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**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, August 29, 2022**

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, August 29, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Chairperson; Jeni Landers, Vice Chairperson; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Phillip Morris; Marilyn Bemis; Joe Glynn; and Student Representative Kristen Stagg.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Jon Pope, Nicholas Hull, Chad Crittenden, PMA; Curt Sears.

At 5:31 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

**Reports:**

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School Updated Presentation – PMA

Jon Pope, Nicholas Hull, Chad Crittenden

The representatives from PMA gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the new school. This was followed up by questions from the committee. Mr. Morris commented on the quality of the photographs. Mr. Glynn asked when the traffic light will be operational. It is hoped it will be in use by late fall/early winter so that drivers will become accustomed to it prior to the opening of D-YIMS. Mr. Tolentino asked about the field that is directly on Station Avenue. Mr. Tierney asked about the possibility of fencing along the road. Also, there is a tree blocking one of the traffic lights; Jon Pope said that the DPW has something in the works to take care of this.

Student Representative Kristen Stagg

Kristen gave a brief report on the start of school at the high school. Fall sports have begun as well as marching band.

Policy Review Subcommittee

Superintendent Woodbury recommended that the Committee approve several policies at this, the third reading. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

**VOTED:** To approve Policy IHAM-Health Education, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy IHB – Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy IHBEA – English Language Learners, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy IMG – Use of Service Animals in School, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy IMGA – Therapy/Emotional Support Dogs in Schools, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy JB – Equal Educational Opportunities, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy JCA – Assignment of Students to Schools, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy JF – School Admissions, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy JFABD – Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy JFABE – Educational Opportunities for Military, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy JFABF - Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy JH - Student Absences and Excuses, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy JICFA – Prohibition of Hazing, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy JJA – Student Organizations, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy JJH-R – Student Travel Regulations, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy JLCB – Immunization of Students, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy JLCC – Communicable Diseases, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy IGA – Curriculum Development, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy IGD – Curriculum Adoption, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy JC – Attendance Areas, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy JIH – Searches and Interrogations, as presented.

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was  
VOTED: To approve Policy JRA – Student Records, as presented.

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

VOTED: To approve Policy JRD – Student Photographs, as presented.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: Mr. Glynn reported that Dawn Roache of the Yarmouth Substance Awareness Committee (YSAC) wanted to share that September is Yarmouth Substance Awareness month and that there will be an observance on August 31 from 5:30 to 8:00. It is expected that the observance will be very well attended.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Mr. Flynn gave a brief update regarding the new school including a discussion regarding a possible black chain link fence around Field C; the field that runs along Station Avenue. He also wished to acknowledge District Bookkeeper Joyce Proudfoot for her many years of service to the district. He also welcomed District Accountant Emily Machado.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Return of the Mattacheese Middle School building to the Town of Yarmouth and the Nathaniel Wixon School building to the Town of Dennis.

After a brief discussion, Phillip Morris moved to allow the administration to begin the process of returning the Mattacheese Middle School building to the Town of Yarmouth and the Nathaniel Wixon School building to the Town of Dennis. The motion was seconded by Jeni Landers and discussion followed. Mr. Tolentino asked about the time frame. Ms. Bemis asked about the process; would a committee be formed. Upon seeing no further comments, Chair Tierney called for a vote; the motion passes unanimously 7-0.

Superintendent Woodbury reported that the teachers will return on Wednesday; and students will return on September 6. Bus routes will be published soon. Chair Tierney wished to remind everyone that it usually takes a week or two for the buses and schedules to settle in. Mrs. Woodbury added that there are no Covid-specific guidelines in place; no masks, no distancing requirements, etc. Some students and staff members may still wear masks. Sick students should stay home. She also said that there are still some testing kits available.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0, it was VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

**Donations:**

Move to accept a donation of ten backpacks from Mr. Mark Ohrenberger of Yarmouth Port as per Mrs. Woodbury's July 27, 2022 letter.

Move to accept a donation of 2 calculators to Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School from Hannah Muse of South Yarmouth as per Dr. Funk's August 1, 2022 memo.

**Surplus:**

Move to declare as surplus one Rockwell Shaper; one Rockwell 18" Planer; and one Rockwell table saw as per Ms. Cashen's August 1<sup>st</sup> memo with accompanying pictures.

Move to declare as surplus 23 Everyday Math Books and 16 Houghton-Mifflin Books as per Mr. Crowell's August 12, 2022 memo.

**Minutes**

July 25, 2022

**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 made reference to several upcoming dates; the School Building Committee will meet on September 1<sup>st</sup>; the first day of school for students is September 6<sup>th</sup>; and the fall Open House dates are listed on the 2022-2023 School Calendar which is posted on the district website.

**Items Distributed at Meeting**

Selected Massachusetts General Laws 2022 for School Committees and School Personnel

List of Subcommittee Assignments

Adult Education Brochure Fall 2022

**Public Comment**

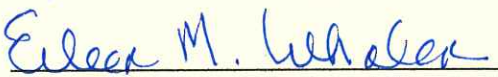
None.

**Adjournment**

At 6:30 p.m., on a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

  
Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary