

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of a School Committee Meeting

Monday, November 5, 2018

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 5, 2018, at the Nathaniel Wixon School in South Dennis, Massachusetts.

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

Members Absent: Brian Sullivan

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent; Jack Carder, Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee;; Ann Knell, Mattacheese Middle School Principal; Tim Blake, Nathaniel Wixon School Principal; Sandy Cashen, Facilities Manager; Sheryl McMahon, Dennis Board of Selectmen; Chris Flanagan, Dennis Board of Selectmen; Jim Plath, Dennis Finance Committee; Dan Knapik, Yarmouth Town Administrator; Norm Holcomb, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Vida Morris; Cleon Turner; Alan Tuttle; Mr. Crowell; Curt Sears; Michelle Dunn, D-YEA; Walter Hartley, OPM; Dan Colli, Principal Architect, Perkins Eastman.

At 6:00 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Walter Hartley, the Owner's Project Manager, and Dan Colli, principal architect, were introduced and gave a brief presentation. This was followed by a question/answer/comment session:

Vida Morris of Yarmouth asked about potential ineligible for reimbursement from the MSBA; questioned the cost of the auditorium at 6.5 million dollars. Carol Woodbury explained the cap; that anything above \$3.33 per square foot is not reimbursable, that makes it fair to everyone.

Alan Tuttle of South Dennis asked about updating the existing buildings instead; wanted to know what would happen to those buildings; they would be returned to the towns.

Jim Plath, Dennis Finance Committee asked about renovations. Discussed moving the Baker facility into the Nathaniel Wixon property.

Brian Carey said because Wixon School currently houses under 500 Grade 4-7 students; Ezra Baker would only be 400 students resulting in a smaller renovation.

Walter Hartley said MSBA does not reimburse for offsite costs such as demolition. The towns own both Mattacheese and Wixon.

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Jim Plath asked about a breakdown or diagram of non-reimbursable costs. Turf is ineligible. What is the specific number once the bid comes in? What if the bid is 5 million dollars more?

Mr. Crowell asked who will make the elementary school decision for Baker to move into Wixon.

Cleon Turner said the cap is 116.9 million dollars – if it is over it will be brought back to the building committee.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative Jack Carder – The election is tomorrow and there will be a mock election at the high school.

School Committee Liaisons – B. Carey, Dennis; J. Tierney, Yarmouth

Dennis – Mr. Carey reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day.

Yarmouth – Mr. Tierney said that the selectmen would be holding some upcoming forums on the 14th and the 20th regarding the school building project.

Assistant Superintendent Report - Ken Jenks

Capital Update: Mr. Jenks showed a PowerPoint presentation and distributed a hard copy of the presentation to the members. He reviewed the capital work which has to be completed; safety and security is very important.

Secure Entry Area – Impact Resistant Glass Treatment: Mattacheese and M.E. Small would have to be reconfigured in order to accommodate an airlock. Safety film is impact resistant; glass will stay together in the event of a break. The cost to update the entryways is \$24,500 (Dennis: \$7,954, Yarmouth: \$16,546).

Exterior Grated Security Doors for Kitchens: The exterior cafeteria doors are often left open because there is no air conditioning. This is also a security risk. The cost for the doors is \$30,000 (Dennis: \$9,773, Yarmouth: \$20,227).

Energy Management Systems: The cost would be \$127,268 for Dennis and \$272,232 for Yarmouth. The cost reflects incentives. Big ticket items will wait until after the December 4th vote.

Traffic Lights These need improvement; they are not permanently affixed. The total costs is \$80,800 (Dennis \$39,890; Yarmouth \$40,910).

Tennis Court Parking: The courts receive a lot of use; more community use than kids. Upper lot is good, the lower lot is not. The improvements would cost a total of \$76,948. (Dennis \$24,483; Yarmouth 52,465).

Grounds Equipment: These are small requests; the equipment has exceeded its life expectancy. The scag mower would be \$5500 (Dennis \$1750; Yarmouth \$3750), the utility trailer would be \$10,000 (Dennis \$3182; Yarmouth \$6818).

Ford F250 Trucks w/Plow Package: Time to replace; we do a lot of our own plowing. The total would be \$165,980 (Dennis 52,810; Yarmouth \$113,170).

SAE Floor Replacement: 10 rooms, \$100,000

Further discussion on the capital projects followed; including radar signs showing how fast cars are moving through school zones; concern about building security with the kitchen doors being left open, and turf fields.

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On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0, it was:
VOTED: To approve the following capital items:

ENE Energy Management Systems in the amount of \$272,732.00.
Security Doors, Grated in the amount of \$20,227.00.
Impact Resistant Window Treatment in the amount of \$16,546.00.
School Zone Traffic Lights in the amount of \$40,910.00.
Station Avenue Elementary School Floor Replacement in the amount of \$100,000.00.
A utility trailer in the amount of \$6,818.00.
A scag mower in the amount of \$3,750.00

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

The superintendent thanked the committee for including the energy management system in the vote.

Good News:

M.E. Small: They have partnered with Dawn Colton-Mund's German Class to teach beginning German to the before-school activity students. They are also partnering with Cape Meals for Kids to provide food, snacks, and juice boxes to MES families in need.

Nathaniel Wixon: Students are bringing in treats for care packages for soldiers. Health teacher Penny McGee was recognized for her efforts implementing Calmer Choice. Also, 90 Cross Country families were recognized for their efforts throughout the season.

Mattacheese Middle School: 7th grade science teacher Regina Wood is the 2018 recipient of the *Science Educator of the Year Award for Barnstable County*. MMS received an achievement award from the MIAA in gratitude for sponsoring James Orrigo as part of the Speaker Series. 7th grade students took part in an Energy Carnival; teaching their fellow students about energy states, forms, transfers, and transformations. Have you been flocked? More information is available on the MMS Facebook page. The MMS musical will be *The Little Mermaid*.

Station Avenue Elementary: Station Avenue was featured in the *Prime Time Cape Cod Summer 2018* edition regarding their volunteer program. SAE is about to kick off the "Fun Run" fundraiser program. The theme of the run is MIND SPARK MYSTERY LAB. The goal is to raise \$15,000 to fund their many events, including field trip expenses such as buses and registration fees.

D-YRHS: Science teacher Sylvie Therrien has been selected as a 2018 ABE Teacher Recognition Award Winner.

Ezra Baker: They are once again hosting Grandparents/Special Friend Coffee Hours. On Wednesday, November 14th they will host a math fair along with a family dinner.

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School Committee Business

Foundation Budget Presentation – Michelle Dunn

Ms. Dunn gave a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding a draft resolution in support of full funding for public schools on behalf of the Dennis-Yarmouth Educators Association. Joe Tierney thanked her for her presentation and asked what individuals can do to support this; they are asked to contact their legislators. Phil Morris also thanked Ms. Dunn and felt that the community would be very supportive.

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 6-0 it was:
VOTED: To support the Draft Resolution in Support of Full Funding for Our Public Schools.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0, it was:
VOTED: To approve the following items included in the consent agenda:

Donations: Move to accept a scholarship grant from the Jean Hamilton Memorial Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation.

Field Trip Approval:

Move to approve a MMS German/Spanish trip to New York City 5/29-5/31/19.

Move to approve a MMS French Club trip to Quebec City 5/22-5/25/19.

Items Distributed at the Meeting

Capital Requests for FY20 November 2018

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendar


The next school committee meeting will take place on Monday, November 19th, at Station Avenue Elementary School.

Adjournment

At 8:05 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


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