

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 18, 2021

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A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Auditorium in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

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

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and Instruction; Rooney Powers, Food Service Director; Kristin Dwyer, District Nurse Leader; Mike Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; and several members of the public.

At 5:30 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

School Committee Business

Vote to Approve the FY22 School Reopening Plan

Joseph Tierney moved that the School Committee vote to approve the FY22 School Reopening Plan, Marilyn Bemis seconded, and discussion ensued.

Mr. Glynn is concerned about the committee making these kinds of decisions; everyone did a great job last year, administration and staff and students. He would want to know what parents think. He said that once the committee votes he will be on board with the decision. Ms. Bemis has received many comments and emails. She trusts the CDC and is in support of the reopening plan. She would like to know more about the Test and Stay Program. She is very interested in receiving monthly updates at school committee meetings. Mr. Tolentino said that based on the last school year, there was no in-school spread. Masks keep everyone safe and the safety of students and staff is the most important thing. Mr. Morris feels strongly that being as safe as possible is the most important thing. Ms. Rose supports the reopening plan and would like to revisit the plan monthly at school committee meetings. Mr. Tierney agrees and supports the reopening plan. The situation is fluid and he would also like to revisit monthly. He reminded the committee that last year when the students returned they were 6 feet apart, not 3 feet. Chair Landers said she relies on expert opinions and that the greater obligation is to the thousands of students and staff. It is a fluid situation that will continue.

There being no further discussion, Chair Landers asked for a roll call vote on the motion. The motion passes 6-1 on a roll call vote.

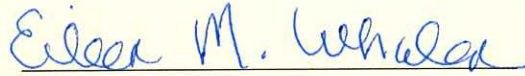
Joe Glynn	no
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Adjournment

At 5:47 p.m., on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Eileen M. Whalen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary