

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2018

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A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 15, 2018, at the Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Andrea St. Germain, Secretary; James Dykeman, Jr., Brian Sullivan, and Phillip Morris

Members Absent: Brian Carey, Treasurer

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent; Tyler Macro, substituting for Jack Carder as Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM Instruction; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities & the Arts; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services; Tony Morrison, D-YRHS Principal; Ann Knell, Mattacheese Middle School Principal; Tim Blake, Nathaniel Wixon School Principal; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Norman Holcomb, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Michelle Dunn, Dennis-Yarmouth Educators Association, Erin Porter, Dennis-Yarmouth Educators Association; Erinn McNulty; Vida Morris; and several members of the Dennis-Yarmouth Educators Association.

At 5:55 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried by roll call vote 6-0, it was VOTED: To enter into Executive Session and return to Public Session, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares. (DYRSAA and DYEA Contracts).

Jeni Landers – yes
Joseph Tierney - yes
Andrea St. Germain – yes
James Dykeman, Jr. – yes
Brian Sullivan – yes
Phillip Morris – yes

At 6:56 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, reopened the public session. She mentioned that due to the large turnout it would be advantageous for all to hear the Superintendent's FY18 MCAS & Accountability Ratings report. On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 6-0 it was

VOTED: To move the Public Comment Period to after the Reports portion of the meeting.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative Tyler Macro – Spirit Week is going very well; the pep rally is planned for last block on Friday, October 19th. 8th grade officers have been elected.

School Committee Liaisons – B. Carey, Dennis; J. Tierney, Yarmouth
Dennis – No report; Mr. Carey was absent.
Yarmouth – No report.

DYRSD

Building Committee Update – J. Tierney, Chair

Mr. Tierney reported that the building committee met for 3 hours on October 2nd at the high school. The two upcoming informational public forums are scheduled for October 22nd at Mattacheese and November 5th at Wixon. There will be a short presentation followed by a question and answer period. Citizens are welcome to go to either or both meetings regardless of which town they live in. He mentioned the December 4th district vote. Norman Holcomb mentioned a Massachusetts Department of Transportation “Safe Routes to School” program; a funding program for infrastructure including traffic lights, curbs, etc. He has the contact information. A brief discussion followed regarding who completes the application, etc. Mr. Jenks said he has the email and he will forward it; that it looks promising.

Assistant Superintendent Report - Ken Jenks

Mr. Jenks introduced Rooney Powers, Food Service Director. Ms. Powers described the national school lunch program as it pertains to the USDA Food Storage Program. The district receives a monthly free delivery of between 250 and 500 cases of food; both frozen and shelf stable, which are used in all the schools in the district along with the St. Pius School. Last year it amounted to \$108,000 of free food for the students of the district. Food Services is a fully self-funded operation. They must agree yearly to accept, receive, store, and serve the food that they receive from the USDA. The food is currently stored at Mattacheese Middle School. The relocation of the storage facility to the new, centrally located school will save internal delivery time and costs. She said that locating the food storage program to the new facility is the fiscally responsible decision for the district. Ms. Powers said that Sturgis Charter School is the only non-participating school on the Cape; they do not serve meals.

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

FY18 MCAS & Accountability Ratings:

Carol Woodbury invited Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM Instruction; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities & the Arts; and Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services, to the table. Mrs. Woodbury reviewed a Power Point presentation: 2018 District Accountability Review. The new accountability indicators were explained in detail; including the additional indicators of chronic absenteeism and advanced placement courses. Next Generation scores should not be compared to legacy MCAS scores. Achievement is most important. Mrs. Woodbury explained that if a student takes the MCAS-Alt test, they are not eligible to receive a high school diploma; this will affect the graduation rate. Joe Tierney asked for a further explanation of the 4 year cohort; Mrs. Woodbury said that sometimes it takes a bit longer for a student to graduate for a number of reasons; not enough credits, etc., and that the high school has done a good job helping these students earn their diplomas. She further discussed teacher leaders; there is a new structure and a Curriculum Leadership Council. Ms. Santini discussed benchmark assessments; they should align with standards. Ms. Maxwell discussed the rigor of lessons, and curriculum as framework. She felt that the math coaches will be able to help with the pacing. Mr. Tierney discussed absenteeism; a good plan is needed. Students have to be here to receive instruction. Ms. Maxwell mentioned EOS (Equal Opportunity Schools); they look for gaps in high school AP course-taking; they found that if a student takes Advanced Placement courses in high school then they will more likely go to college.

Public Comment Period

Vida Morris asked about the lack of curriculum and felt there was a lack of urgency on the matter. Erin Porter spoke briefly on behalf of the D-YEA members in attendance; she said they are currently working without a contract and hoped that a settlement could be reached.

School Committee Business

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Joe Tierney, and carried 6-0, it was:

VOTED: To approve the following items included in the consent agenda:

Donations:

Move to accept a scholarship donation from the Estate of Faith M. Halfyard.

DYRSD

Move to accept a donation of dictionaries for the SAE 3rd graders from the Hyannis Elks.

Minutes

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9/24/18 (minutes will be amended to include a report from Phil Morris, School Committee liaison to the Cape Cod Collaborative).

Personnel List

No items were included in the packet.

Information Items

Letter to Attorney General's office re Open Meeting Law

Letter from Attorney General's office re Open Meeting Law

Items Distributed at the Meeting

PowerPoint Presentation: 2018 District Accountability Review

Overview of Equal Opportunity Tools

Income Eligibility Guidelines

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

Bills, requisitions, and payroll were signed by the School Committee.

Calendar

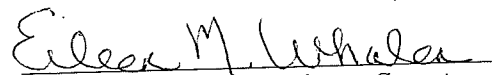
The November calendar was reviewed. There will be a brief school committee meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The ballot question vote will be the only agenda item.

Adjournment

At 8:37 p.m., on a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried 6-0, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary