

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2021

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 22, 2021, via remote technology in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 20.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; James Dykeman, Jr.; Secretary; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Joe Glynn; Jennifer Rose; Zane Fitzgerald.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Tainan Nunes, Student Representative to the School Committee; Grace LePain, Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Learning; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM Instruction; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Lisa Fedy; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Walter Hartley, PMA Consultants; Vida Morris.

At 6:33 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call Attendance:

Jennifer Rose	yes	Joseph Tierney	yes
James Dykeman, Jr.	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Phillip Morris	yes		

Chair Landers opened the meeting by sharing a moment to reflect on the sudden passing of Mr. Kenneth Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for the District. Several of the committee members, along with Superintendent Woodbury, expressed their condolences and shared kind words about Ken; remarking on his long and distinguished career in the district where he began as a high school history teacher in 1984.

Update on Senior Capstone Project

Paul Funk; Lisa Fedy

Ms. Fedy began her presentation by stating that two of the reasons why she came to Dennis-Yarmouth were Superintendent Woodbury and Assistant Superintendent Jenks. She then gave an update on the Senior Capstone Project by referencing the slides that the Committee received prior to the meeting. There were three student information sessions; a student survey; and counselor recommendations. There are 139 students participating in the project. There are 52 students participating in Dual Enrollment at both Cape Cod Community College and Mass. Maritime. Following the presentation, Ms. Fedy opened the discussion for questions and answers from the committee. Mr. Morris thanked her for the presentation; saying how successful it has been even in the midst of a pandemic. Ms. Fedy said she was also surprised; the students have done a great job. Dr. Funk added that the project has been student-centered and student-driven. Ms. Fedy met with every student. Ms. Rose said this is a very important program. Mr. Tierney said it is a great program with real world experience. He asked how it will continue to

flourish after the pandemic. Ms. Fedy said it will continue and they will have to use creative scheduling. Mr. Glynn is excited about the educational outcomes. Mr. Dykeman thanked Ms. Fedy for an excellent presentation.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Tainan Nunes; Grace LePain

Tainan said that the D-Y Band is raising funds by selling D-Y apparel; information is available at dyband.org. Grace said that the football team beat Falmouth in OT and the volleyball team has beaten Barnstable twice. School pride is running high at D-Y High School!

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: Joe Glynn reports that there was no school news to report; the Board did acknowledge with sadness the passing of Mr. Jenks.

Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney: No report.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

The superintendent spoke of how the district has had a successful opening with 85% of K-7 students attending school in person. Both the governor and commissioner want more students attending in person schooling. A survey has gone out to parents of students in the younger grades to see how many want to return. Parents may opt to keep their students remote if they so choose. There has been a recent uptick in COVID cases in Barnstable and Yarmouth. We have not seen evidence of in-school spread. There will be a mobile testing unit available for all students and staff at Mattacheese on Wednesday and at the high school on Friday and next Monday from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.

School Committee Business

1. Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School

Vote to Approve Contract

Mr. Tierney introduced Mr. Chad Crittenden from PMA. Mr. Crittenden said that bids were opened on Tuesday; 103 contractors were pre-qualified. The lowest bid came in \$10M under budget. Three out of the top five bidders were within 1% of each other. CTA Construction is the low bidder.

Phil Morris moved that the School Committee take the recommendation of the school building committee to award the contract to CTA Construction; this motion was seconded by James Dykeman. Chair Landers asked for questions from the committee.

Joe Tierney thanked Sandy Cashen and Curt Sears for their participation in the bid opening; this was a great deal of work. Chair Landers asked if things can be added back in now that the bid is 10M lower than anticipated. Chad Crittenden said that yes, this would be an opportunity to do that. He added that the contractor has 5 days to return the contract. Joe Glynn thanked everyone for their hard work. Phil Morris said that this is the tightest activity that he can recall and that MSBA rules were adhered to. Chair Landers, seeing no

further comments, asked for a roll call vote on the motion on the table which carried unanimously 7-0.

Zane Fitzgerald	yes	Jennifer Rose	yes
Joe Tierney	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Phil Morris	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
James Dykeman, Jr.	yes		

2. Consent Agenda

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was voted to approve the following items included in the Consent Agenda.

Donations

Move to accept a donation of 30 foam footballs to the students at Station Avenue Elementary School from Mrs. Jean Mitchell Martin of Yarmouth Port.

Move to accept a donation of 18 soccer balls to the students at Station Avenue Elementary School from the Yarmouth Dennis Soccer Club

Move to accept a donation of \$1155.00 from The Natty Fund/Carol Mahedy to the Dennis-Yarmouth High School Athletic Department

Move to accept a donation of \$2500.00 from the Sea Dog Brew Pub to the Dennis-Yarmouth High School Athletic Department.

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James Dykeman, Jr.	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Phillip Morris	yes		

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Information Items

Chair Landers shared letters of thanks from Facilities Director Sandy Cashen to Christopher McMahon, YFD, and Rachel Fleck, MEMA, which were included in the packet.

Bills and Requisitions

Bills and requisitions will be signed at the District offices by the Committee.

Items Distributed Electronically Prior to the Meeting

Senior Capstone Project PowerPoint

Collaborations to Date

Internship and Job Opportunities

Public Comment

Vida Morris wished to extend her condolences to both the district and the committee on the passing of Mr. Jenks; saying that he personified a gentleman. She asked about the Finance Subcommittee and would they continue to work on additional cuts; Chair Landers said they would.

Michelle Dunn spoke relative to the passing of Mr. Jenks: [My name is Michelle Dunn, and I am a fifth grade teacher at Wixon and the President of the Dennis-Yarmouth Educators Association.

I sent out an email recently to our DYEA retirees, in case there were people who hadn't found out about Ken's passing. It read in part:

"Our community is heartbroken. Ken's love for and dedication to DY was unflinching, and he served our district and community with passion for 37 years, a tenure marked by compassion, excellence and humility. Some of you might recall that in addition to his work as a teacher, principal and Assistant Superintendent, Ken was also President of the DYEA many years ago. We know we can't fill the hole left by Ken's passing, but we can endeavor to honor him by being the best educators and citizens we can be."

I realized after I sent that email that I really should have included the word joy. Because no matter when you talked to Ken, and no matter what you were talking about, he always found a reason to smile, to be joyful and to spread that joy.

Our Association awards scholarships to DY seniors each year. We have one that is named for Dr. McCaffrey, who was my first superintendent, for students pursuing a career in education. I will propose to our Faculty Council that we name one in honor of Ken as well and I know that there is great support among our members for doing so.]

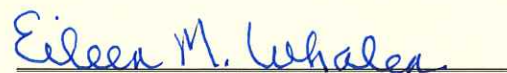
Executive Session

At 7:42 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0 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 litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. (SEIU Negotiations)

Joseph Tierney	yes	Phillip Morris	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes	Jennifer Rose	yes
Joe Glynn	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
James Dykeman, Jr.	yes		

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary