

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2019

APPROVED

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A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 2, 2019, at the Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Andrea St. Germain, Secretary (arrived 6:37); Brian Carey, Treasurer; James Dykeman, Jr.; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM Instruction; Ann Knell, Principal, MMS Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel H. Wixon School; Michelle Dunn; Curt Sears.

At 6:30 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes

Tainan reported that the students at the high school are very busy with their studies. Winter sports have begun, clubs have been doing fundraising. Tainan shared that he represented D-Y in the Thanksgiving Parade in New York City. Ms. Landers extended congratulations to Tainan on behalf of the Committee.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen – B. Carey, Dennis; J. Tierney, Yarmouth

Brian Carey, Dennis: Mr. Carey acknowledged the D-Y football team's win in the Thanksgiving Chowder Bowl.

Joe Tierney, Yarmouth: Mr. Tierney was absent; no report.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

Cape Cod Municipal Health Group Financial Disclosure (Enc. 2c)

Mr. Jenks brought to the attention of the Committee a letter which was in the packet concerning a CCMHG Request for Legal Opinion. In order for Mr. Jenks and Mr. Finnell (retired D-YRSD) to continue to be involved in deliberations and votes that affect the cost of health insurance plans they must file a disclosure and get permission from their Appointing Authority (the DYRSD School Committee). After a brief discussion, on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0 it was

VOTED: To authorize Mr. Finnell and Mr. Jenks to continue to represent the district as voting members in matters that affect the benefits and costs of health insurance.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Good News

Mrs. Woodbury shared good news from around the district. She gave special mention to *Create the Good*, a group which has helped so many of our families this Thanksgiving.

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

Thanks to the Create the Good Turkey shoot Thanksgiving Dinner was provided to over 40 high school families.

Ezra H. Baker Innovation School

The U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board announced that Maura Dean of the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School has been offered a Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Program grant. Ms. Dean is one of approximately 76 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad through the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Program in 2019-2020. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential. The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to build relations between the people of the United States and the people of other countries that are needed to solve global challenges. Ms. Dean is currently involved in course work and will travel to Columbia this summer.

M.E. Small Elementary School

At MES we had a hugely successful "FUN RUN" fundraiser, raising over \$7,000.00 for our PTO. Students got pledges for each lap that was run and the BOOSTER Company came to our school and set up 2 courses. We had a lot of parent volunteers manning water stations and also members of the Yarmouth Fire Department helped counting laps. It was a fun morning!! Also, our very own Samantha Buron received the "Teacher of the Month" award from 99.9 WQRC. She was nominated by her colleague, Kathleen Healy. Her interview aired on the radio. She was presented with a plaque, a Visa gift card, an escape room experience and she will receive items for her students. We are very proud of her!

Nathaniel H. Wixon School

Wixon held its annual Helping Hands Thanksgiving Assembly on November 18th. The assembly was led by Mr. Wayne Bergeron. During the assembly the donations that filled Thanksgiving Baskets were displayed for our students. At the assembly Mr. Bergeron spoke about homelessness. Students were challenged to write an essay on what we can do to help the homeless. Two winners will be chosen to read their essay on Saturday, December 7th at the Telethon for Hope. Also from D-Y High School we have "PE Pals" who continue to visit our school for an hour a couple of days a week. Our high schoolers have been caught doing good as they are developing relationships with our kids and have done well to be a positive influence in many different classrooms. We look forward to the holiday season and would like any School Committee person who would like to volunteer at our Winter Wonderland to contact Mr. Blake in the near future. There will be cookie decorating, Grinch games, singalongs, and a chance to read Polar Express. If you can volunteer anytime between 8:45-12:30 on Friday, December 20th, then we have a job for you!

Station Avenue Elementary School

Our PTO sponsored Boosterthon ran for one week at SAE and culminated with the Fun Run outside. SAE met the challenge and raised 17,000.00 which the PTO will use to support field trips and other in-school events. Because the school met the challenge, Mr. Crowell dyed his hair Pink for the day and Ms. Leary donned a pink Wig. SAE held its annual Power of One meeting last Tuesday. A generous donation of non-perishable food was made to the Yarmouth Food Pantry representatives in attendance. We also welcomed back David Roth to share his music. Continuing our spirit of gratitude, for part of the last staff meeting staff members did a group project of constructing a turkey with thoughts of gratitude displayed on feathers. These were displayed in our lobby. Staff enjoyed the chance to be creative as a group.

Mattacheese Middle School

The 7th grade science classes participated in the King Arthur Bread making program on November 21st. Students were given a tutorial on bread making and received bread making kits that included everything

students would need to make 2 loaves of bread. It was free for our students as all materials were donated by King Arthur. The classes are designed to match the school curriculum and instructors rely on concepts like fractions and changing states of matter to explain what happens when you mix up yeast, flour, salt, and water and turn it into bread dough. Students learn practical application of their science and math lessons, seeing firsthand how ideas in their textbook translate to the food they eat. After a 50-minute lesson, each student takes home a custom baking kit in a reusable tote bag with a recipe booklet, a Red Star yeast packet, a dough scraper, two 2-pound bags of flour, and a bag for wrapping their bread. Over the weekend, students bake two loaves of bread with their families. One loaf is to enjoy at home, the second comes back to school to be given to a local charity, often a soup kitchen, senior center, or other community group. Despite the weather Mattacheese sponsored the Annual full school walk-run Turkey Trot on November 22nd. If you have been to MMS recently you may have seen a variety of international flags hanging at our Main Office entrance. These international flags represent the twenty-one different countries of origin from which our students have come. Thank you to our English Language teachers who made this project possible and to the students who are proud to see their flag hanging beside the USA flag. The first speaker of our annual Series was presented on Tuesday, November 26th. Wade Diriee attended Mattacheese in 6th and 7th grade before he went to D-Y in 2016/17. Presently a junior in high school, Wade impressed the Mattacheese students and his former teachers with his demeanor and maturity. Even sixth graders called him inspirational. Most notable was that Wade was open to answering questions from the audience of 550 people and did so with all of the composure of a public speaker. His goal is to become an oral surgeon. Wade provided a fantastic start to our fourth annual Speaker Series! The Mattacheese Community Service Club sponsored a Canned Food Drive to Benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who participated in donating over 1,200 cans. Advisories that had the top three donations were Ms. Looney, Ms. Street and Ms. Bryant. Thank you to everyone who helped families to have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Phil Morris shared an item from the Cape Cod Times regarding the 46th anniversary of Tuba Christmas. Musicians who play tuba, euphonium or baritone horn are invited to register to participate at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the band room of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. (There is a \$10 registration fee.) The 2:00 p.m. show Sunday of traditional Christmas music at Cape Playhouse, part of the Dennis Village Christmas Stroll, will be conducted by Alex Pendleton, chair of the music and performing arts department at D-Y. Tainan Nunes added that this is a very special event and that musicians come from all over to participate.

Jeni Landers shared that she recently chaperoned the 5th grade field trip to the state house and thanked the Wixon staff that helped make such a wonderful opportunity possible for the students.

School Committee Business

A. Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0, it was
VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Acceptance of Donations

Move to accept with gratitude various donations to the D-YRHS Athletic Department in memory of Bob Stead per Dr. Funk's memo of November 14, 2019.

Move to accept with gratitude three donations totaling \$175.00 to the SEALS Program at the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School in memory of Robert L. Beauchemin.

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of \$1000 to the STEM Activities Program from the Andrews Family Fund.

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of a backpack filled with school supplies to the Station Avenue Elementary School from Ms. Mary Patkoske.

Minutes

Move to accept the minutes of November 18, 2019

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendar

The next school committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2019, at Station Avenue Elementary School.

Information Items

Ms. Landers brought to the attention of the Committee the following items included in the packet:

Ann Knell Letter to the Masonic Angel Foundation

Peter Crowell Letter to Mr. John Drake

Items Distributed at the Meeting

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony Program

Public Comment Period

None

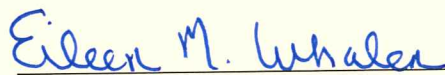
Executive Session

At 6:56 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman and carried 6-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session, not 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 Negotiations).

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Jeni Landers	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Andrea St. Germain	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary