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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 24, 2020, at the Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Brian Carey, Treasurer; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Andrea St. Germain, Secretary; James Dykeman

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Tainan Nunes, Student Representative; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Learning; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Ann Knell, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Pat Plucinski, DYRSAA; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Lisa Fedy; Dale Fornoff; Tristan Williams; Diane Ross; Mary Loebig; Jen Legge; Karen Mauro; Curt Sears; Vida Morris.

At 6:30 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. The committee agreed to change the order of reports; we will begin with the recognition of Lisa Fedy followed by the student representative report.

Reports

Recognition of Lisa Fedy – 2019-2020 College Board Counselor Recognition Program

A video tribute from her students to Ms. Fedy was shown; Mrs. Woodbury acknowledged Reade Whinnem as the filmmaker and thanked him for his work. Mrs. Woodbury outlined Ms. Fedy's many contributions to her students; citing Credit for Life and the Work Based Learning program as some of her many efforts. The chair of the school committee also presented Ms. Fedy with an Above and Beyond certificate and pin.

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes

Tainan began his report with congratulations to Ms. Fedy. He thanked Mrs. Knell for allowing percussion practice to take place at Mattacheese. The boys basketball and girls ice hockey teams are tournament-bound.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

High School Schedule – Paul Funk

Dr. Funk was joined by Tristan Williams, Dale Fornoff and Diane Ross for the presentation. Mary Loebig was in the audience as well. He brought the committee up to speed on the timeline of the scheduling committee. He thanked the teacher volunteers for their countless hours on the committee. He said that there are non-negotiables involved and that the greatest goal is to increase student achievement. The new schedule would include a 30 minute daily enrichment block and would be a 7 drop 2 schedule. Some of the benefits are continuity, 450 more minutes of instruction time, daily

extra help, and extended labs. Ms. Fornoff added that workshops could be held during enrichment time eliminating the need to pull students from regular classes. This time could also be used for MCAS tutoring and remediation. The group visited Falmouth High School where they already have a program in place. A question and answer period followed. Ms. Landers questioned what has changed? The 84 minute blocks were put in place for a reason, for instance. Ms. Ross said that the faculty was not given a choice in the matter when the long blocks were instituted. Discussion followed regarding instructional time, college readiness, homework, hallway monitoring, software, and iPads. Dr. Funk said that there would be an informational meeting for parents. Jeni Landers thanked them for the presentation.

Mrs. Woodbury announced a reminder for families of future dolphins - Online Kindergarten Registration is open and can be found on the DY Regional School District website under the enrollment tab. She also announced that it is Public Education Week in Massachusetts. She also announced the winners of the Cape Cod Five and Educational Foundation Grants and thanked the teachers for their efforts.

Mrs. Woodbury referenced the draft calendars for school years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022; the calendars require a vote of the school committee. She explained front loading the professional days and that Labor Day is occurring late both years. Her thought is to begin school prior to Labor Day. Discussion followed. Jeni Landers does not support starting before Labor Day.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

FY21 Budget Update: Mr. Jenks gave a PowerPoint presentation. He went over the timeline, cherry sheet, potential revenue and adjustments. He also reviewed other options including anticipated revenue and regional transportation. Carol Woodbury said they have been in contact with Representative Whelan about the budget. Brian Carey said that with 2 members absent at this meeting he did not want to take a vote on the budget; Mr. Morris agreed. Joe Tierney is not in favor of using the E & D fund. Jeni Landers agreed with delaying the vote due to the absence of 2 committee members.

MSBA Update: Mr. Jenks discussed the tour of the M.E. Small School. A new statement of interest will be submitted to the MSBA for consideration. The working groups for the new school building are ongoing.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

B. Carey, Dennis: No report

J. Tierney, Yarmouth: Mr. Tierney reported that the Yarmouth selectmen asked for the school committee agenda to be emailed to them on Thursdays when the school committee receives their agenda; this will be implemented immediately.

DYRSD Building Committee Update – J. Tierney: Mr. Tierney described the different focus groups whose meetings are ongoing. The next full building committee meeting will take place on Thursday, March 5th, at 4:30 p.m. at the high school library.

Treasurer's Report OPEB (PARS) – B. Carey: Mr. Carey gave the treasurer's report; a copy of which was distributed to the members. A discussion followed.

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried by roll call vote 5-0, it was

VOTED: That whenever there is at least \$500,000 in the Excess and Deficiency account, that 10% or \$50,000 of those funds be deposited in the OPEB account.

Brian Carey	yes
Jeni Landers	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Brian Carey, and carried 5-0, it was

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

Minutes

February 10, 2020

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendars

The next school committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020, at Station Avenue Elementary School.

Items Distributed at the Meeting

Proposed High School Schedule at a Glance

FY21 Tentative Budget & Potential Reductions

Plymouth County OPEB Trust Annual Client Review February 5, 2020

Draft Calendars 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

Public Comment Period

Karen Mauro said that parents have shared with her that they would prefer that the March conference days be held later; not right after February vacation. Michelle Dunn commended the high school scheduling committee for their presentation and hard work. Vida Morris had some questions about the high school schedule.

At 8:57 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 5-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee 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 litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares (DYEA).

Brian Carey	yes
Jeni Landers	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen M. Whalen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary