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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of a School Committee Meeting Monday, June 1, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 1, 2020, 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; Andrea St. Germain, Secretary; Brian Carey, Treasurer; James Dykeman, Jr.; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Brian Sullivan; Tainan Nunes, Student Representative

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; JoAnna Watson, Assistant Director of Digital Learning and Library Services; Holly Poor.

At 5:36 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Ms. Landers said that those interested could join the meeting via Zoom and also that it was being carried live on the D-YRSD YouTube channel.

Update on School Building Project: Joe Tierney

Update on Subcommittees: Mr. Tierney reported that the subcommittees have been meeting and that the next full building committee will take place Thursday, June 4th at 4:30 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

1. Dennis Finance Committee Questions: Mr. Jenks referenced the included memo from the packet regarding questions from the Dennis Finance Committee. The Finance Committee had three specific areas of concern: A Title I teaching position salary of \$85,127 was listed twice; questions about the District Salary Reserve of \$60,000; and the \$40,000 increase in the Heat and Ventilation Contracted Services line. After discussion it was decided that the duplicate teaching position salary would be removed.

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman and carried by roll call vote 6-0, it was:

VOTED: I move the School Committee adopt an FY21 budget of \$64,749,044 with a Dennis operating assessment of \$17,386,060 and debt service of \$460,017 for a total Dennis assessment of \$17,846,077; and a Yarmouth operating assessment of \$35,561,820 and debt service of \$312,633, for a total Yarmouth assessment of \$35,874,453.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Andrea St. Germain	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

2. FY21 Pizza Contract: Mr. Jenks referenced the memo included in the packet regarding the FY21 Pizza Contract. After brief discussion, on a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Brian Carey and carried 6-0 it was

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract for pizza to Lupoli Companies-Sal's Production, LLC of Salem, New Hampshire to supply pizza to the Food Service program at the rates specified in the attached contract.

3. Food Services Vehicle: Mr. Jenks referenced the memo included in the packet regarding the Food Services Vehicle. After brief discussion, on a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Brian Carey and carried 6-0 it was

VOTED: Move that the School Committee approve the purchase of the Food Services program from Balise Ford of Hyannis in the amount of \$22,775.

4. Food Services Maintenance Equipment: Mr. Jenks referenced the memo included in the packet regarding the Food Services Maintenance Equipment. After brief discussion, on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phil Morris and carried 6-0 it was

VOTED: Move that the School Committee award a three year contract for annual Kitchen Equipment Repairs of \$13,032 to Harris Warren Commercial Kitchens of

West Yarmouth, Massachusetts to perform the required work and services as described in the attached contract and Vendor Response Quote Sheet.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Mrs. Woodbury reported that the Dolphin Drive-Thru meal service has been extended through August 31. The M.E. Small School will be honored virtually on June 8 by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Safe Route to School for the MES Bike Rodeo. Stop and Shop gift cards in denominations of \$25 totaling \$4575 were donated by Mr. Tom Kerr. Mr. Kerr serves on the Education Foundation for Dennis and Yarmouth, and he asked that organization for a \$1000 donation to help support food insecurity and the district's efforts to support students who may face this issue. It was supported unanimously.

From that idea, he hoped he could expand the giving and with an upcoming birthday he asked monies be contributed to the Cards for Kids project. Requests were sent to people all over the country and many participated. Combined totals are \$4575 and all cards have been turned over to the district for distribution.

Mrs. Woodbury then discussed the Competency Determination of the MCAS as it relates to high school seniors who have not passed the STE portion of the MCAS exam. In light of the COVID-19 school closures this year, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted to modify the science and technology/engineering (STE) part of the competency determination requirement for current high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors (members of the classes of 2021-23). Under this change, the competency determination in STE will be awarded upon demonstration that the student earned credit for a course in the relevant subject matter and demonstrated competency in one of the four tested disciplines (biology, chemistry, introductory physics, and technology/engineering) during their high school career. The process and timeline for awarding the modified CD will be announced at a later date. Students in the class of 2024, who are in grade 8 this year and will enter grade 9 next year, are expected to participate in STE testing in 2021 or 2022, according to their school or district plan for high school STE testing.

The new date for graduation is July 25 at 9:00 a.m. outdoors on the football field. Rain dates are July 26 and July 27. There will be a week of senior activities prior to graduation and a lot of fun things are being planned.

Mrs. Woodbury has a scheduled call with the Commissioner of Education on Tuesday, June 2nd and expects to hear more about summer school and extended year programs at that time.

She is planning on surveying parents and staff regarding what has gone well this year and what to expect next year. She also has a planned call with the Cape and Islands superintendents regarding plans for next school year.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0, it was

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

Donations:

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of gift cards in the amount of \$1000 from the Education Foundation of Dennis and Yarmouth for district families in need. Move to accept with gratitude a donation of \$3575 worth of gift cards from Mr. Tom Kerr and Cards for Kids for district families in need.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus the Class of 2020 iPads.

Minutes:

May 4, 2020

Public Comment Period

None

Mr. Carey shared warm regards from Representative Tim Whelan. Mr. Carey also wished to acknowledge the drowning death of a young man this past weekend.

Executive Session

At 6:22 p.m., on a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 6-0 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 (DYRSAA Remote Learning MOA)

Jeni Landers	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Andrea St. Germain	yes
Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Phillip Morris	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

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