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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of a School Committee Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Chairperson; Jeni Landers, Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Phillip Morris; Marilyn Bemis; 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; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM Instruction; Kris Hansen, Michelle Dunn, DYEA.

At 6:00 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 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 Negotiations)

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

At 7:05 p.m., Chair Tierney reopened the public session.

School Committee Reorganization

Superintendent Carol Woodbury

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee began its reorganization process for school year 2023-2024 with the Superintendent presiding. Mr. Joseph Tierney nominated Ms. Jeni Landers for the position of school committee chairperson. Ms. Landers accepted. Mr. Tomas Tolentino nominated Mr. Phillip Morris for the position of school committee chairperson. Mr. Morris accepted. Superintendent Woodbury asked for a vote on the nomination of Jeni Landers for the position of school committee chairperson and Ms. Landers was elected 4-0, by roll call vote.

Marilyn Bemis	yes
Tomas Tolentino	no
Joe Glynn	no
Phillip Morris	no
Jennifer Rose	yes
Jeni Landers	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes

Chair Landers then called for nominations for the position of vice chairperson. Mr. Joseph Tierney nominated Ms. Jennifer Rose. Ms. Rose accepted and was elected unanimously, 7-0, by roll call vote.

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

Chair Landers then called for nominations for the position of treasurer. Mr. Joe Glynn nominated Mr. Tomas Tolentino. Mr. Tolentino accepted and was elected unanimously, 7-0, by roll call vote.

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

Chair Landers then called for nominations for the position of secretary. Mr. Joseph Tierney nominated Ms. Marilyn Bemis. Ms. Bemis accepted and was elected unanimously, 7-0, by roll call vote.

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

Field Trip Approval (presented out of order):

Superintendent Woodbury asked that the committee approve a change in the order of the agenda. On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously it was

VOTED: To move the high school field trip proposal to this point in the agenda.

Field Trip Approval: The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School requests preliminary approval for a Robotics field trip to Japan during the school year 2024-2025. Kris Hansen gave a brief presentation. After brief discussion; on a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To give preliminary approval for a Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Robotics field trip to Japan during the school year 2024-2025.

Reports:

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Nothing new to report.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: No report.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Food Service Pizza Procurement

Motion: Move that the School Committee award a contract to Lupoli Companies-Sal's Production, LLC of Salem, New Hampshire to supply pizza to the Food Service department for the 2023-2024 school year at the rates specified in Rooney Powers' June 26, 2023 memo included in the packet.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Superintendent Woodbury announced that this will be her last school committee meeting. She thanked the committee. Chair Landers thanked Mrs. Woodbury for her incredible tenure.

School Committee Business

Superintendent Search – Memo to School Committee

Mr. Tierney distributed a memo from the Superintendent Search Committee to the Committee.

Ms. Landers read the memo into the record as follows:

Memo

To: Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee

From: Superintendent Search Committee

Date: June 21, 2023

Re: Candidates

The position of Superintendent of the DY School Committee (Ms. Landers corrected this to read DY School District) was posted on April 28, 2023. The

Search Committee received 14 applications before the closing date of May 15, 2023.

The Search Committee reviewed all 14 applications and selected four semi-finalists for interview. All four candidates were scheduled for interviews. One of the four candidates then withdrew their application.

The Search Committee interviewed the three semi-finalists. One of the three candidates then withdrew their application.

We recommend the following two candidates (in alphabetical order) to the School Committee:

Maria Lopes

Dr. Marc Smith

Thank you.

Chair Landers then reported to the committee that the next step will be a public forum on Wednesday, June 28, at 5:00 p.m. at the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School. Mr. Tierney said that there will be feedback forms for attendees to complete. On Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a school committee meeting to interview, deliberate, and choose the next superintendent. A brief discussion followed.

Consent Agenda: The field trip approval under the consent agenda was taken out of order earlier in the meeting.

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Items Distributed at Meeting

Memo to the Committee from the Superintendent Search Committee dated June 21, 2023.

Public Comment


Michelle Dunn expressed concerns about the superintendent search committee process.

Adjournment

At 7:48 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary