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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 5, 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; James Plath, Dennis Finance Committee; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Vida Morris.

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

Roll Call Attendance:

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

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Tainan Nunes; Grace LePain

Grace LePain reported that the volleyball team remains undefeated and the D-Y football team beat Nauset. Tainan Nunes reported that band and color guard are planning Zoom performances on April 15. AP exams are coming soon. Students are looking forward to April break.

Mr. Tierney asked how classes are going; Grace said that teachers have been very accommodating and that students are happy overall. Tainan agreed that teachers have been very accommodating; everyone has been cooperative with the COVID restrictions and 6 foot distancing.

Chair Landers asked about end of year activities. Tainan said that the Senior Class Advisor, Ms. Endich, has been in contact with the Board of Health regarding prom, senior week, etc.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Ms. Rose reported that the Dennis election will take place on May 11th; the voting hours are 12:00 to 6:00; there are no contested races.

Yarmouth: Mr. Glynn reported that there was an update on COVID; there was recent testing in the district; the election is May 18 and the town meeting is May 22. Joseph Tierney announced

that the new town administrator is Bob Whritenour. The school district's budget presentation to the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen is April 13th.

Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney: Mr. Tierney gave a brief update; the project will keep moving, we are on good ground as far as the bid protest goes. There should be movement soon.

Diversity & Inclusion Subcommittee Report – Jeni Landers: Chair Landers told the Committee that the D & I Subcommittee has met 3 times; they are working on their mission and statement, they are at the beginning of the process. Chair Landers introduced Tomas Tolentino, member of the Diversity & Inclusion Subcommittee. Mr. Tolentino said that the resolution was discussed at the Diversity & Inclusion Subcommittee and it was voted on. He then read the resolution which was part of the school committee packet.

Joe Glynn moved that the School Committee accept the Anti-Racism Resolution as written, Phillip Morris seconded and discussion followed.

Joe Tierney asked what the resolution enables the committee to do. Mr. Tolentino said that it gives the school committee power to use money for trainings and it makes a stance. Mr. Morris said that MASC has a lot of material on this subject. Mr. Fitzgerald asked about training. Chair Landers said that MASC had a recent webinar and that she would like to have their speaker do some training. This is a priority, not just a piece of paper. The Chair, seeing no further comments, asked for a roll call vote on the motion.

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

The motion passes unanimously, 7-0.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Approval of FY22 Budget – Update

Superintendent Woodbury reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that was part of the school committee packet; reviewing the Key Dates, Cherry Sheets, Foundation Enrollment, and Minimum Required Contributions, Revenue Applied, and Adjustments. There have been no OPEB contributions in the last 4 years. She reviewed the need for revised debt service numbers including the date of Mr. Jenks' surgery and the date the School Committee adopted the final budget without the revised debt service numbers for the first interest payment on the bond for the school project. She then discussed possible budget revision to assist towns in funding the school budget without an override. She discussed using Revenue Applied and the impact of Excess and Deficiency Use on Reserves. Capital requests are outside of the budget. The superintendent would like to table the discussion and will have further information at the next school committee

meeting on April 12, 2021. Mr. Glynn asked about a possible calendar issue regarding the upcoming town meetings. The superintendent said the final budget must be voted 45 days prior to town meeting. It can go down after that date.

Phil Morris moved to table the motion; Joe Glynn seconded and discussion followed. Mr. Fitzgerald expressed concern that no payments had been put in OPEB for four years. Mr. Tierney is in favor of tabling, we have to put funds in OPEB. Mr. Glynn was not sure that the discussion could go forward because a motion had been made to table the motion. Phil Morris said that the motion to table is discussable. After further discussion, because no motion had been made, there was no need to table the motion. Mr. Morris withdrew his motion to table and Mr. Glynn withdrew his second.

Discussion followed regarding new debt service. Chair Landers said if towns agree then the additional income benefits the towns in the end. Mr. Morris added that both the budget and the assessment have to be voted at town meeting. This discussion will be continued at the next school committee meeting on April 12.

Superintendent Woodbury spoke briefly on the Commissioner of Education's recommendation for students to return to in-person learning. The high school is working on returning students and it is hoped that will happen by the beginning of May.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Joseph Tierney, 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 Stop and Shop gift cards in the amount of \$4675.00 (84 cards @ \$50.00 each, 19 @ \$25.00 each) to D-Y Food Services from Mr. Thomas Kerr of Yarmouth Port.
Move to accept a donation of Stop & Shop gift cards (18 cards @\$50.00 each and 4 cards @\$25.00 each) from Paul and Jill Brennan of Dennis to families in need at the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School.

Move to accept a donation of Personal Protective Equipment to the district from the South Yarmouth Ocean State Job Lot; Marc Perlman, Principal Owner and CEO:

- 85 cases of 8 oz. hand sanitizer
- 40 cases of 3.4 oz. hand sanitizer
- 46 cases of 40 count disinfecting wipes
- 13 cases of 20 count disinfecting wipes
- 1 case of face shields

Minutes

March 22, 2021

March 26, 2021

Zane Fitzgerald yes

James Dykeman, Jr. yes

Joseph Tierney	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Bills and Requisitions

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

Public Comment

Vida Morris expressed her disappointment about the agreement voted on earlier in the meeting; she is concerned about the possible implications of a politically sensitive issue. James Plath discussed bond ratings, funding mechanisms, ESSER grants. Tracy Post thanked the superintendent for thinking outside the box; this will be a relief to taxpayers.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Phil Morris, 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. (DYSAA and Non-Affiliated Negotiations)

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