Mr. Morris said that the staff has been doing great work. Mr. Glynn, following up on a prior meeting's discussion regarding the nursing staff, asked about morale among the nurses. The superintendent said that she has been in contact with Chief Brown in Dennis regarding relief nurses. She said that we have 2 nurses out; retired nurses do not want to come in to sub. Mr. Glynn suggested Chief Simonian in Yarmouth as a possible contact.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 4-0, it was VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Donations:

Move to accept a donation of recess balls to the Station Avenue Elementary School from the O'Brien family of Yarmouth Port as per Mr. Crowell's December 14, 2021 memo.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus 4 lab tables and 1 computer table as per Mr. Bovino's December 16, 2021 memo and accompanying photographs.

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School Building Committee Report –Joseph Tierney

(Presented out of order)

The superintendent gave a brief report. The turf field was approved at the most recent building committee meeting. The project is on schedule.

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

Bills, requisitions, and payroll were signed by the School Committee.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Item Distributed at Meeting

FY23 Initial Budget Proposal

Public Comment

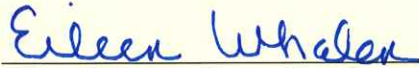
Michelle Dunn spoke about the state-supplied masks that were recently distributed and that they were not as effective as schools were led to believe. She encouraged the district to spend on high quality masks. She also thanked those school committee members who voted for a half day on December 23rd; a motion which failed at the December 20 meeting. She felt this was a missed opportunity; much has been said about the social/emotional health of students. She is concerned about the social/emotional health of teachers. Vida Morris asked about the finance subcommittee; advertising; and the capital reserve fund.

Adjournment

At 7:30 p.m., on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried unanimously 4-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary