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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2021

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 13, 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; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Michelle Dunn; Vida Morris.

At 6:00 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried by roll call vote 7-0, it was:

VOTED: That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee enter into Executive Session, and 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 (SEIU).

Joseph Tierney	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Landers reopened the public session.

Reports:

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Grace LePain

Grace began her report by thanking Tainan Nunes, the former student representative to the school committee, for all of his hard work. She then introduced Kristen Stagg, the new student representative. Both Grace and Kristen reported that students are very happy to be back at school; sports have begun; and there is a new theater teacher.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: Joe Glynn reported that there was a Yarmouth 9/11 ceremony. D-Y Sophomore Alex Finn played Taps and did an outstanding job.

Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney gave an update on the progress of the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School.

Construction for the building mockup has started with metal framing and sheathing complete. Underground plumbing and electric is underway in building D and will continue into building C. This is an exciting time; everything appears to be on schedule.

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

Mrs. Woodbury began her report by introducing Miss Emily Reed, kindergarten teacher at the M.E. Small Elementary School. Emily explained that during the last school year, as part of their lesson in Civics, her students sent a letter to President Biden congratulating him on his victory. They were very excited to receive a letter in return. Both letters were included in the packet. The members of the committee, along with the superintendent, thanked Emily for coming to the meeting.

1. NEACAC Professional of the Year Award – Annette Bowes: Mrs. Woodbury referenced the award announcement included in the packet and congratulated Ms. Bowes on her award.
2. Silver Dolphin Awards: The superintendent referenced the Silver Dolphin Awards newsletter that was included in the packet.
3. MSBA Notification of Receipt of M.E. Small Elementary School Statement of Interest: Included in the packet.
4. Thank You Letter from Facilities Manager Sandy Cashen to N. Visceglia & Son Paving: The superintendent referenced Ms. Cashen's letter which was included in the packet. Visceglia & Son Paving repaired potholes at no charge and the district is very appreciative.
5. MassHire Cape & Islands Workforce Board awards DYHS an additional \$5000 stipend: Included in the packet.
6. FY22 Innovation Pathway Grant of \$30,000 awarded to DYHS: Included in the packet.
7. Letter to Miss Emily Reed's class from President Joe Biden: Please see above.
8. Fall 2021 Adult Education Brochure: Adult Education has returned and the brochure was included in the school committee packet.

a. School Opening

1. Covid Update

Superintendent Woodbury gave a brief update on Covid. The state's test and stay program is behind schedule. She also discussed close contacts and quarantine.

2. Bus Driver Shortage: The bus company is down 2 drivers. They are currently training people. It is definitely a challenge.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Jennifer Rose, and carried unanimously 7-0, it was VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Donations:

Move to accept a donation in the amount of \$2425.00 in the form of gift cards from Fill-A-Backpack, Inc. to families in need at the Mattacheese Middle School as per Mr. Bovino's memo of August 26, 2021.

Move to accept a donation of a 32" Toshiba TV, mount, and installation from Cape Cod Wireless to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District as per Mrs. Cashen's letter of August 16, 2021.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus two gray computer tables, one gas grill, one pull down projector screen, and two large plastic tubs with wheels at the Station Avenue Elementary School as per Mr. Crowell's memo of August 12, 2021.

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Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Public Comment

Vida Morris commented that she was unable to hear any of the speakers with the exception of the superintendent. She inquired as to the status of CRT; how much money has the district spent. Chair Landers responded, stating that she does not know what Ms. Morris is talking about. There has been no change in curriculum; the district follows the state's required curriculum. A consultant was hired for training in diversity, equity and inclusion which is not the same as critical race theory.

Adjournment

At 7:22 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary