

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2021

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A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 18, 2021, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Auditorium in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Joe Glynn; Tomas Tolentino; Marilyn Bemis; and Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg, Student Representatives to the School Committee.

Members Not Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson.

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

At 6:32 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

**Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
STEM Week Presentation**

Amy Chausse, Annmarie Rita, Lisa Fedy, Dale Fornoff, Paul Funk

Lisa Fedy opened the presentation by acknowledging those present from the STEM committee as well as Steve Christensen and Jennifer Edwards. It is STEM Week at the high school; there is a high demand for STEM jobs. Amy Chausse shared the calendar of events which included guest speakers featuring Dennis-Yarmouth graduates that work in the field of STEM. Ms. Chausse thanked Superintendent Woodbury who attended a presentation about the PARE project which studies soils samples for their antibiotic resistance. Annmarie Rita reported on the school wide collaborations, events and displays and the upcoming Credit for Life program. At the conclusion of the presentation, Vice Chair Tierney asked for questions from the committee. Tomas Tolentino asked if Credit for Life will be in person; it will be web based. Marilyn Bemis asked if all students have access to the programs; they do. Superintendent Woodbury shared her experience saying that she was very impressed. The students wore protective equipment and used real tools like in any research lab.

Reports:

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

Grace reported that the Dolphin Dash will take place on Saturday, October 23rd at 10:00 a.m. The Homecoming Dance is October 30th with Spirit Week taking place October 25-29. The Pauline Hopkins Gallery at the high school is currently showcasing senior projects. Kristen reported that sports are finishing and senior nights are taking place. Dr. Funk added that he will be sending out an additional Blackboard message regarding the Dolphin Dash. Community sponsorships are excellent. Registration is easy to find on Racewire.com. In-person registration will be available from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the high school on Friday, October 22nd and from 8:30 until race time on Saturday morning.

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Award of Excellence as an Exemplar PBIS District

May Institute PBIS Division

Christine Downs, Director of PBIS from the May Institute, presented Sherry Santini and Carol Woodbury with an Award of Excellence naming the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District as an Exemplar PBIS District.

Mrs. Woodbury informed the Committee that the District is ready to launch Test and Stay. It is for close contacts at school and only for those who are unvaccinated. People are required to sign up online in advance. It takes 24-72 hours to get information into the system.

School Building Committee Report –Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney said that construction continues. There will be a “Topping Off” ceremony on November 4th at 1:00 p.m. at the building site.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Ms. Rose reported that Josie Young is the new finance director for the Town of Dennis.

Yarmouth: No report.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Invitation to Bid Licensed Electrician

Mr. Flynn reported that there was only one response to the invitation to bid for a licensed electrician.

On a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Jennifer Rose, and carried 5-0 by roll call vote with one abstention, it was

VOTED: To award a contract to Reilly Electrical Contractors, Inc. to provide electrical repairs and services from October 1, 2021(FY22) through June 30, 2022 (FY23), as per our specifications and Reilly Electrical Contractors, Inc. bid response of September 27, 2021.

Phil Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Joseph Tierney	abstain

Mr. Flynn said that the tentative budget schedule is coming soon.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously 6-0, it was

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

Field Trip Request: Move to approve a Mattacheese Middle School French Club field trip to Quebec City in May 2022 as per Ms. Mason’s September 2021 memo.

Donations: Move to approve a donation of \$100 to the Dennis-Yarmouth High School Ambassadors from Debra and John Mulkeen of Marstons Mills.

Surplus: Move to declare as surplus four tables, one shelf, one bench, outdated curricular materials, and one file cabinet at the Marguerite E. Small Elementary School as per Ms. Carlson’s October 13th memo and accompanying photographs.

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Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Public Comment

None.


Mr. Morris acknowledged with gratitude the donation to the D-Y Ambassadors from Mr. and Mrs. Mulkeen who are very supportive of the district.

Adjournment

At 7:23 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 6-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary