

**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
Monday, February 28, 2022

**APPROVED**

3-14-22

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library 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; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg, Student Representatives to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School.

At 6:30 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 (DYEА Negotiations).

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

At 7:08 p.m., Chair Landers reopened the public session.

**Reports:**

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

Grace reported on the happenings at the high school. They are just getting back from February vacation. Alayna Rooney has been accepted to Stonehill where she will play volleyball. The Holly Young memorial volleyball tournament will take place on the half days, March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>. The National Honor Society is continuing after school activities with Wixon students. The NHS Blood Drive is March 18<sup>th</sup>. Kristen reported that class fundraisers are in full gear especially during the gap between winter and spring sports. The spring musical, *The Addams Family*, should be very entertaining.

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that the project is still on time and on budget.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.



Yarmouth: No report.

Mr. Tierney let everyone know about the St. Patrick's Day Parade coming up on Saturday at 11:00. Lots of D-Y students will be participating.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Approval of FY23 Budget

Mr. Flynn reviewed the PowerPoint presentation which had been reviewed at prior meetings including Cherry Sheets, Chapter 70, Net State Aid, Minimum Contributions, Per Pupil Expenditures, Budget Priorities, and DESE Function Codes. Joseph Tierney moved that the School Committee adopt an FY23 budget of \$71,776,209 with a Dennis operating assessment of \$18,002,177 and debt service of \$1,202,084 for a total assessment of \$19,204,261 and a Yarmouth operating assessment of \$37,869,165 and debt service of \$1,923,270 for a total Yarmouth assessment of \$39,792,435. The motion was seconded by Joe Glynn and discussion followed. Mr. Morris asked if this information has been shared with the Finance Committees in Dennis and Yarmouth. Mr. Flynn said he had attended the recent Yarmouth Finance Committee meeting but no meetings with Dennis yet. Joe Glynn asked about presenting to the towns. Mr. Flynn said official memos will be given to the towns once the school committee votes the budget. At the end of discussion, Chair Landers called for a roll call vote. The motion passes unanimously, 7-0.

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

Mr. Flynn gave a brief overview of the Capital Stabilization Fund which the committee had voted to establish at a prior meeting. He explained that the Department of Revenue can be contacted for a reversal of the transfer if something unexpected occurs. Superintendent Woodbury said that they are weaning off of using Excess & Deficiency for recurring expenses. Tomas Tolentino moved that the School Committee vote to amend its FY 2022 Operating Budget by increasing Line Item "150-90-70-983-9999 Transfer to Capital Stabilization Fund" by \$2,500,000. This amendment is to be appropriated by a transfer from Excess & Deficiency Fund Balance and will not affect the FY 2022 assessments to the member towns. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Bemis and a brief discussion followed. Mr. Flynn gave a brief explanation of different types of capital expenses. Chair Landers called for a roll call vote; the motion passes unanimously 7-0.

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

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Superintendent Woodbury reported that this was the first day of optional masking in schools; everything seems to have gone very well. She reported that the information about optional masking on school buses came to her via email from DESE on Sunday morning. Later that day she sent a message to families via phone, text, and email.

## **School Committee Business**

### **Naming of New School**

Mrs. Woodbury reminded the Committee that there have been two School Committee meetings regarding the naming of the new school including a public hearing. Mr. Glynn asked if there has been any additional input; there has not. On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Jennifer Rose, and carried unanimously by roll call vote it was

VOTED: That the new district school be named the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School.

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

### **Naming of the Auditorium in the New School**

Mr. Tierney feels strongly that the auditorium in the new school be named after Mr. Jenks. He said that he had talked to Brenda Jenks today; she is very humbled that the school committee is considering this honor for Ken. Phil Morris added that Ken's countless contributions to both towns will be permanently remembered in this way. Chair Landers likes that the auditorium is a place where the public will go for town meetings, plays, etc. and that this recognition is a wonderful tribute to Ken. On a motion by Joe Tierney, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

Voted: That the auditorium of the new school be named the Kenneth T. Jenks Performing Arts Center.

### **Consent Agenda:**

On a motion by Marilyn Bemis, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0, it was

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

### **Minutes**

February 7, 2022

February 16, 2022

### **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 (Enclosure)**

The superintendent referenced the information item included in the packet regarding Nathaniel Wixon Librarian Elena Schuck being named Southeast Co-Chair of the 2021-2022 Executive Board of the Massachusetts School Library Association. This is quite an honor and a testament to Ms. Schuck. Mr. Tierney recalled that in the past during times of budget issues Ms. Schuck was a real inspiration adding that she feels very strongly about her role as a librarian.



Chair Landers took an opportunity to acknowledge Principal Tim Blake, who was in attendance, on his work with the Dennis-Yarmouth Youth Lacrosse team.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

At 7:52 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen M. Whalen

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary