DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Minutes of a School Committee Meeting

4-25-22

Monday, March 28, 2022

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 28, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

<u>Members Present:</u> Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Marilyn Bemis; Tomas Tolentino; Grace LePain, Student Representative to the School Committee; Kristen Stagg, Student Representative to the School Committee.

Members Not Present: 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; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Aeva DaBreo; Halley Hammond; Vida Morris.

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

Recognition - Black History Month Essay Winner

Aeva DaBreo - Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

Superintendent Woodbury introduced Aeva DaBreo, an 8th grader in Mrs. Economides' ELA class at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. Aeva read her winning Black History Month essay. The Committee, along with Superintendent Woodbury, was very impressed and congratulated Aeva.

Reports:

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives - Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

Grace reported on the Winter Guard's first place finish at the regionals in Philadelphia. The NHS blood drive was very successful. The theme for the prom is Enchanted Evening. Kristen reported on the ending of the third term. The spring play is *The Addams Family* and show dates are April 29 and 30.

Policy Review Subcommittee

Superintendent Woodbury informed the Committee that the Policy Review Subcommittee met to review several policies. Those policies are now for review by the full committee at this meeting.

- 1. JKAA Physical Restraint of Students Update (2nd Reading)
 Maria Lopes reported that there have been many changes to the physical restraint policy. Many different layers have been added; a crisis team, Special Education Teachers, and specialized training. There were no questions from the committee regarding this policy.
- 2. AC Non-Discrimination Update (2nd Reading)
 Carol Woodbury reported that these policies come from MASC and have been reviewed by their attorneys.
 This policy now includes harassment and retaliation as well as school committee affirmations. Joe Tierney asked if most districts in compliance with this policy; Mrs. Woodbury said yes.
- AC-R Non-Discrimination Policy Including Harassment and Retaliation-Update (2nd Reading)
 There were no questions from the Committee.

4. ACAB - Sexual Harassment - Update (2nd Reading)

The superintendent reviewed this policy; the definition has been expanded to include due process. Mr. Morris asked when these policies will appear on the district website; this will occur after the third reading and approval from the school committee. There were no other questions.

5. JICK - Harassment of Students - Update (2nd Reading)

The superintendent reported that the policy broadens harassment of students to include texting, blogging, and any electronic means. Jeni Landers said that it is important to read all of these carefully; much of this is outside of the committee's control.

6. EEA - Transportation of Students - Update (2nd Reading)

Policy EEA has been changed to reflect the grade configurations in each school. There were no questions from the committee.

School Building Committee Report - Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that all is going well. Mr. Flynn added that he recently toured the site and everything is on schedule and looking great. Mrs. Woodbury added that a tour for the committee is in the works for April 11th at 5:30 right before the next school committee meeting. The site is muddy and dirty and everyone should dress accordingly.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Chair Landers reported that the Dennis Finance Committee will be meeting tomorrow.

Yarmouth: No report.

Assistant Superintendent Report - David Flynn

Mr. Flynn reported that he will be meeting with the Dennis Finance Committee tomorrow.

Superintendent Report - Carol Woodbury

The superintendent began her report by sharing the news of the Winter Guard's 1st place finish at the Winter Guard International competition. She especially noted the work of Kevin, Ashley and Tyler Karras. She also noted that three weeks past February vacation the district's Covid numbers remain low.

School Year Calendars 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

The superintendent referenced the draft calendars for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 which were included in the packet. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Joseph Tierney and carried unanimously 6-0 it was

VOTED: To approve the school calendar for the year 2022-2023.

The committee opted to hold on voting the 2023-2024 calendar until the next meeting scheduled for April 11, 2022.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried unanimously 6-0, it was VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Donations:

Move to accept a \$500 donation to establish the Paul Marinello Memorial Scholarship in memory of Paul Marinello as per Mrs. Saucier's memo of March 15, 2022.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus 83 "The Music Connection" hard cover music books as per Mr. Crowell's memo of March 14, 2022.

Move to declare as surplus one 2001 Chevrolet Cutaway Van and one 2006 Ford Cutaway Van as per Mr. Flynn's March 28 memo with accompanying photographs.

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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.

Public Comment

Vida Morris asked for clarification on the recent community forum with Dr. Wornum.

Adjournment

At 7:15 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Jennifer Rose, and carried unanimously 6-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary