

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2022

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Chairperson; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Phillip Morris; Marilyn Bemis; Joe Glynn; Kristen Stagg, Student Representative to the School Committee; Rose-Anna Joachim, Student Representative to the School Committee.

Members Not Present: Jeni Landers, Vice Chairperson.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Vida Morris.

At 6:34 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Jennifer Rose, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 6-0 by roll call vote it was

Voted: That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee will enter into Executive Session, to 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. (DYEA)

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

At 7:15 p.m., Chair Tierney reopened the public session.

Reports:

Student Representative Report – Kristen Stagg and Rose-Anna Joachim

Rose-Anna Joachim reported on recent news from the high school. Many student clubs volunteered at the food pantry. The Girls Cross Country team finished 3rd in the state; the Volleyball Team finished 2nd in the state. The Unified Basketball team won the Cape Cod Championship.

Kristen Stagg continued the report. Parents will soon be able to check their student's portal for report cards; December 10th and 11th are the revised dates for the play *Animal Farm*; Winter Percussion and Winter Guard are working hard and practicing. The Thanksgiving football game vs. Nauset will be played at D-Y at 10:00 on Thursday; the National Honor Society Blood Drive was a huge success; the mock election went well; and the "Pie it Forward" fundraiser is going very well.

Chair Tierney followed up on the student representatives' reports. He attended the State Championship Volleyball match where he was extremely impressed by the amount of support from the D-Y fans in the student section.

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that the name is now on the building and that everything continues to go well.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: No report.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Mr. Flynn began his report by sharing a presentation with current pictures of the progress at the new school.

1. Revenue and Foundation Enrollment

Mr. Flynn referenced the information included in the packet regarding revenue and foundation enrollment. He said that overall all targets should be met. He also explained that foundation enrollment means those students for whom we are fiscally responsible. The five years between 2019 and 2023 forms the basis for the foundation enrollment. The Dennis portion of the Dennis-Yarmouth split continues to shrink.

2. Capital Planning

Mr. Flynn said that the M.E. Small building has been submitted to the MSBA for consideration for the 7th year in a row. He does not expect that it will be chosen this year as there has been no site visit by the MSBA.

He also said that the study regarding the Administration building is complete. There are different scenarios including a new Administration building on its own; another with Early Education on the first floor and Administration on the second floor; and a third which would incorporate M.E. Small, Early Education; and Administration.

Mr. Flynn then shared photographs of the deteriorating conditions at the high school track. This is a very highly used facility and he feels it is important to be proactive on repairs. He will soon have an engineering report which he will share at a future school committee meeting.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Good News

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

Volleyball competed in the State Championship Friday evening at Worcester State University. Girls XC ran in the State Championship this past Saturday at Fort Devens. Our Unified Basketball Team won the Cape Cod Championship.

31 students auditioned for spots in the All-Cape Festival, and all 31 students made it. They will participate in band, orchestra and chorus: Competing for spots in the All-Cape & Islands Music Festival against musicians from each of the Cape towns and the Islands, 31 Dennis-Yarmouth students auditioned Wednesday evening with hopes of making a spot in one of three ensembles: band, chorus, or orchestra. Their hard work has paid off big time - all 31 students scored high enough to make the festival! That's right; the All-Cape Festival will be full of hard-working, dedicated, and truly talented Dolphins representing our community as shining stars. Go Dolphins! Band and Color Guard won State and New England Championships. We had a successful Dolphin Dash in October.

Mattacheese Middle School

Finley-our new therapy dog has arrived! She is a 10 week old "red fox lab" who belongs to Officer Brewer. She has already been super busy comforting students and bringing smiles to the whole community.

Mr. Steele, our social worker, has been busy organizing turkeys for our families in need and will drop them off to homes for Thanksgiving.

Students had a goal starting 11/1 of attaining 500 "shout-outs" before 12/18, and they have already reached the 400 mark! The incentive will be a special guest performance by a few community groups the week before holiday break for all the students' hard work.

Our student leadership group, the Ambassadors, will begin reading to younger students at M.E. Small after Thanksgiving. They will also be organizing a "Toys for Tots" drive to help our community before the holidays.

Nathaniel Wixon School

At Wixon we have sent 4 fifth grade homerooms so far to the State House and Edward M Kennedy Institute. The rest of the fifth grade homerooms will go in December. The 4th grade students went to the Barnstable Performing Arts Center for a concert which was enjoyable.

Our Winter Concert series starts the first Thursday in December. We have a concert on Thursday 12/1, Thursday 12/8, and Thursday 12/15. Everyone is invited to attend. We are also planning our last Winter Wonderland at Wixon. The tradition will continue at our new school, however if you would like to volunteer and help out, our event is typically the last school day before Winter break.

Ezra H. Baker Innovation School

We're off and running...literally, at EHBi! We would like to congratulate second grader Stephan Hoffman! Stephan designed the winning turkey that will be used on the tee shirts for the Andrea Holden Road race this Saturday! Each year, The Andrea Holden Foundation asks second graders to draw turkeys. They look for a unique design to represent the runners each year. This is one way our students, who receive so much from the community, give back!

Tomorrow, our school will participate in a Fun Run/Turkey trot! This event has been organized by our two PE teachers, Christen Fiero and Andy Tucker! This will be a community building event. Families are encouraged to attend and bring a non-perishable food item. These items will be donated to the Yarmouth Food Pantry! EHBi students keep finding ways to help their community!

M.E. Small Elementary

We assembled indoors, for the first time since the shut-down, to honor our veterans on November 10th. We are gathering again for our first in-person All School Meeting on November 22nd.

Station Avenue Elementary

SAE has the Scholastic Book Fair set up in our school this week. Our PTO runs it and we had many, many parents/friends visit to view the Book Fair and have lunch with their child. Staff, classrooms, and parents/family members were able to attend.

Our "Kindness Tree is "growing" more and more leaves daily. On November 22 we will have our "Power of One" annual All School Meeting. We are happy to be able to invite parents in again. This is a very moving meeting as we all watch the SAE collected food pile up and then know it will be delivered to our very own Yarmouth Food Pantry.

Mr. Glynn referenced the Yarmouth Substance Awareness Committee; they have drop-in nights at the Family Table (former site of the Riverway Restaurant) and the next is scheduled for November 30.

School Committee Business

On a motion by Marilyn Bemis, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried 6-0, it was

VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Donations

Move to accept a donation of various art supplies valued at \$3700.00 to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Art Department from Beverly Savage of East Dennis.

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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.

Information Item**NEASC Decennial Accreditation Letter**

Superintendent Woodbury referenced the information item included in the packet regarding the NEASC Decennial Accreditation. It is a very involved process.

Public Comment


Vida Morris had some questions and was advised to call the Administration office to speak with David Flynn.

Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 6-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary