



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

REVISED

Monday, February 28, 2022

**Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library
210 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts 02664**

6:30 p.m. Executive Session

6:45 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 Present:

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

Administration

Mrs. Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Mrs. Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction
Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg, Student Representatives to the School Committee

I. Open the Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

II. 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)

III. Reports

D-YRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

a. Approval of FY23 Budget

Motion: Move that the School Committee adopt an FY23 budget of \$71,776,209 with a Dennis operating assessment of \$18,002,177 and debt service of \$1,202,084 for a total assessment of \$19,204,261 and a Yarmouth operating assessment of \$37,869,165 and debt service of \$1,923,270 for a total Yarmouth assessment of \$39,792,435.

b. FY 2022 Budget Amendment to Transfer Funds into the Capital Stabilization Fund

Motion: I move that the School Committee vote to amend its FY 2022 Operating Budget by increasing Line Item “150-90-70-983-9999 Transfer to Capital Stabilization Fund” by \$2,500,000. This amendment is to be appropriated by a transfer from Excess & Deficiency Fund Balance and will not affect the FY 2022 assessments to the member towns.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

IV. School Committee Business (Enclosure 4)

a. Naming of New School

Motion: Move that the new district school be named the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School.

b. Naming of the Auditorium in the New School

Motion: Move that the auditorium of the new school be named the Kenneth T. Jenks Performing Arts Center (as requested by Mr. Joseph Tierney)

c. Consent Agenda

V. Bills, Requisitions and Payroll

VI. Calendars

VII. Information Item (Enclosure)

Nathaniel Wixon Librarian Elena Schuck Named as Southeast Co-Chair on the 2021-2022 Executive Board of the Massachusetts School Library Association

VIII. Public Comment

IX. 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. Carol A. Woodbury, Superintendent

Consent Agenda (Enclosure 4)

The Superintendent recommends the School Committee approve the following items as presented:

Minutes

February 7, 2022

February 16, 2022



Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District

296 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

David M. Flynn

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

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

DATE: February 28, 2022

TO: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools
Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee

RE: FY 2022 Budget Amendment to Transfer Funds into the Capital Stabilization Fund

The District has previously authorized the establishment of a Capital Stabilization Fund. Although the fund has been created, to date there have been no funds transferred into the Capital Stabilization Fund. Per DESE and DOR guidelines, a transfer of funds into the Capital Stabilization Fund is approved by amending the current FY 2022 budget to include a line item for "Transfer to Capital Stabilization Fund". The funding source for this amendment will be an appropriation from our Excess & Deficiency Fund Balance (E&D). The Department of Revenue has recently certified our Excess & Deficiency Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,971,644 (see attached).

As we discussed in the past, the age of our buildings and grounds requires constant upkeep, repair, and replacement. Any project to be funded from the Capital Stabilization Fund will require a 2/3 vote of the School Committee authorizing the funds to be used. At this time, we are recommending a transfer of \$2,500,000 into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Motion:

I move that the School Committee vote to amend its FY 2022 Operating Budget by increasing Line Item "150-90-70-983-9999 Transfer to Capital Stabilization Fund" by \$2,500,000. This amendment is to be appropriated by a transfer from Excess & Deficiency Fund Balance and will not affect the FY 2022 assessments to the member towns.

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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson (left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.); Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Marilyn Bemis; Joe Glynn; Tomas Tolentino; Kristen Stagg, Student Representative to the School Committee.

Members Not Present: Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Grace LePain, Student Representative to the School Committee.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Tara Mason and Karen Purcell, DYEA; Vida Morris.

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

Public Hearing

A. Naming of the New School – Carol Woodbury, Superintendent
Mrs. Woodbury recommended that the new school be named the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School with grades 4 and 5 in the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate School and grades 6 and 7 in the Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School.

B. Public Comment

None

C. School Committee Comment

Chair Landers asked for comments from the Committee.

Phil Morris endorses the recommendation of the superintendent. Marilyn Bemis agrees; she felt it signifies a unified school but each with its own identity. Tomas Tolentino referenced an email received by the Committee from Mr. Ean McPherson in support of the recommendation. Mr. Tolentino also supports the recommendation and would like to discuss the possibility of honoring Mr. Kenneth Jenks by naming a part of the building after him. Joe Glynn supports the superintendent's recommendation and would also like to honor Mr. Jenks. He also mentioned honoring Sean Gannon. Joseph Tierney agrees with the superintendent's recommendation as well as honoring Mr. Jenks in some way. He offered the idea of naming the Performing Arts Center after him, noting that Ken always pushed for the arts in the district and was such a big part of the Dennis-Yarmouth community. Mr. Tierney has been in contact with Ken's family and they would be very honored and humbled. Chair Landers agrees with the superintendent's recommendation as well as honoring Mr. Jenks in some way. Superintendent Woodbury is in support of remembering Ken by naming the auditorium the Kenneth T. Jenks Performing Arts

Center. She said that there will be no vote this evening. The vote on the new school name will take place at the February 28th school committee meeting.

D. Close the Hearing

At 6:50 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, closed the public hearing.

Chair Landers, noting that the public hearing for the presentation of the FY23 budget was not scheduled to begin until 7:20, moved on to other business on the agenda.

Reports:

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

Kristen Stagg gave the report on the happenings at Dennis-Yarmouth High School. They have begun second semester. There will be an upcoming NHS Blood Drive; senior week activities are being planned; the spring play will be *The Addams Family*. Grace LePain was not present.

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney said there had been a recent building committee meeting; all is going well. David Flynn added that staff from both the Wixon and Mattacheese schools had an opportunity to see furniture samples which were set up at the Wixon School.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: No report.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

The superintendent referenced the letter from the Massachusetts School Building Authority that was distributed at the meeting. The Statement of Interest for the M.E. Small School will not be considered. The superintendent then shared some good news about the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the district's winners. She then shared portions of an email that she received from a coach in Mashpee. The coach related that the Mashpee team was on the return ferry along with the D-Y team. Some of the Mashpee team members had an unpleasant encounter with a couple of men on the ferry. Members of the D-Y team along with their coach, Donta Phillips, stepped in and showed kindness to the Mashpee team members and calmed a tense situation. Their willingness to step up was much appreciated.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

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

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

Donations:

Move to accept a \$16,000 donation to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District from the Lyndon Paul Lorusso Foundation to fund scholarships for Dennis-Yarmouth High School graduates.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus one teacher style desk as per Mr. Bovino's December 2 memo and accompanying photograph.

Minutes:

January 24, 2022

At 7:02, Chair Landers called for a recess until the start of the public budget hearing.

At 7:24, Chair Landers opened the public budget hearing.

Public Hearing

- A. Presentation of FY23 Budget – David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations; Carol Woodbury, Superintendent
Mr. Flynn gave a PowerPoint presentation about the budget. He reviewed the timeline; town meetings; enrollment data; selected populations; college plans; foundation enrollment; state aid update; cherry sheets. He noted that the towns contribute more than their required contribution. The budget would have the Dennis portion at a 2.498% increase and the Yarmouth portion at a 1.318% increase. Both towns would be below two and a half percent.

Chair Landers thanked Mr. Flynn for his presentation and opened the meeting to Public Comment. Each speaker would be limited to 3 minutes.

B. Public Comment

Vida Morris asked why the Yarmouth portion was less, noting that she cannot recall this ever happening before. Mr. Flynn said the minimum dollar amount increased and this would only be for this year or perhaps 2 or 3 years. She asked if this was about the real estate valuation; Mr. Flynn said it was the same dollar amount. He said that there are new higher foundation budget rates; ELL and low income, it is a direct benefit. He said we should take the good while we can.

Public Comment ended at 7:58 p.m.

C. School Committee Comment

All of the members thanked Mr. Flynn for his presentation.

D. Close the Hearing

At 8:05 p.m., Chair Landers closed the Public Hearing and returned to the remainder of the regular agenda.

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Item Distributed at Meeting

Copy of email from Ean McPherson Regarding Naming of New School
Letter from MSBA re Statement of Interest Status for M.E. Small Elementary School
FY23 Budget Public Hearing PowerPoint

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

At 8:06 p.m., on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried unanimously 5-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary

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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2022

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

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

Members Not Present: Grace LePain, Student Representative to the School Committee.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Rooney Powers, Director of Food Service; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Carol Mahedy, Principal, M.E. Small Elementary School; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Michelle Dunn, Ray Castano, Emily Gould, D-YEA; Vida Morris; several members of the public.

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

Superintendent/Nurse Leader
Review of Revised DESE Guidance
Superintendent Carol Woodbury
Nurse Leader Kristin Dwyer
Dr. Kenneth Colmer

The superintendent gave a brief overview of the Governor's press release regarding ending the mask mandate as of February 28, 2022. She added that she and Kristin Dwyer also participated in a Zoom call with the Commissioner who recommends less masking vs. no masking. For instance, masks will still be required on school buses and in school health offices. She referenced the Covid-19 data sheets that were distributed prior to the meeting. Kristin Dwyer spoke of the declining cases; symptomatic testing; at home test kits; as well as the availability of vaccines and boosters. Mrs. Woodbury said that a layered approach is best including hand washing and staying home when sick. Dr. Colmer is in agreement with the data.

Public Comment

Michelle Dunn said she had surveyed the D-YEA. Of the 55% who responded, 67% were in agreement with the recommendation to end masking on February 28. There were twelve speakers during public comment, eleven of whom were in favor of ending masking on February 28.

School Committee Business

School Committee Discussion & Vote – Masks

Chair Landers asked the Committee for their comments. Joe Glynn agrees with the DESE guidance on ending masking on February 28. He commended the teachers on their hard work. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also for the emails received. Phil Morris also thanked those attending. Tomas Tolentino thanked those attending as well as those who sent emails prior to the meeting. Marilyn Bemis thanked all who came out to the meeting. Jennifer Rose noted that she has 2 students at the high school and will respect whatever decision is made. Joe Tierney thanked all who came to the meeting as well as those who sent emails. He asked about the MIAA; they will be ending masking on February 28 as well. All students including special needs students will no longer be required to wear masks as of February 28. Superintendent Woodbury said that the district has followed DESE guidelines throughout the pandemic. She said if the committee votes to follow the DESE guidance the need to show respect to those who choose to continue to wear masks is very important. Mr. Tierney added that there are vaccination clinics coming up on both March 10th and March 17th. The district has been very consistent; he does not see any reason to delay. Chair Landers thanked everyone for their emails and for coming to the meeting. She said that this Committee voted to have masks prior to the state mandate. It is not an easy decision. She is concerned about the possible spike in cases after February vacation similar to what happened after the December break. Discussion followed regarding the wording of a possible motion; Superintendent Woodbury suggested that the recommendation would be to follow DESE guidelines.

Phil Morris moved that the Committee follow DESE guidelines regarding masking; Joseph Tierney seconded; and discussion followed.

Mr. Tierney said that he supports the recommendation and that people who choose to wear masks will be able to do so. Tomas Tolentino supports the recommendation; people have to do their part by keeping their students home from school when sick. Marilyn Bemis is in support of the recommendation.

Jeni Landers moved to amend the original motion by specifying March 14th as the date to put the guidelines into effect, Marilyn Bemis seconded and discussion continued.

Joe Glynn said that the proposed amendment changes the spirit of the original motion. Discussion about the amendment to the motion continued. The superintendent said that they can monitor numbers after vacation; if a temporary mask mandate is called for then she would be willing to do that. Kristin Dwyer agreed; between symptomatic testing and the at-home test kits she feels they can monitor any possible spike in cases. Based on this information; Jeni Landers withdrew her amendment. Phil Morris withdrew his motion in its entirety.

On a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: That the Committee follow DESE guidelines regarding masking.

Joe Glynn	yes
Phil Morris	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes

Marilyn Bemis yes
Jennifer Rose yes
Joseph Tierney yes
Jeni Landers yes

Items Distributed at Meeting

Additional Emails re: Masks
DPH Advisory Updated February 14, 2022
Covid-19 Data as of February 16, 2022

Adjournment

At 8:11 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Jennifer Rose, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary

DRAFT

Mrs. Carol Woodbury, Superintendent
Dennis Yarmouth
296 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth 02664



February 10, 2022

Dear Mrs. Woodbury,

It is my pleasure to inform you that Elena Schuck, School Librarian at Nathaniel H. Wixon School, has been chosen to serve as Southeast Co-Chair on the 2021–2022 Executive Board of the Massachusetts School Library Association (MSLA).

MSLA plans professional development opportunities for members to support their efforts to provide strong school library programs for all students in Massachusetts. Our Area Directors throughout the state host regional meetings to explore topics of local interest and share best practices. MSLA holds a robust two-day conference each year. This year's virtual conference—Reset, Recharge, Reimagine: School Libraries in the Age of COVID-19—takes place March 26–28, 2022. The conference features workshops, presentations, children's and young adult authors, and nationally-known speakers. All of our professional learning aims to ensure that every student has equal access to the wealth of resources and learning provided by the school library. We hope you encourage your entire school library staff to attend the only conference in Massachusetts designed exclusively for school librarians and library support staff.

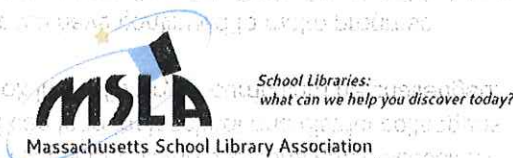
This year especially, MSLA also recognizes that school librarians are on the front lines when it comes to book challenges in Massachusetts. We have presented a variety of training sessions and discussion groups for our members so that they will be prepared and can lead their school and district colleagues through a process based on facts—not fear—should a book in the library or curriculum be challenged.

We are pleased to say that even throughout the pandemic we have continued to make progress advocating for excellence in school library service in Massachusetts. Last fall, State Senator Eric Lesser and 35 other state legislators signed a letter to DESE asking the Department to collect data on school libraries annually. This is one of the primary recommendations in the 2018 study by the Legislative Special Commission on School Library Services in Massachusetts. The study data indicate a lack of equity in access to effective school library programs for Massachusetts students in the forms of information literacy instruction (and other curricula), diverse resources (books, technology), and a host of services and professional development that radiate from the licensed school library media specialist teacher position. We remain hopeful that the Legislature will adopt all of the Commission's recommendations to rectify this situation.

MSLA, with the help of committed members like Elena Schuck, works diligently to help you continue to provide excellent school library services to all of your students. Thank you for supporting Elena's participation on the MSLA Executive Board.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Varney
MSLA President



February 2022

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March 2022

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