

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, May 3, 2021

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 3, 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; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services; Lisa Fedy, Dale Fornoff, Amy Chausse, DYRHS; Chad Crittenden, PMA; Peter McNulty, MHTL; Mariza Da Costa; Vida Morris.

At 6:35 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call Attendance:

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

Chair Landers wished to recognize Jim Dykeman, who has served on the school committee for 21 years, for his years of service. She noted his involvement on many subcommittees, his countless hours of service, and his dedication to the people of Dennis and Yarmouth. Mr. Dykeman wished to thank the voters of Dennis for their confidence in him; saying that it has been a privilege and honor to work alongside his many fellow committee members. He especially noted the student representatives that he has had the opportunity to meet. The other committee members thanked Mr. Dykeman for his service. Superintendent Woodbury thanked Mr. Dykeman for his service; for 21 years of dedication; saying thank you is not enough. She noted that Mr. Dykeman has been on the school committee for her entire 16 years as superintendent, and that his background in finance, his expertise and knowledge, have been invaluable.

Recognition of Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Winner

Mariza Da Costa, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Class of 2021

Superintendent Woodbury gave a brief background on the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen essay. Mrs. Woodbury recently attended a DAR event; all high schools

on the Cape were represented. She was proud to say that D-Y's Mariza Da Costa won first place for her essay, "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It." She then introduced Mariza who thanked the committee for the opportunity to read her essay.

Chair Landers thanked Mariza; noting that the essay was both well-written and well-read. When asked about her post-high school plans Ms. Da Costa said she will be choosing either Vanderbilt or Cornell.

Discussion of AGO Bid Protest Decision/Remand and Building Committee Recommendation

Joseph Tierney, Attorney Peter McNulty, Chad Crittenden, PMA

Mr. Tierney reported that the building committee met earlier this same day. The Attorney General's Office has ruled in favor of the district in the bid protest matter. The AGO has now asked that the building committee and school committee reaffirm that Commodore has sufficient previous project experience, and, reaffirm that Commodore had no legal proceedings. Mr. Tierney then asked Attorney McNulty to join the meeting. Mr. McNulty said that the AGO's ruling was favorable and reiterated that the committee must vote on Commodore's relevant project experience and litigation. He said that 3 Commodore people are on the call should anyone have any questions. He then read verbatim from the Request for Proposal regarding similar project experience and legal proceedings. There were no adversely concluded actions. The awarding authority has broad discretion. The vote by the school committee should mirror the vote taken by the building committee.

Phillip Morris moved that Commodore Builders has sufficient relevant project experience; Joe Glynn seconded, and discussion followed. Mr. Tierney told the committee that Commodore did a great job at the building committee meeting. Mr. Glynn asked what the vote count was and Mr. Tierney said it was unanimous. Chair Landers asked for a roll call vote; the motion passes unanimously, 7-0.

Zane Fitzgerald	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Phil Morris	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Joseph Tierney moved that Commodore Builders complied with mandatory disclosure requirements in submitting its bid; James Dykeman seconded, and discussion followed. Joe Glynn asked about an appeal process; Peter McNulty said that there is an appeal process in Superior Court and there is a 30 day deadline. Chair Landers asked for a roll call vote; the motion passes unanimously, 7-0.

Zane Fitzgerald	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes

Joseph Tierney	yes
Phil Morris	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Innovation Pathway Presentation

Amy Chausse, Lisa Fedy, Dale Fornoff

Innovation Pathway in Healthcare and Social Assistance

Lisa Fedy began the presentation, a copy of which was supplied to the committee electronically in advance of the meeting. The Baker-Polito Administration awarded designations to 18 high schools, including Dennis-Yarmouth, for launching new programs known as Innovation Pathways. The DYRHS Innovation Pathway Designation is in Health Care and Social Assistance. The Innovation Pathways Guiding Principles are Equitable Access; Guided Academic Pathways; Enhanced Student Support; Connection to Career; and Effective Partnerships. Ms. Fedy acknowledged Kara Galvin of the Workforce Investment Board. She then introduced Dale Fornoff, Chair of the Guidance and Counseling Department. Ms. Fornoff described the certification examination; internship, industry partners. The program is capped at 15 participants. Ms. Fornoff then introduced Amy Chausse, Science Department Chair. Ms. Chausse spoke about the grant fund planning; a National Health Science Curriculum; certification exams for students; career/technical equipment for hands on learning; and professional development for teachers. Ms. Fornoff added that she wished to thank science teacher Emma Ethier and guidance counselor Katie Glasheen for their contributions to the development of the program.

Chair Landers, along with the other members of the committee, thanked Ms. Fedy, Ms. Fornoff, and Ms. Chausse for their presentation. Superintendent Woodbury thanked them as well; noting the long standing partnership the district has had with Mass Hire. She noted that the district can get students to where they want to be.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Tainan Nunes; Grace LePain

Grace reported that high school students are back in-person as of today and everyone is very excited. Spring sports have begun and spirits are high at high school. Tainan reported that it was wonderful to see so many students return. ESports made the playoffs and will play David Carty High School on May 10th at 3:30. Band and Color Guard are recruiting. High school students play at Mattacheese Middle School.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Jeni Landers announced that the Dennis Town meeting is this Saturday and will be held outdoors.

Yarmouth: Joe Glynn reported that Joe Tierney told the selectmen about the bid protest. The town election is May 18; the town meeting is to be held on May 22nd, outdoors at Mattacheese Middle School.

Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney: Mr. Tierney reported that the groundbreaking for the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School took place on Friday, April 30.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury: Superintendent Woodbury reported that she made budget presentations to both towns on April 13. As previously stated in Mr. Tierney’s report the groundbreaking for the new school took place on April 30 and work is underway. The high school has returned to in-person learning; Dr. Funk and his team have done a great job and we have beaten timelines. This is teacher appreciation week; Mrs. Woodbury prefers to call it staff appreciation week because everyone has a part in educating our students. She then shared an inspirational video about educators. She then thanked all staff. Friday is School Lunch Hero Day.

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 in the amount of \$419.12 from the D-Y Class of 1958 to Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

Move to accept eight donations in the amount of \$890.00 from the Bradford Hemeon Memorial Fund in memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Hemeon.

Move to accept a donation of building materials valued at approximately \$1500 from Shepley Wood Products in Hyannis to the M.E. Small Elementary School Preschool Program.

Move to accept a donation to the M.E. Small Elementary School of 2 bags of potting soil and 200+ packets of assorted flower and vegetable seeds from Agway of South Dennis.

Minutes

April 5, 2021

April 12, 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.

Items Distributed Electronically Prior to the Meeting

New Innovations Pathways Program Presentation

Information Items

- a. M.E. Small Preschool Program Mud Kitchen Built by Cape Cod Tech Carpentry Program Students
- b. Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District 2020 Statement of Interest Status (MSBA)
- c. NEASC Commission on Public Schools Special Progress Report of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

Public Comment

None.

At 8:07 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

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