

**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
Monday, June 13, 2022

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Chairperson; Jeni Landers, Vice Chairperson (arrived 6:18); Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Phillip Morris; Marilyn Bemis; and Joe Glynn.

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; Kristen Stagg, Student Representative to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Dale Fornoff; Bobbette Woolery; Ronique McFarlane; Tshauni Brown; Brianna Hanniford; Rose-anna Joachim; Dennis-Yarmouth High School; Michelle Dunn, D-YEA; Vida Morris; Curt Sears.

At 6:03 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

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

**VOTED:** That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee will enter into Executive Session, to return to Public Session, to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto (School Safety and Security).

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| Tomas Tolentino | yes                  |
| Joe Glynn       | yes                  |
| Jennifer Rose   | yes                  |
| Marilyn Bemis   | yes                  |
| Phillip Morris  | yes                  |
| Jeni Landers    | not present for vote |
| Joseph Tierney  | yes                  |

At 6:39 p.m., Chair Tierney reopened the public session.

**Presentation – Equal Opportunity Schools**

Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM

Dale Fornoff and Bobbette Woolery, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School RISE Students

Presentation of Certificates

Chair Tierney introduced Betsy Pontius who in turn introduced Dale Fornoff and Bobbette Woolery from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. Ms. Fornoff gave a brief summary of Equal Opportunity Schools. Ms. Fornoff is the faculty lead for EOS while Ms. Woolery is the student advisor to RISE. Ms. Fornoff said that the high school began their involvement with Equal Opportunity Schools four years ago as a way to increase student engagement with higher level courses. Ms. Woolery said that the RISE team began this year to find ways to connect with students. They are planning many outreach activities including an Advanced Placement Fair and AP shadowing. Ms. Woolery then introduced students Ronique McFarlane, Tshauni Brown, Brianna Hanniford, and Rose-anna Joachim. Each student spoke of their experiences in EOS and RISE. After a brief question and answer period Superintendent Woodbury and Chair Tierney presented certificates to the students.

#### **Reports:**

##### DYRSD School Committee Student Representative - Kristen Stagg

Kristen reported on all the end of year happenings at the high school including AP meetings, field trips, step up day, and graduation.

##### School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that all is going well. There is a new traffic pattern to end the year at Station Avenue Elementary; construction vehicles now enter at the administration office driveway. Station Avenue traffic now enters at the old construction entrance. It appears that this has gone very well.

##### School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: Mr. Glynn reported that at the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the Yarmouth Rotary Scholarships will be announced.

##### Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Mr. Flynn reported that the school year is winding down and that summer clean will soon be starting.

##### Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Mrs. Woodbury acknowledged the other members of the Rotary Scholarship Committee including Mr. Tom Kerr. She shared that she is amazed at the quality of the scholarship applications. She also said that approximately \$350,000 in scholarships was distributed on Awards Night and that she is very grateful for all the support shown to our students.

The superintendent indicated that she would like to discuss high school start times at a future meeting. She said that there was a packet of information for the members to pick up upon leaving the meeting. She also mentioned that the district seal may have to be discussed at a future meeting. The Town of Yarmouth is currently reviewing the historical accuracy of the Yarmouth town seal.



## **School Committee Business**

### **Consent Agenda:**

On a motion by Phil Morris, 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 \$5000 donation from the Jean Hamilton Memorial Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation for scholarships as per Mrs. Saucier's June 2<sup>nd</sup> memo.

Move to accept a \$517.12 donation to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District from the Class of 1963 as per Mrs. Saucier's June 2<sup>nd</sup> memo.

### **Surplus**

Move to declare as surplus 6 boxes of professional resource books and 2 boxes of outdated math/EL games as per Mr. Crowell's June 7<sup>th</sup> memo.

Move to declare as surplus an outdated hearing test machine from the Station Avenue Elementary Nurse's office as per Mr. Crowell's June 8<sup>th</sup> memo.

Move to declare as surplus several outdated books; textbooks; workbooks; teacher's manuals; dictionaries; thesauruses; encyclopedias; and curriculum materials as listed in Mr. Bovino's June 8<sup>th</sup> memo.

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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. Chair Tierney noted that the last day of school is a half day on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Items Distributed at Meeting**

Informational Packet Regarding School Start Times

### **Public Comment**

Vida Morris complimented the RISE students on their presentations. She also had questions for Mrs. Pontius on her math presentation from a prior meeting; Chair Tierney suggested she contact Mrs. Pontius directly.

### **Adjournment**

At 7:20 p.m., on a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Jennifer Rose, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

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