



**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

Monday, October 23, 2023

**Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School Cafeteria
286 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts 02664**

6:00 p.m. - Executive Session

6:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting

THIS MEETING WILL ALSO BE ACCESSIBLE TO VIEW REMOTELY:

Channel 22 Live: <https://bit.ly/3IV5MVh>

YouTube Live: <https://bit.ly/3CGdOXR>

Members:

Ms. Jeni Landers, Chairperson
Ms. Jennifer Rose, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Marilyn Bemis, Secretary
Mr. Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer
Mr. Joseph Tierney
Mr. Phillip Morris
Mr. Joe Glynn

Administration

Dr. Marc J. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Mrs. Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction
Rose-Anna Joachim, Student Representative to the School Committee
Isabella Power, Student Representative to the School Committee

A. Call to Order (6:00 p.m.)

B. Executive Session

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, DYSAA Negotiations)

C. Reports and Discussions

i. Student Representatives Report – Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella Power

- ii. Request for Final School Committee Approval for 2024-2025 Japan Trip
Kris Hansen, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Motion: Move to approve a Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Robotics field trip to Japan during the school year 2024-2025.
- iii. Math Curriculum Implementation Support Plan - Betsy Pontius, Director of Stem
*(connects to Superintendent Goal #2)

D. Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

- i. Lynch Marini & Associates Reports
FY 23 Summary – David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
- ii. School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney
- iii. School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

E. Superintendent’s Report

- i. Recognition of Donations and other Acknowledgments
- ii. New Scholarship for School Committee Approval – Dalal Family Scholarship
Motion: Move to approve the Dalal Family Scholarship as per Mrs. Saucier’s October 4, 2023 memo.
- iii. Safety Drills/Meeting *(connects to Superintendent Goal #4)
- iv. Conference Week/Progress Reports

F. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda (Enclosure F)

G. Bills and Requisitions

H. Calendars

I. Public Comment

J. Adjournment

**The items listed to be discussed are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

***Please note: The timeframes listed above are intended to guide the School Committee in their work. It should be understood that the times are approximate, and therefore may occur earlier than noted; and may be taken out of order at the request of the Chair and a vote of the School Committee.*

Should there be a need for clarification on any of the aforementioned, please contact me prior to the meeting to allow sufficient time for further research if necessitated. Thank you. Dr. Marc J. Smith, Superintendent

Consent Agenda (Enclosure F)

The Superintendent recommends the School Committee approve the following items as

presented:

Donations:

Move to accept a donation of ten \$200 Stop & Shop gift cards to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School from the Andrea Holden Foundation.

Minutes:

September 18, 2023

October 2, 2023



Educational Tours

August 29, 2023

Kristofer Hansen
Dennis-Yarmouth High School
210 Station Ave.
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Dear Kristofer Hansen,

We understand that you, your school board and/or administration need more time to review your tour proposal to travel with your students in the 2024-2025 school year. Therefore, we would like to extend a *School Board Guarantee* to your group. Families who want to travel on the 2025 trip will only pay the \$95 enrollment fee in order to lock in the current price for the tour. In the event that your school board does not approve your 2025 tour, simply notify EF that you need to cancel your tour and we will refund enrolled travelers all monies paid. In order for this offer to be valid, EF must receive written notification of your intent to cancel prior to June 1, 2024.

We hope this guarantee will give your school board ample time to make its decision and allow you and your travelers to take advantage of early enrollment benefits and discounts available now. Please do not hesitate to contact your tour consultant, Kendall Lindstrom, should you have any questions.

Thank you for inspiring your students inside your classroom – and out in the world.

All the best,

Casey Youngentob

Casey Youngentob
Manager – New England
EF Educational Tours
casey.youngentob@ef.com
617) 619-2449



Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District
Revenue Budget - FY 2023

Description	FY 23 Budget	FY 23 Received	Variance + / -
State Aid - Chapter 70	10,048,712.00	10,048,712.00	-
State Aid - Charter School Reimbursement	536,528.00	661,589.00	125,061.00
State Aid - Regional School Transportation	1,419,273.00	1,705,147.00	285,874.00
<i>subtotal State Aid</i>	12,004,513.00	12,415,448.00	410,935.00
Dennis - Minimum Contribution	11,495,446.00	11,495,446.00	-
Dennis - Assessment Above Minimum	6,506,731.00	6,506,730.99	(0.01)
Dennis - Debt Service (net)	1,202,084.00	1,202,083.61	(0.39)
<i>subtotal Dennis Assessment</i>	19,204,261.00	19,204,260.60	(0.40)
Yarmouth - Minimum Contribution	24,082,171.00	24,082,170.96	(0.04)
Yarmouth - Assessment Above Minimum	13,786,994.00	13,786,994.04	0.04
Yarmouth - Debt Service (net)	1,923,270.00	1,923,269.89	(0.11)
<i>subtotal Yarmouth Assessment</i>	39,792,435.00	39,792,434.89	(0.11)
Medicaid Reimbursement	475,000.00	410,449.69	(64,550.31)
Misc Revenue	275,000.00	98,509.11	(176,490.89)
Earnings on Investments	25,000.00	322,886.23	297,886.23
<i>subtotal Local Revenue</i>	775,000.00	831,845.03	56,845.03
GRAND TOTAL	71,776,209.00	72,243,988.52	467,779.52



Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District
Expense Budget - FY 2023

Description	FY 23 Budget	FY 23 Expended	Variance + / -
1000 - Administration	2,327,150.20	2,534,066.84	(206,916.64)
2000 - Instruction	35,702,152.16	36,684,733.05	(982,580.89)
3000 - Pupil Services	1,930,449.00	1,888,613.58	41,835.42
3300 - Transportation	4,126,731.44	4,099,955.46	26,775.98
4000 - Maintenance & Utilities	4,894,436.20	4,889,358.98	5,077.22
5000 - Benefits & Fixed Charges	11,351,318.00	10,714,271.54	637,046.46
6000 - Private School Transportation	126,880.00	119,130.00	7,750.00
7000 - Fixed Assets	365,000.00	7,809.00	357,191.00
9000 - Tuition to Other Schools	7,826,738.00	7,643,246.46	183,491.54
subtotal Operating Budget	68,650,855.00	68,581,184.91	69,670.09
8000 - Debt Service	3,125,354.00	3,125,808.22	(454.22)
GRAND TOTAL	71,776,209.00	71,706,993.13	69,215.87 0.096%




Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District
Office of the Superintendent
296 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth, Massachusetts 02664

Phone: (508) 398-7600 Fax: (508) 398-7622

MEMORANDUM



TO: Dr. Marc Smith
Superintendent

FROM: Jane E. Saucier
Assistant Treasurer 

RE: New Scholarship for School Committee Approval

DATE: October 4, 2023

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District will be receiving a \$10,000 annual donation from Drs. Akshay and Shobhana Dalal. The specifications for the scholarship are listed below:

Name of Scholarship: Dalal Family Scholarship

Amount of Scholarship: \$10,000 x 4 years

Payment Date: A check for in the amount of \$10,000 will be sent directly to the school after completion their first semester after providing the Assistant Treasurer with a copy of their second semester invoice.

Number of Scholarships: One per year

Length of Scholarship: Indefinite

Selected by: Dennis-Yarmouth H.S. Guidance Department

Criteria: Male or Female
Financial Need
Academic Record
Leadership role as captain of an athletic team or class president
Extracurricular activities including community service

As in the past, a vote of the School Committee is needed. There will be no cost to the district associated with this award. I recommend that the "Dalal Family Scholarship" be approved.

"Empowering each student to achieve excellence with integrity in a changing world"

Kevin F. Depin, Principal

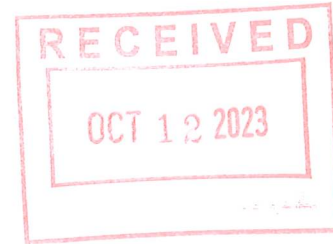
Ellen Flanagan, Asst. Principal

Ezra H. Baker Innovation School

810 Route 28
West Dennis, MA 02670
(508) 398-7690

<https://www.dy-regional.k12.ma.us/ezra-h-baker-innovation-school>

October 10, 2023



Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools

296 Station Avenue

South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Dear Marc,

I respectfully submit the donation of (10) \$200.00 Stop & Shop gift cards to Ezra H. Baker Innovation School for review and acceptance by the D-Y School Committee.

This generous donation is made on behalf of the Andrea Holden Foundation, P.O. Box 542, South Dennis, MA 02660.

I am grateful for these gift cards, and will ensure that they will be used for our families in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin F. Depin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kevin F. Depin

Principal

KFD/pmc

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Jennifer Rose, Vice Chairperson; Marilyn Bemis, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Phillip Morris (arrived 7:00 p.m.); Joe Glynn; Student Representative Rose-Anna Joachim; Student Representative Isabella Power.

Members not Present: Joseph Tierney.

Others Present: Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Michael Guidice; Sue Gierej; Vida Morris.

At 6:32 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports and Discussions

Student Representatives Report – Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella Power

The student representatives reported on the happenings at the high school. There was a great turnout for Open House; seniors are meeting with their guidance counselors; fall sports are very busy.

Town of Dennis – Overview of Wastewater Program

Michael Guidice, CDM Smith

Mr. Guidice distributed a copy of the presentation to the members. He discussed the collection system and a proposed pumping station location at the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School. The Town of Dennis will be responsible for maintaining the site; it is separate from the parking lot area of the school. The area will be fenced in. Mr. Kevin Depin, Principal of the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School, was present at the meeting. He does not feel there will be any impact on the school. A question and answer period followed. Mr. Tolentino asked about the pipes; they will be coming from the Trotting Park Road area and all pipes are in the street. Mr. Tolentino also asked about road closures at student drop-off and pick-up times; Mike said that there will be a traffic management plan and they will cooperate completely with the school's needs. Ms. Bemis asked how the school day might be impacted by the operations of the pumping station. There will be a separate entrance to the station; there will be one daily visit by a town worker; no impact at all on the day-to-day operations of the school. Chair Landers prefers summer construction if at all possible and asked about the feasibility of a fence around the station. Mike said there will be a fence during construction but said that fencing once the building is completed would not be necessary and would draw attention to the building. All of the controls are inside a secure building. Upon seeing no further discussion, on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and passed unanimously 6-0, it was

VOTED: To approve a proposed pumping station location at the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School as presented.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Presentation of Draft Goals

Superintendent Smith shared his Superintendent Evaluation Goals. There are four goals; Professional Practice, Student Learning, District Improvement, and District and School Safety Planning. Under Professional Practice he discussed the New Superintendent Induction Program; outlining Key Actions, Benchmarks, and Intended Outcome. Under the Student Learning Goal he discussed the Math Curriculum Implementation, Learning Walks, and Instructional Rounds. Under District Improvement Goals he discussed Effective Entry and Direction Setting; including key actions, benchmarks, and intended outcomes. Under District and School Safety Planning he shared that he will establish and lead a team made up of staff from Police and Fire from both Yarmouth and Dennis as well as school staff to review and revise safety protocols. He shared key actions, benchmarks, and intended outcomes. Discussion and questions and answers followed Dr. Smith's presentation. Mr. Glynn asked about the New Superintendent Induction Program; Mr. Tolentino asked about the intended outcome of the math proficiency scores increasing by 7% points; Dr. Smith said he would like the outcome to be realistic and rigorous. Chair Landers asked why the focus on math under Student Learning Goal; Dr. Smith explained that it was a perfect opportunity as Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM, had already met with him regarding the leadership teams observing practice and performing instructional rounds.

Dr. Smith said that he will create Google folders for all four of his goals and that the school committee will have access to the folders. He will also communicate weekly with the committee. Chair Landers would like to have interim check-ins as well and suggested a workshop meeting. She will reach out to MASC. Mr. Glynn offered his help as a liaison regarding the safety plan.

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

VOTED: To approve the superintendent's goals for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Dave Flynn reported that punch list items are still being finished up. Superintendent Smith will contact PMA to schedule a presentation to the school committee at an upcoming meeting.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Yarmouth: No report.

Dennis: No report.

Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Donations and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Smith thanked the Sean Gannon Memorial Fund and the Max Springer Holocaust Education Fund for their generous donations toward funding the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

trip to Washington, D.C. He also thanked Shaw's Supermarket for their generous donation of school supplies.

Update: Emergency Access Shelter

The superintendent updated the committee; there are approximately 30 school-aged children, most are in the elementary grades. Two teams of D-Y staff members including administrators, nurses, and translators, went to the shelter to help with the registration process. Most of the families have documentation. Transportation is a challenge. There is a Department of Public Health nursing team performing health screenings on site. Students will be starting school this week.

Open House Season

Open Houses have begun and all have been extremely well attended with a lot of family and community support. Chair Landers agreed that the high school open house was wonderful.

Mr. Glynn thanked Dr. Smith for his weekly communications letter; he also asked about the DPH nursing team at the shelter. Dr. Smith said that the school district's nurse director was on site as well. He said that D-Y is well structured to support families and that the addition of these students will not cripple our infrastructure. Mr. Tolentino asked about additional costs for transportation; Mr. Flynn said that no additional buses were necessary to accommodate the new students.

Consent Agenda

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

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

Donations:

Move to accept a donation of \$675.00 from the Sean Gannon Memorial Fund and a donation of \$566.00 from the Max Springer Holocaust Education Fund to help fund the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School trip to Washington, D.C. as per Ms. Bennett's memo of September 11, 2023.

Move to accept a donation of school supplies from Shaw's Supermarket in South Yarmouth as per Superintendent Smith's letter of September 13, 2023.

Surplus

Move to declare "weeded" library books at the Station Avenue Elementary School as surplus as per Mr. Crowell's memo of September 8, 2023.

Bills and Requisitions

The warrants were signed by the committee.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were reviewed.

Items Distributed at Meeting

Dennis Wastewater Program Presentation

Public Comment

Vida Morris had several questions regarding the emergency shelter. Sue Gierej said that the communication is key.

Adjournment

At 7:31 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 6-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary

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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 2, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Jennifer Rose, Vice Chairperson; Marilyn Bemis, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Phillip Morris; Joseph Tierney; Joe Glynn; Student Representative Rose-Anna Joachim; Student Representative Isabella Power.

Others Present: Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Alex Pendleton, Michelle Dunn.

At 6:30 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports and Discussions

Student Representatives Report – Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella Power

Isabella reported on the German exchange and fall sports. Rose-Anna reported on an upcoming game show night for all clubs sponsored by the National Honor Society; Unified Basketball is starting soon; and the upcoming fall play is *Murder on the Orient Express*.

Permission for Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Winter Percussion to Travel to Dayton, Ohio for the Winter Guard International World Championship Finals– Alex Pendleton

Mr. Pendleton appeared before the Committee to request permission for a winter percussion overnight trip to Dayton, Ohio. Because the trip is during April vacation there will be no time missed from school. He reviewed the itinerary, cost, and details. The Band Parents will ensure that students will be able to attend no matter the financial situation. Dr. Smith added that Alex was one of the first teachers he met with during the summer; they both feel strongly that no student should be denied an opportunity due to finances.

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

VOTED: To approve a Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Winter Percussion field trip to Dayton, Ohio to compete in the WGI World Championship Finals. Dates of the trip are April 16, 2024 to April 20, 2024.

Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reports that PMA will give a presentation to the School Committee at the November 6th meeting. A brief discussion followed regarding the turf field.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Yarmouth: No report.

Dennis: No report.

Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Donations and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Smith acknowledged with thanks the generous \$500.00 donation from the Kenneth T. Jenks Student Enrichment Fund toward the Dennis-Yarmouth High School Washington, D.C. school trip.

Clothing Drive

Dr. Smith acknowledged Dennis-Yarmouth staff member Carolina Larrain for all of her hard work organizing this effort for the families at the emergency shelter.

October 6th Professional Development In Service Day

Dr. Smith briefed the committee on the upcoming professional development day.

Consent Agenda

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

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

Donations:

Move to accept a \$500.00 donation from the Kenneth T. Jenks Student Enrichment Fund toward the Dennis-Yarmouth High School Washington, D.C. school trip as per Ms. Bennett's September 19, 2023 memo.

Minutes:

September 11, 2023

Bills and Requisitions

The warrants were signed by the committee.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were reviewed.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

At 6:55 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary

October 2023

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November '23

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 SC Meeting 6:30	3	4	5	6 All Cape Professional Day No School	7
8	9 Columbus Day Holiday	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Parent-Teacher Conferences Early Release All Grades	18	19	20	21
22	23 SC Meeting 6:30	24 Parent-Teacher Conferences Early Release All Grades	25 1.5 Hour Early Release All Grades	26 Parent-Teacher Conferences Early Release All Grades	27	28
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November 2023

October '23

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Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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	SC Meeting 6:30				Veteran's Day Observation No School	
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	SC Meeting 6:30					
26	27	28	29	30		
			1.5 Early Release Day All Schools		Thanksgiving Break	
					Thanksgiving Day	
					Thanksgiving Break	
		Notes				