

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, July 17, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 17, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Marilyn Bemis, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Joseph Tierney; Phillip Morris; and Joe Glynn.

Members Not Present: Jennifer Rose, Vice Chairperson.

Others Present: Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM Instruction; Michael Bovino, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate School; Michelle Dunn, DYE; Vida Morris.

At 5:35 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Dr. Marc J. Smith

Dr. Smith reported to the Committee that he has met with Central Office staff to prepare for a Leadership Team retreat scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, July 19 and 20. He plans to hold two more retreat days in August. He told the Committee he plans to present an entry plan within the next month which will include a timeline and next steps.

Chair Landers told the Committee that the next meeting will take place on Monday, August 7th. Tracy Novick from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees will conduct a MASC workshop. The meeting will take place at the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School.

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that the auditorium is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by the end of the week. Work continues on punch list items. A discussion followed. Chair Landers inquired as to when an updated budget might be available to bring to the Committee. Dave Flynn discussed the bond and BAN and the amount of money needed. The MSBA will conduct an audit. Chair Landers asked if the bleachers are included at the turf field; Mr. Tierney said they were not. He will check to see if this can be added back in. Mr. Tolentino asked about landscaping, weeds, and hydro seeding. Mr. Flynn said that there was supposed to be a first year service contract from the installer.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Jeni Landers reported that the Board would like to meet regarding the building lease; they would like to discuss the installation of a pumping system and would try to have only one amendment to the lease. Dave Flynn said that Liz Sullivan is out this week. Ms. Landers said that having only one amendment makes sense and that we need to be sure that the installation of

a pump will not impact school use. Mr. Tierney asked about the solar panels; Mr. Flynn said that they are leased through CVEC on Town of Dennis land.

Yarmouth: Mr. Glynn reported that YSAC meets the last Wednesday of the month at the Family Table Collaborative. They have indicated that they would like to make a presentation at a future school committee meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn (Enc. 2D)

Cleaning and Custodial Services Contract

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To award a contract to Partner Facility Solutions Corp. to provide cleaning and custodial services from July 2023 through June 30, 2026 as per our specifications and Partner Facility Solutions Corp. bid response of June 25, 2023.

Chair Landers thanked Mr. Flynn for serving as interim superintendent.

School Committee Business

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 6-0 it was

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

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus several outdated books at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School History Department as per Ms. Bennett's July 3, 2023 memo.

Minutes:

June 12, 2023

June 26, 2023

Bills, Requisitions and Payroll

The warrants were signed by the committee.

Public Comment

Vida Morris expressed her concerns regarding the superintendent selection process.

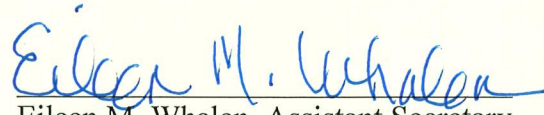
Michelle Dunn expressed her concerns about student caseloads for EL teachers and that teachers are leaving to go to other districts because of it.

Adjournment

At 6:15 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 6-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary