

**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
Monday, May 9, 2022

**APPROVED**

5-23-22

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 9, 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 (arrived at 7:24); Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Joe Glynn; and Tomas Tolentino.

Members Not Present: Marilyn Bemis

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg, Student Representatives to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Michelle Dunn, D-YEA.

At 6:30 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried by roll call vote 5-0, it was:

**VOTED:** That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee enter into Executive Session, and 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 (DYRSAA).

Tomas Tolentino	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

At 6:57 p.m., Chair Landers reopened the public session.

**Reports:**

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

Kristen reported that The Addams Family was very well attended and people had a wonderful time. Grace said that AP exams are going well; the prom is coming up on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Seaview. SATs are also coming up. Dr. Funk added that the track team has an important meet vs. Barnstable.

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that all is going well; the fields are being prepped. They are working from the back of the school to the front.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Chair Landers reported that the budget passed at town meeting; the citizen's petition was defeated.

Yarmouth: Joe Glynn said that there is some polling location confusion and that the town clerk would be getting information out.



### Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

#### Future Plans: MES, Administration Building, and Early Childhood

Mr. Flynn shared some pictures from the M.E. Small Elementary School relative to the Statement of Interest which was submitted to the MSBA. The Administration building is in need of a lot of repairs and it may not be a wise investment to fix what is in place. He said there were a couple of options, one being constructing a new building to house administration. The second option would be to construct a two story building with the Early Childhood center on the first floor and the administration offices on the second floor. The MSBA does not reimburse for Early Ed spaces. Superintendent Woodbury added that during the recent DESE audit concern was expressed that speech, occupational therapy, and other pull-out services are taking place in hallways. Mrs. Woodbury also noted that district records are currently being housed at the Wixon School. A question and answer followed. Chair Landers asked what a feasibility study would entail. Mr. Flynn said that there would be an educational plan and an operational plan. Storage; bathrooms; how many square feet per person; as well as estimated construction costs would all be included. Joe Glynn asked about M.E. Small; Mr. Flynn said that all safety issues are addressed immediately. Tomas Tolentino noted the Port-A-Potties currently in use at central office. Also, could Mattacheese Middle School be used instead of M.E. Small? Mrs. Woodbury said that there have been similar questions about Baker moving into Wixon. Mr. Tierney is in favor of a feasibility study for the Administration building. Chair Landers agrees and noted that Dennis has done an excellent job maintaining the Ezra Baker School. On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Jennifer Rose, and carried unanimously 6-0, it was

VOTED: To move forward with a feasibility study for a new Administration Building and Early Learning Center.

### Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

#### Continuous Improvement Update

The superintendent shared a PowerPoint presentation on continuous improvement throughout the district. On April 26<sup>th</sup> the high school was given a Best High School designation by US News. Mrs. Woodbury gave a recap of all the good things which have led to this. We have a unique population; for instance, 35.8% of students identify as non-white. The district believes that every student can succeed at high levels. Equal Opportunity Schools, the Capstone Project, the Pathways Program have all been very successful. Students' taking advanced coursework has increased. There is now an AP course offered in both 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. School to Careers and Dual Enrollment has been very successful. A DESE designation as an Early College Pathway is now being contemplated. There would be an application process and it would be a partnership with Cape Cod Community College. A meeting is planned for this coming Wednesday to sign a letter of intent. It would be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year. This is a very exciting possibility. A question and answer session followed. Mr. Tolentino commended Dr. Funk and his team on everything they have done. Getting this designation is a way to set us apart and give people a reason to stay. Phillip Morris said that the district and high school are doing a wonderful job. Joe Glynn said that these improvements are incredible and wants everyone to know about them. He wished to commend everyone and is happy that the district is not satisfied to rest on its laurels. Joe Tierney thanked Dr. Funk for all he has done, noting that he surrounds himself with great people. Jennifer Rose said that the Dual Enrollment program has been very successful. Chair Landers gave praise to the leadership at the high school.

### School Committee Business

#### Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried unanimously 6-0, it was

VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

**Donations**

Move to accept a \$3000 AdoptAClassroom.org donation from Copeland Subaru of Hyannis to the Marguerite E. Small Elementary School as per Ms. Carlson's April 29<sup>th</sup> memo.

Move to accept an anonymous donation of a Melissa and Doug Diner Play Set to the Early Education department as per Ms. Mooney's May 2<sup>nd</sup> memo.

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Mr. Tierney reminded everyone of the Celebration of Life for Ken Jenks on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the high school.

**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**

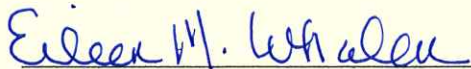
None.

**Adjournment**

At 8:05 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 6-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

  
Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary