

**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
Monday, May 23, 2022

**APPROVED**  
6-13-22

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 23, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

**Members Present:** Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Joe Glynn; Marilyn Bemis; and Tomas Tolentino.

**Others Present:** Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; Luanne Kiley, Substitute Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg, Student Representatives to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Wixon School; Dennis-Yarmouth 2021-2022 retirees; Vida Morris.

At 6:31 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

**School Committee Acknowledgment of our D-Y Retirees**

Superintendent Carol Woodbury  
School Committee Chair Jeni Landers  
State Representative Tim Whelan

A recognition ceremony was held in honor of the Dennis-Yarmouth 2021-22 employees who are retiring. The reception was also attended by Representative Tim Whelan. Following presentations by Representative Whelan, Chair Landers, and Superintendent Woodbury; Mrs. Woodbury announced the names of the retirees. The following retiring Dennis-Yarmouth staff members were celebrated:

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| Beverly Brembt     | SAE Teacher                           |
| John Carey         | District Tech. Maintenance Specialist |
| Susan Connors      | SAE Paraeducator                      |
| Joanne Coughlin    | NHW Paraeducator                      |
| Susan Coyle Curley | MES Teacher                           |
| Lynne Donovan      | MMS Middle School Teacher             |
| Carole Eichner     | Director Early Learning               |
| Marsha Franklin    | EHB Cook/Manager                      |
| Susan Gubbins      | MES Early Education Teacher           |
| Beth Hennessey     | NHW Teacher                           |
| Tara Holt          | ADM Secretary III                     |
| William Lappen     | ADM Special Ed. Bus Driver            |
| Mary Loebig        | DYH Alternate Ed Teacher/Dept. Chair  |
| Amy Pearson        | EHB Kindergarten Teacher              |
| Maureen Powers     | MMS English Teacher                   |
| Joyce Proudfoot    | ADM Secretary IV/Bookkeeper           |
| Mary Ellen Redmond | MMS Middle School Teacher             |
| Linda Santerre     | NHW SpEd Team Chair                   |
| Debra Shea         | MMS Speech Pathologist                |
| Roberta Silva      | EHB Paraeducator                      |
| Deborah Sweeney    | SAE Librarian                         |

**School Committee Reorganization**

Superintendent Carol Woodbury

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee began its reorganization process for school year 2022-2023 with the Superintendent presiding. Ms. Jeni Landers nominated Mr. Joseph Tierney for the position of school committee chairperson. Mr. Tierney accepted and was elected unanimously, 6-0, by roll call vote.

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| Marilyn Bemis   | yes                  |
| Tomas Tolentino | yes                  |
| Joe Glynn       | yes                  |
| Phillip Morris  | not present for vote |
| Jennifer Rose   | yes                  |
| Jeni Landers    | yes                  |
| Joseph Tierney  | yes                  |

Chair Tierney then called for nominations for the position of vice chairperson. Mr. Joseph Tierney nominated Ms. Jeni Landers. Ms. Landers accepted and was elected unanimously, 6-0, by roll call vote.

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| Marilyn Bemis   | yes                  |
| Tomas Tolentino | yes                  |
| Joe Glynn       | yes                  |
| Phillip Morris  | not present for vote |
| Jennifer Rose   | yes                  |
| Jeni Landers    | yes                  |
| Joseph Tierney  | yes                  |

Chair Tierney then called for nominations for the position of secretary. Mr. Joe Glynn nominated Ms. Jennifer Rose. Ms. Rose accepted and was elected unanimously, 6-0, by roll call vote.

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| Marilyn Bemis   | yes                  |
| Tomas Tolentino | yes                  |
| Joe Glynn       | yes                  |
| Phillip Morris  | not present for vote |
| Jennifer Rose   | yes                  |
| Jeni Landers    | yes                  |
| Joseph Tierney  | yes                  |

Chair Landers then called for nominations for the position of treasurer. Ms. Landers nominated Mr. Tomas Tolentino. Mr. Tolentino accepted and was elected unanimously, 6-0, by roll call vote.

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| Marilyn Bemis   | yes                  |
| Tomas Tolentino | yes                  |
| Joe Glynn       | yes                  |
| Phillip Morris  | not present for vote |
| Jennifer Rose   | yes                  |
| Jeni Landers    | yes                  |
| Joseph Tierney  | yes                  |

**Presentation – Betsy Pontius**



### **Math Curriculum Review**

Ms. Pontius, Director of STEM, gave a presentation on the math curriculum followed by questions from the committee. Ms. Landers asked about implementation of the new Eureka math and how it will blend with the old math. Ms. Pontius explained that Eureka is geared for specific age groups.

### **Reports:**

#### **DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg**

Kristen Stagg gave an update on the high school and gave thanks to the retirees. Grace LePain spoke of prom, senior week, and field trips. She congratulated the retirees as well.

#### **School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney**

Mr. Tierney acknowledged the work of Curt Sears and Gary Barber who have given a lot of their time and expertise to the Building Committee.

#### **School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen**

Dennis: Ms. Landers reports that Jim Plath is now a selectman for the Town of Dennis.

Yarmouth: Mr. Glynn reports that Mike Stone was re-elected as Selectman and Dorcas McGurrin is newly elected as a selectmen for the Town of Yarmouth. Tomas Tolentino was re-elected to the school committee.

#### **Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury**

No additional report from the superintendent.

### **School Committee Business**

#### **Consent Agenda:**

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously 7-0, it was VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

#### **Donations:**

Move to accept a donation of office supplies to the Station Avenue Elementary School from Ms. Penny Curry of South Yarmouth as per Mr. Crowell's May 9<sup>th</sup> memo.

Move to accept ten donations totaling \$1000 to the Daniel Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund as per Mrs. Saucier's May 16<sup>th</sup> memo.

Move to accept a donation of time and material to repair fencing at Station Avenue Elementary School from Craig LeBlanc and Allen Harbor Marine Service as per Mr. Crowell's May 16<sup>th</sup> memo.

#### **Surplus:**

Move to declare as surplus several books as per Mr. Bovino's May 9<sup>th</sup> memo and accompanying photographs.

Move to declare as surplus a portable microphone system and an Aiwa CD/radio/cassette player as per Mr. Crowell's May 13<sup>th</sup> memo.

Move to declare as surplus several books as per Mr. Bovino's May 17<sup>th</sup> memo and accompanying photographs.

### **Minutes:**

May 9, 2022

**Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll**

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

**Calendars**

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

**Information Item**

Sean Gannon Memorial Fund Donation

Chair Tierney referenced the letter which was included in the packet.

**Public Comment**

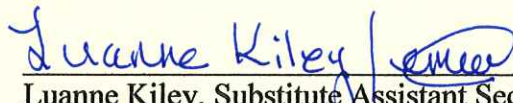
Vida Morris commented that she does not see the need for new math.

**Adjournment**

At 7:37 p.m., on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

  
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Luanne Kiley, Substitute Assistant Secretary