

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 23, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Chairperson; Jeni Landers, Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Phillip Morris; Marilyn Bemis; Joe Glynn; Student Representative Kristen Stagg; Student Representative Rose-Anna Joachim.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM Instruction; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School.

At 6:30 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports:

Student Representative Report – Kristen Stagg and Rose-Anna Joachim

Rose-Anna reported that the recent band concert was wonderful and very well-attended. There is an early release day Wednesday and second term begins February 1st. Kristen reported on the upcoming Winter Guard competition in Salem; scholarship talks with seniors are happening on Monday; many high schoolers are helping out with after school activities at the Wixon School.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

1. D-Y High School Guidance and School-to-Career Updates

Dale Fornoff and Lisa Fedy

Mrs. Woodbury introduced Dale Fornoff and Lisa Fedy who gave a Guidance and School-to-Career update for the high school. Ms. Fornoff began by giving a brief review of recent happenings in Guidance including an SOS (Signs of Suicide) presentation; College Kick-off; and Program of Studies. She noted that as Kristen had mentioned in her report, seniors will be meeting on Monday regarding scholarships. She and Ms. Fedy then gave a presentation which included the Early College designation. Cape Cod Community College approached Dennis-Yarmouth to apply. This is for under-represented students. The timeline and design principles were shared. If D-Y is awarded the DESE Early College Designation, the Class of 2026 will have an opportunity to apply. Eligible candidates will have to meet one of the following criteria: Low Income, First Generation, ELL, or Special Education. Students will have an opportunity to earn 15 college credits by the end of high school. Students will attend the CCCC Campus in senior year. Ms. Fornoff explained that the hope is that these students will get into a college mindset while still in high school. Class credits are transferable to another state school; students do not have to attend Cape Cod Community College after graduation from Dennis-Yarmouth.

Remarks and a brief question and answer period followed. Mr. Morris is impressed with the climate of support the guidance department offers our students. Mr. Glynn thanked both Ms. Fornoff and Ms. Fedy on their long hours working on this and that it is greatly appreciated and asked if honors credit would be offered. Ms. Fornoff said there are many pathways offered. Ms. Fedy said students in the Early College Designation would be cohorted intentionally. Ms. Rose asked how long the designation is effective; it would be a five year cycle. Ms. Bemis asked about wraparound services and who is financially responsible for those; it would be the college and high school combined. Mr. Tierney asked about the funding; it comes from the DESE.

The presentation ended with a brief review of other school-wide initiatives including Connecting Activities; Work Based Learning; the Capstone Project; Intro to Business Partnership; Artworks; MassHire; and college acceptances.

Chair Tierney thanked Ms. Fornoff and Ms. Fedy for the presentation. Superintendent Woodbury thanked them for their hard work and enthusiasm. She said that the Cape Cod Community College is a gem; D-Y has many partnerships with them. The new science building, robotics, and health services offer so many opportunities for our students.

2. Policy Review Subcommittee

Superintendent Woodbury recommended that the Committee approve several policies at this, the third reading. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy JIC - Student Discipline, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy JICA - Student Dress, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy AC-Non Discrimination including Harassment and Retaliation, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy AC-R-Non Discrimination including Harassment and Retaliation, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy GBA-Equal Employment Opportunity, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy GCF-Professional Staff Hiring, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy JB – Equal Educational Opportunities, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy JFBB – School Choice, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DA – Fiscal Management Goals, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DB-I – Regional School District Annual Budget, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DB-I-R – Budget – Apportionment of Expenses for Regional Schools, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DBC – Budget Deadlines and Schedules, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DBD – Budget Planning, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DBG-1 – Budget Adoption Procedures for Regional Schools, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DBJ-1 – Regional School District Budget Transfer Authority, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DD – Grants, Proposals, and Special Projects, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DEC – Federal Funds Supplement not Supplant Policy, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DH-1 – Regional School District Bonded Employees and Officers, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DI – Fiscal Accounting and Reporting, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DIE-1 – Regional School District Audits, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy DJE – Procurement Requirements, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Policy KCD – Public Gifts to the Schools, as presented.

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that everything is on schedule for the students to start at the new school after the February vacation. Staff will have both February 27th and February 28th as Professional Days to get their rooms in order. Buses will roll to the new school the morning of March 1st. This is a very exciting time. There will be punch list items remaining but that is to be expected. Superintendent Woodbury said that she has fielded many questions regarding tours and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. She expressed her gratitude to the citizens of Dennis and Yarmouth who have been so supportive of the new school. One of the hallmarks of the new school is the 850-seat auditorium. Because of supply issues, the auditorium seats have yet to arrive. They are expected sometime in April. She is hopeful that a ribbon cutting and tours could take place at the end of May.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: Joe Glynn wished to commend the building committee on the new school project; other districts are coming in over budget. Joe Tierney added that there will be a Public Information session on Wednesday night regarding Station Avenue and all are welcome to attend.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Tentative FY24 Budget

Mr. Flynn referenced the FY2024 Initial Budget Proposal which was distributed to the members at the meeting. The only update from the previous proposal is that Maura Healey has committed to publishing Local Aid earlier than March 1st. Mr. Flynn reviewed the Governor's Proposed Budget; Student Enrollment Data; Selected Populations; College Plans; Budget Timeline Key Dates; Foundation Enrollment; State Aid Update; Revenue Variables; Initial Budget Priorities; Initial Budget Increases; and Initial Budget by DESE Function Code. On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: That the School Committee adopt a Tentative FY2024 budget of \$76,739,270.

School Committee Business

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried 7-0, it was

VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Donations

Move to accept a donation of 20 boxes of tissues to Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School from the Yarmouth Rotary Club.

Move to accept a donation of \$2000 to the DY Mini Scholarship Fund in memory of Joseph Aldrich.

Move to accept the following donations to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School:

Donor

Harwich Dennis Rotary Club
 Anonymous Dennis Golfers
 Dennis Memorial Library Volunteers
 Diane Banks/Fill-a-Back-Pack
 Andrea Holden Foundation
 West Dennis Garden Club

Cape Cod Kid's Meals
 Nancy's Candy
 Dennis Democratic Town Committee
 Anonymous
 Anonymous
 East Dennis Breakfast Club
 Anonymous
 Anonymous
 Dennis Police Department

Gift

\$375 Stop & Shop gift cards
 \$5790 Stop & Shop and Target gift cards
 \$200 Stop & Shop gift cards
 \$100 Job Lot gift cards
 \$2500 Stop & Shop gift cards
 \$80 Old Navy gift cards
 \$200 Cumberland Farms gift cards
 \$320 Target gift cards
 \$800 Stop & Shop gift cards
 \$750 Stop & Shop gift cards
 \$100 Stop & Shop gift cards
 \$250 Job Lot gift cards
 \$150 Stop & Shop gift cards
 \$830 Stop & Shop and Target gift cards
 \$500 Stop & Shop gift cards
 \$100 Stop & Shop gift cards
 Various Toys

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus several library books as per Mr. Bovino's January 19, 2023 memo and accompanying Library Weeding Log and photos.

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Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Information Item

Early College Planning Grant Letter

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Items Distributed at Meeting

FY 2024 Initial Budget Proposal
 Guidance & Counseling Update 2023
 College in High School Article

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

At 7:45 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen M. Whalen
Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary