

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 19, 2020, at Mattacheese Middle School, West Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Brian Carey, Treasurer; James Dykeman, Jr., Secretary; Brian Sullivan; Phillip Morris; and Joe Glynn.

Members Absent: Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Kenneth Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Timothy Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Dale Fornoff; Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Lisa Fedy, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Select Board; Vida Morris.

At 6:35 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes

The student representative was not present.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Capstone Project Presentation

Dale Fornoff and Lisa Fedy, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

Ms. Fedy gave a presentation of the Capstone Project which the senior class will be participating in during the spring. She described the project in detail including how it aligns with the district's core values. She gave examples of project options, virtual resources, and industry and educational partnerships. Chair Landers thanked Ms. Fedy and Ms. Fornoff for the presentation and offered any help needed. The chair also asked if some students could come to a school committee meeting later in the school year to discuss their projects. Brian Carey also thanked the presenters; adding that the guidance department has done a wonderful job this year during the pandemic.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Kenneth Jenks

Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Updates on Subcommittee Work

In Mr. Tierney's absence, Mr. Jenks gave the report of the Building Committee. He showed an edited version of the architect's Interior Design presentation. He particularly pointed out the signage and the safe spots which will be clearly delineated within each classroom. He then briefly reviewed the timeline. A brief question and answer session followed. Superintendent Woodbury said that a wide variety of bids are possible if there is a realistic build time. Mr.

Carey asked that both technology and security be kept in the forefront; he does not want these items to be obsolete before the school is even built. He also asked if it would be possible for an electronic sign to be installed at the school and thought it was worth investigating. Mr. Glynn asked about the naming process for the school. Mr. Jenks said there is a school committee policy for naming.

Mr. Jenks then briefly updated the Committee on other business. Buses are in a good place and HVAC work is ongoing. Chair Landers asked about lunches; Mr. Jenks said hot lunches are being served and that lunches are still being delivered to classrooms. All students will receive free breakfast and lunch through the end of the school year.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Jeni Landers reported for the Town of Dennis; the special town meeting was held recently. Brian Carey added that the bottle ban has been indefinitely postponed. Mr. Carey announced that although he was recently elected as a write-in candidate he did not wish to complete his term. He said that the Board of Selectmen would be seeking a replacement for him and that he would be leaving the Committee by the end of the year. Chair Landers thanked Mr. Carey for all that he has done.

Yarmouth: Mr. Morris said there was nothing new to report since the last School Committee meeting and wished to thank Mr. Carey for his service to the Committee.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda: On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joe Glynn and carried 6-0 it was voted to approve the following items included in the consent agenda:

Donations

Move to accept a donation of twelve picnic tables to the students of the Station Avenue Elementary School from the Station Avenue PTO.

Move to accept a donation of \$1000.00 from Susan and Ross Coppelman of Yarmouth Port to be used for purchasing technology equipment for students.

Move to accept a donation of \$1000.00 from Rosemary and Joe Masse of Brewster to be used for purchasing technology equipment for students.

Move to accept a donation of Amazon gift cards totaling \$600.00 from Fill a Back Pack, Inc. to the families of the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School.

Surplus

Move to declare as surplus 8 outdated, non-functioning Husqvarna snow blowers.

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Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet. The next scheduled School Committee meeting is November 2, 2020.

Bills and Requisitions

The Committee signed the bills and requisitions.

Items Distributed at Meeting

Capstone Project PowerPoint

Building Project Interior Design Presentation

Public Comment

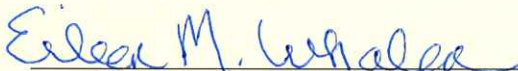
Vida Morris acknowledged the work by the Committee and the Administration in opening the schools. She asked for in-person and remote numbers. She also asked for the specific amount that the Town of Dennis said that they would pay for the feasibility study for the new school. Chair Landers said that the amount was not a School Committee decision. A short discussion followed.

At 7:40 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried by roll call vote 6-0 it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session, not to return to Public Session, for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (DYRSAA Negotiations).

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


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