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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 2, 2020, at Mattacheese Middle School, West Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

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

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Kenneth Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Tainan Nunes, Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Michael Bovino, Interim Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Jen Legge; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Vida Morris; Walter Hartley; and Andy Hazelton.

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

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes: Tainan reported on the latest from the high school. Marching Band is finishing up; there will be a couple of shows coming up for families only. Clubs are starting up; the National Honor Society has already met. Tainan wanted to pass on everyone's appreciation of the lunch ladies. Chair Landers asked how things are going on the hybrid schedule. Tainan said that most students would prefer to be in person every day but that it is going very well. Students especially like the 8:30 start on remote Wednesdays.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen: No reports.

Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney: Mr. Tierney reported that the Building Committee met on October 29th and that he invited the owner's project manager and architects to make a presentation to the Committee. Superintendent Woodbury introduced Andy Hazelton and Walter Hartley. Mr. Hazelton began his presentation by telling the Committee that he would be happy to take questions during the presentation if they so wished. He then presented an overview of the updated plans including the exterior, material palette (a sample board was on display at the meeting); the ideas for color; the auditorium lobby; artist renderings of many areas including the gym; media center; classroom wings; typical classrooms. He pointed out the many color transitions within the building. Safety zones within classrooms are clearly delineated. He also showed the proposed graphics for the different areas. He then gave a brief update on the athletic fields. Walter Hartley then gave a project schedule update; the 90% submission is coming up. Prequalification and bidding is coming up. He then went over key dates and next steps. He said that at the building committee meeting it was decided to have a 19 month construction schedule with an anticipated January 2023 move-in date.

Mr. Glynn thanked Mr. Hazelton and Mr. Hartley for the presentation and offered any support needed. Mr. Tierney also thanked them and wished to acknowledge the cooperation of the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Kenneth Jenks: Mr. Jenks gave a brief update to the Committee. HVAC specialists will be going through the schools on Wednesday-Thursday-Friday of this week. There will be a professional development day on Tuesday, November 3rd; buses are going well.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury: The superintendent referenced the governor's letter which was included in the packet regarding the FY21 Innovation Pathway Planning Grant in the amount of \$23,105. She wished to acknowledge the efforts of Dale Fornoff, Lisa Fedy, and Paul Funk for their work in obtaining this grant which supports career education for high school students.

The superintendent also gave a brief update on the schools. The high school is in a hybrid model while K-7th grade is in person. Approximately 80-85% of students are in person. There are families who would like to switch from remote to in-person; the challenge is that space is at a premium. Recently there were 2 students with positive cases of Covid-19; neither of which was contracted at school. Appropriate protocols were followed in both cases. Students who were instructed to quarantine were able to continue their studies at home with their school-issued iPads. Mrs. Woodbury said it was very important for parents to make sure their contact information is up to date at their child's school.

Mr. Carey asked if it would be possible for more students to attend the high school in person; he is concerned about students' mental health. Mr. Glynn agreed with Mr. Carey. He also mentioned the outstanding communication by the district. He also asked about pathways planning in the younger grades; Superintendent Woodbury said there was going to be a Grade 6-7-8 presentation to the Committee at an upcoming meeting in regards to this.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Brian Carey and carried 7-0 it was voted to approve the following items included in the consent agenda:

Donations

Move to accept the following donations to the Nathaniel Wixon School: 50 hand sewn masks for students from Ms. Hilary Morrison; 10 Frisbees for recess from Matt Barbo of Cape Cod Toy Chest; and \$600.00 in gift cards from Holly Demers on behalf of Fill-A-Backpack.

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Calendars

The calendars were included in the packet.

Bills and Requisitions

Bills and requisitions were signed by the Committee.

Public Comment

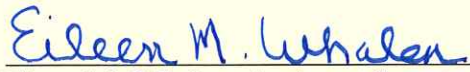
Ms. Vida Morris commented on the feasibility study for the new building.

Adjourn

At 7:34 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried 7-0 it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



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