

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, December 20, 2021

APPROVED
1-10-22

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 20, 2021, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino; Marilyn Bemis; Joe Glynn.

Members Not Present: Kristen Stagg, Student Representative to the School Committee.

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; Luanne Kiley, Substitute Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Kelly Bohl; Lynn Brown; Kendra Johnson; Kristin Dwyer; Vida Morris.

At 6:30 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Presentation

Grade K-3 Math Coaches

Director of STEM Instruction Elizabeth Pontius introduced the math coaches; Kelly Bohl, Lynn Brown, and Kendra Johnson. They explained their process of using Eureka Math. A brief question and answer session followed.

Reports:

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

Kristen Stagg was not present. Grace LePain updated the Committee on high school sports activities, various fund raising activities and holiday competitions.

School Building Committee Report –Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney along with Mr. Flynn gave a presentation including pictures of the new school. Everything is on schedule and there have been no supply chain issues.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: Mr. Glynn reported that the Yarmouth Town Administrator appreciates the ease of communication with the superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Mr. Flynn had previously given a new building update under the School Building Committee Report.

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

COVID Update

Superintendent Woodbury introduced District Lead Nurse Kristin Dwyer. Ms. Dwyer spoke to the Committee about the stress on the district nurses due to Covid. Mrs. Woodbury would like to bring the nurses pay scale up. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To raise the nurse's pay rate to \$35.

The superintendent told the Committee that the Commission of DESE suggested that extra time off be given to nurses by calling half days here and there as needed. Mrs. Woodbury felt that Thursday, December 23rd would be a perfect time for one of these half days. Joseph Tierney moves to amend the school calendar and call a half day for Thursday, December 23rd; Phil Morris seconds the motion. After discussion Chair Landers calls for a vote; the motion fails 4-3.

Phil Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	no
Tomas Tolentino	no
Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	no
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	no

After explaining that she and the nurses are exhausted, Ms. Dwyer leaves the meeting. Discussion follows.

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

VOTED: To reconsider the motion calling for a half day on December 23rd.

After additional discussion, Joseph Tierney moves to amend the school calendar and call a half day for Thursday, December 23rd; Phil Morris seconds the motion. After discussion Chair Landers calls for a vote, the motion again fails 4-3.

Phil Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	no
Tomas Tolentino	no
Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	no
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	no

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Joe Glynn, 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 one hundred solar panels and monitors to the Mattacheese Middle School from the National Energy Education Development Project and Cape Light Compact as per Mr. Bovino's December 2nd memo.

Move to accept a donation of brand new cold weather gear from Ms. Betsy Studley of Yarmouth Port to the students at Station Avenue Elementary School as per Mr. Crowell's December 8th memo.

Additional Donations:

Mr. Bovino reported additional donations to the Mattacheese Middle School; one from the Bass River Rod & Gun Club for \$500 and another from the Yarmouth Police Department for \$5000 which will be split between Mattacheese Middle School and Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

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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.

Item Distributed at Meeting

Grade K-3 Math PowerPoint Presentation

Public Comment


Vida Morris expressed her overall displeasure with the STEM department as well as the math coaches.

Adjournment

At 8:02 p.m., on a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Luanne Kiley / smw', is written over a horizontal line.

Luanne Kiley, Substitute Recording Secretary