

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of a School Committee Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

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

Others Present: Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Michael Bovino, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School; Kris Hansen; Marie Kade; Michelle Dunn; DYEA; Vida Morris.

At 6:00 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Executive Session

On a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee will enter into Executive Session, 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. (DYEA Negotiations, DYSAA Negotiations)

Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

At 6:37 p.m., the Chair reopened the Public Session.

Reports and Discussions

Student Representatives Report – Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella Power

The student representatives reported on several events taking place at the high school. Isabella said the German exchange students had a wonderful time; even going on a whale watch. They will go to Boston and New York before returning home to Germany. There was a great turnout for the homecoming dance and Spirit Week was a huge success.

Rose-Anna reported on Credit for Life; the students dressed for success and everyone really enjoyed learning about financial literacy. All fall sports are going very well.

Request for Final School Committee Approval for 2024-2025 Japan Trip – Kris Hansen, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

Mr. Hansen introduced Dennis-Yarmouth High School teacher Marie Kade who will be taking a leadership role in the field trip if approved. Mr. Hansen is appearing before the committee to receive approval for a 2024-2025 high school field trip to Japan; a trip the committee had given tentative approval to at a previous meeting. Since that meeting, Mr. Hansen has received additional information from the tour company including a refund policy and early enrollment benefits.

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

VOTED: To approve a Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Robotics field trip to Japan during the school year 2024-2025.

Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

Lynch Marini & Associates Reports - David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations:

The annual reports from Lynch Marini and Associates were distributed at the meeting.

FY23 Summary – David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations:

Mr. Flynn reviewed the FY23 summary which was part of the packet. He also distributed a summary of the first quarter of this fiscal year. There were no questions.

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney said that PMA will make a presentation to the school committee at the November 6th meeting.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Yarmouth: The Yarmouth town meeting is on November 7th.

Dennis: The Dennis town meeting is on November 9th.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marc J. Smith

Recognition of Donations and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Smith thanked the Andrea Holden Foundation for their generous donation of ten \$200 Stop & Shop gift cards to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School. He also thanked Dr. Akshay and Dr. Dalal for establishing the Dalal Family Scholarship.

New Scholarship for School Committee Approval – Dalal Family Scholarship

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

VOTED: To accept the Dalal Family Scholarship as per Mrs. Saucier's October 4, 2023 memo.

Safety Drills/Meeting: Safety drills are held at each school and each school then has a debrief meeting to see what can be done differently and what they can learn to do better and improve.

The first meeting of the joint Safety Team was held on Wednesday, October 25th at the high school. The Safety Team will meet monthly to establish a safety plan for the district.

Conference Week/Progress Reports: We are 7 weeks into the school year; parents are using the portal; details are on the website. A discussion followed about high school conference days and what opportunities high school parents have for a parent-teacher conference. A question was raised about how many families have signed up for Power School; where parents can find their student's grades, attendance, etc.

Consent Agenda

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

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

Donations:

Move to accept a donation of ten \$200 Stop & Shop gift cards to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School from the Andrea Holden Foundation.

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Bills and Requisitions

The warrants were signed by the committee.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were reviewed.

Items Distributed at Meeting

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Expense Budget – FY 2024

Public Comment

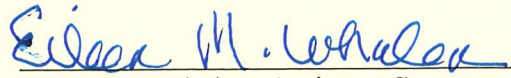
Vida Morris commented on school resource officers and the upcoming math presentation.

Adjournment

At 7:06 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary