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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at Mattacheese Middle School, West Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; James Dykeman, Jr., Secretary; Brian Carey, Treasurer; Brian Sullivan; Joe Glynn; and Phillip Morris.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Kenneth Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Mary O'Connor, Athletic Director, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Mike Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Sandy Cashen, Facilities Director; Liz Argo, Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative.

Open the Meeting: At 6:34 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports

A. Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Liz Argo, Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative

BESS Grant Project at the Dennis-Yarmouth High School Emergency Shelter

Superintendent Woodbury introduced Liz Argo, Executive Director of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative. Ms. Argo began by acknowledging the hard work of the School Committee and D-Y staff during these challenging times. She distributed handouts to the Committee members and gave a DYRSD Energy Storage Project Update. The project has been in the works for 6 years. CVEC is a governmental non-profit electric cooperative located on the Cape. The savings to the district since 2014 are over \$1.1M. CVEC was awarded a \$1.4M grant to install a battery energy storage system at the Dennis Yarmouth High School Emergency Shelter. She said that there is a feasibility study which can be accessed on the CVEC website. This was followed by a short question and answer period. There is a similar installation at Plymouth South; if any of the members wish to view it they should let Mrs. Woodbury know and a tour can be arranged. Chair Landers thanked Ms. Argo for the presentation.

B. Assistant Superintendent Report – Kenneth Jenks

Mr. Jenks updated the Committee on the buses. The most challenging part has been dismissal time. Schools will be calling families who said they wanted transportation but have not yet taken the bus to see if they still want to ride. He then updated the Committee on the HVAC. There was a recent meeting with the superintendent, Sandy Cashen, and ENE. Air flow is where it needs to be; he is confident that needs are being met. He asked for questions from the Committee. Mr. Carey is concerned about drop-offs and pickups at the elementary schools; Mr. Jenks feels that that will settle down soon. Chair Landers wished to thank everyone who is making in-school learning happen.

C. Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that the Building Committee met on September 17th. The 60% design phase has been submitted to the MSBA. The 90% design phase will be submitted in November. The next meeting of the committee is October 29th.

D. School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Mr. Phil Morris reported for Yarmouth. There will be a special town meeting on November 17th. Agenda items for 2020 include the two town libraries.

Mr. Brian Carey reported for Dennis. One of the articles on the upcoming special town meeting is the easement for NSTAR at the Wixon School. Mr. Carey noted that the individual plastic bottle ban passed in both Falmouth and Provincetown; there is no opt-out for schools.

School Committee Business

A. Joint Guidance on Modified Sports Seasons for School Year 2020-2021

Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, and Mary O'Connor, Athletic Director, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, gave a presentation on the status of sports at the high school. We are currently in the Fall 1 phase; everyone is doing an excellent job with masks and social distancing. The Fall 2 phase starts February 22nd. Mr. Carey asked what would happen if the district were to go remote. At this point there is nothing to be done; the decision about sports would depend upon the reason why the district had to revert to a remote learning model.

B. MIAA Guidelines re Gaiter-Style Face Coverings

A discussion followed regarding gaiter-style face coverings for student athletes. The MIAA has approved two-ply gaiters for student athletes participating in a sport. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joe Glynn and carried 7-0 it was

VOTED: That the Committee dispense with the sequence for adopting policies under School Committee Policy BGB.

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joe Glynn and carried 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve two-ply gaiters for student athletes participating in a sport.

C. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney and carried 7-0 it was voted to approve the following items included in the consent agenda:

Donations:

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of handmade cotton face coverings from Ms. Pat Taylor of Yarmouth Port.

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of handmade cotton face coverings from the Dennis-Harwich Lions Club.

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of 50 child-sized reusable face masks to the Early Childhood Program from CVS in Hyannis.

The Committee also voted to accept with gratitude a donation of \$2000 worth of gift cards to Staples and Target to Marguerite E. Small Elementary School from Fill a Back Pack, Inc.

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Calendars

The calendars were included in the packet.

Bills and Requisitions

Bills, requisitions and payroll were signed by the Committee.

Information Items

Letter of Commendation from Friends of Bass River

Public Comment

None

Items Distributed at Meeting

Letter regarding donation to Marguerite E. Small Elementary from the Fill-a-Backpack Program

CVEC DYRSD Energy Storage Project Update

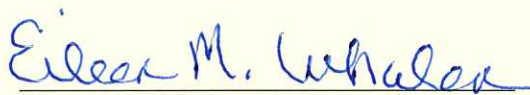
Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative Highlights FY20

Adjourn

At 7:45 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried 7-0 it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary