

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2021

APPROVED

12-20-21

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 6, 2021, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino; and Marilyn Bemis.

Members Not Present: Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Joe Glynn.

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; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Michelle Dunn, Jeanne Campbell, D-YEA; Dr. Kalise Wornum.

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

Public Comment

None.

Reports:

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

Grace reported that the National Honor Society recently held their induction admitting 37 new members for a total of 60. They are doing fund raising, tutoring, etc. Kristen reported that The Odd Couple will play this weekend on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Leo Club is conducting a Penny Wars fundraiser.

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

Presentation – Dr. Kalise Wornum

Superintendent Woodbury introduced Dr. Kalise Wornum.

Dr. Wornum said that she has been working with the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District since July discussing cultural proficiency. Before beginning her presentation she told the committee to feel free to ask questions during the presentation; no need to wait until the end. She shared what she believes are the 5 indicators of a culturally proficient educator; (1) being self-reflective, (2) study your students; (3) able/willing to have the difficult conversations; (4) articulate the vision; and (5) maintain essential elements.

Dr. Wornum then discussed educational equity; getting kids what they need. The Committee thanked Dr. Wornum for her presentation. Mrs. Woodbury followed up by referencing the memo to the committee which was distributed before the meeting which gave an update on diversity, equity, and inclusion work. There will be 2 upcoming community forums with Dr. Wornum on March 16 and April 27, locations to be announced. Mrs. Woodbury said that instead of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee, there would be an Advisory Committee to the Superintendent which will report to the School Committee. Chair Landers felt that this would be a more productive use of time.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School
Perkins Eastman Amendment

Mr. Flynn referenced the memo in the packet with accompanying attachments. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried 5-0 it was

VOTED: That the School Committee approve Amendment #5 to the contract with Perkins Eastman, DPC, in the amount of \$28,600 bringing the new total amount of the contract to \$9,073,720.00.

School Building Committee Report –Joseph Tierney

No report.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Ms. Bemis reported that there will be a vote regarding a new fire station.

Yarmouth: Mr. Tolentino reported that the Board of Health has discussed masking indoors.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 5-0, it was

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

Donations:

Move to accept a donation of \$10,000 to the American Legion Scholarship Fund from American Legion Post 197 of Yarmouth.

Move to accept a Fidelity Charitable Donor-Advised Fund Grant of \$1000.00 to be used to fund STEM activities as per Mrs. Pontius' November 22, 2021 memo.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus 150 Biology books as per Dr. Funk's November 10, 2021 memo.

Move to declare as surplus two computer tables, one full size desk, one easel, one rolling cart, five 2-drawer file cabinets, one 3-drawer file cabinet, one tv/dvd player with cart, 60 children's dictionaries, and two desk chairs as per Mr. Crowell's November 15, 2021 memo with accompanying photographs.

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Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Information Item

Chair Landers referenced the thank you letter from Mr. Crowell to Gail Charetti of the Education Advocacy Group.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

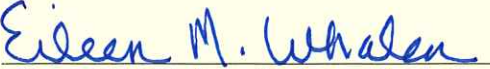
Item Distributed at Meeting

Letter from the Superintendent to the School Committee
Update on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work

Adjournment

At 7:37 p.m., on a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously 5-0; it was
VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary