



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

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

6:30 p.m.

THIS MEETING WILL ALSO BE ACCESSIBLE TO VIEW REMOTELY:

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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

- I. Open the Meeting (6:30)**
- II. Superintendent's Award for Academic Excellence**
- III. Reports and Discussions**
 - i. Student Representatives Report – Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella Power
 - ii. Approval of FY25 Budget
Superintendent Marc Smith and Assistant Superintendent David Flynn
Motion: I move that the School Committee adopt an FY 2025 budget of **\$80,899,651** with a Transfer from E&D of **\$500,000** toward the Operating Budget; and a Dennis operating assessment of **\$19,378,586** and a debt service of **\$1,420,782** for a total Dennis assessment of **\$20,799,368**; and a Yarmouth operating assessment of **\$41,168,199** and a debt service of **\$2,588,368** for a total Yarmouth assessment of **\$43,756,567**.

IV. Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

- i. School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney
- ii. School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

V. Superintendent's Report

- i. Recognition of Donations and Acknowledgments
- ii. Select Board/Finance Committee Report Out

VI. School Committee Business (Enclosure 6)

Consent Agenda

VII. Bills, Requisitions and Payroll

VIII. Calendars (Enclosure 8)

IX. Public Comment

X. 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 (Enc. 6)

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

Donation

Move to accept a donation of a train table and assorted trains, tracks, and accessories to the preschool classrooms at the M.E. Small Elementary School and the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School from Charlie and Jane Martin of Yarmouth Port as per Ms. Mooney's letter of March 4, 2024.

Move to accept a donation of teacher school supplies to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School from the D-Y Women's Club as per Mr. Depin's February 28th letter.

Surplus

Move to declare as surplus 336 Medify air purifiers as per Mr. Faucher's March 6th letter.

Minutes: February 12, 2024

FY 2025 Budget



Select Board Meetings

March 12, 2024



FY25 Budget Timeline

Key Dates

Monday 1-8-24	Initial Budget Presentation
Monday 1-22-24	SC Approve Tentative Budget <i>- Not less than 30 days prior to final budget adoption</i>
Monday 2-5-24	SC Public Budget Hearing
Wednesday 3-13-24	SC Final Budget Adoption <i>- Not less than 45 days before first Town Meeting</i>
<i>Friday 3-15-24</i>	<i>Last Possible Date to Adopt Final Budget</i>
Tuesday 4-30-24	Yarmouth Town Meeting
Tuesday 5-7-24	Dennis Town Meeting



DYRSD FY25 Overall Goal

Maintain the same level of educational service while looking closely at our programs for efficiencies that allow us to more effectively and efficiently meet the needs of all learners in our district and ensure they are empowered to achieve excellence.

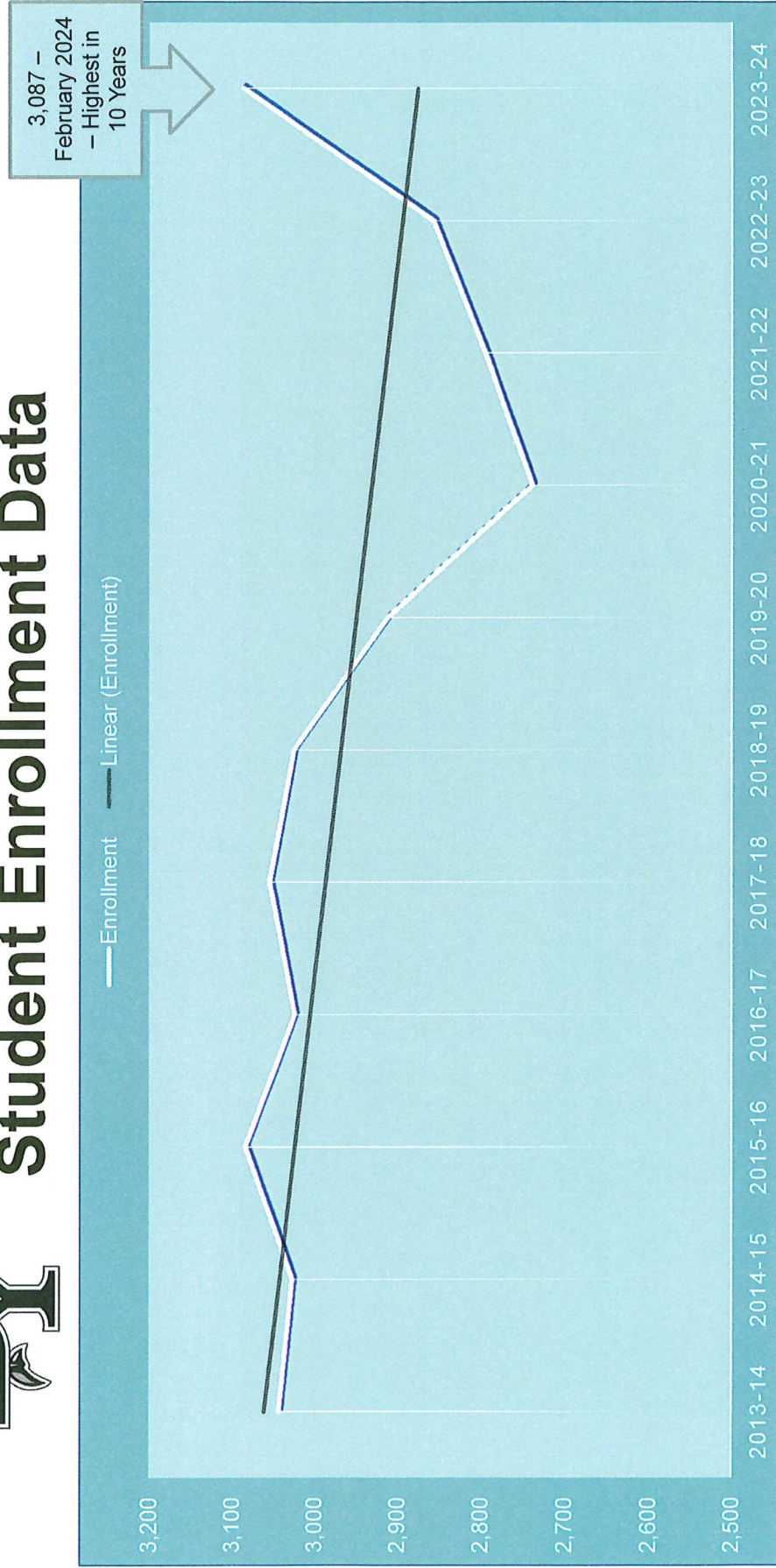


Factors Influencing the FY25 Budget: “The Perfect Storm”

- Staff-related contractual obligations related to COLA and extending the school day pre-K to grade 7.
- The ending of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, Federal COVID relief funds, that has been supplementing operational needs for the last 2+ years.
- Upward inflationary pressure on most fixed costs over the past two years:
 - Transportation, Salaries, Utilities, Insurance, Special Programs, etc.
- Lower than anticipated State Aid (Chapter 70)

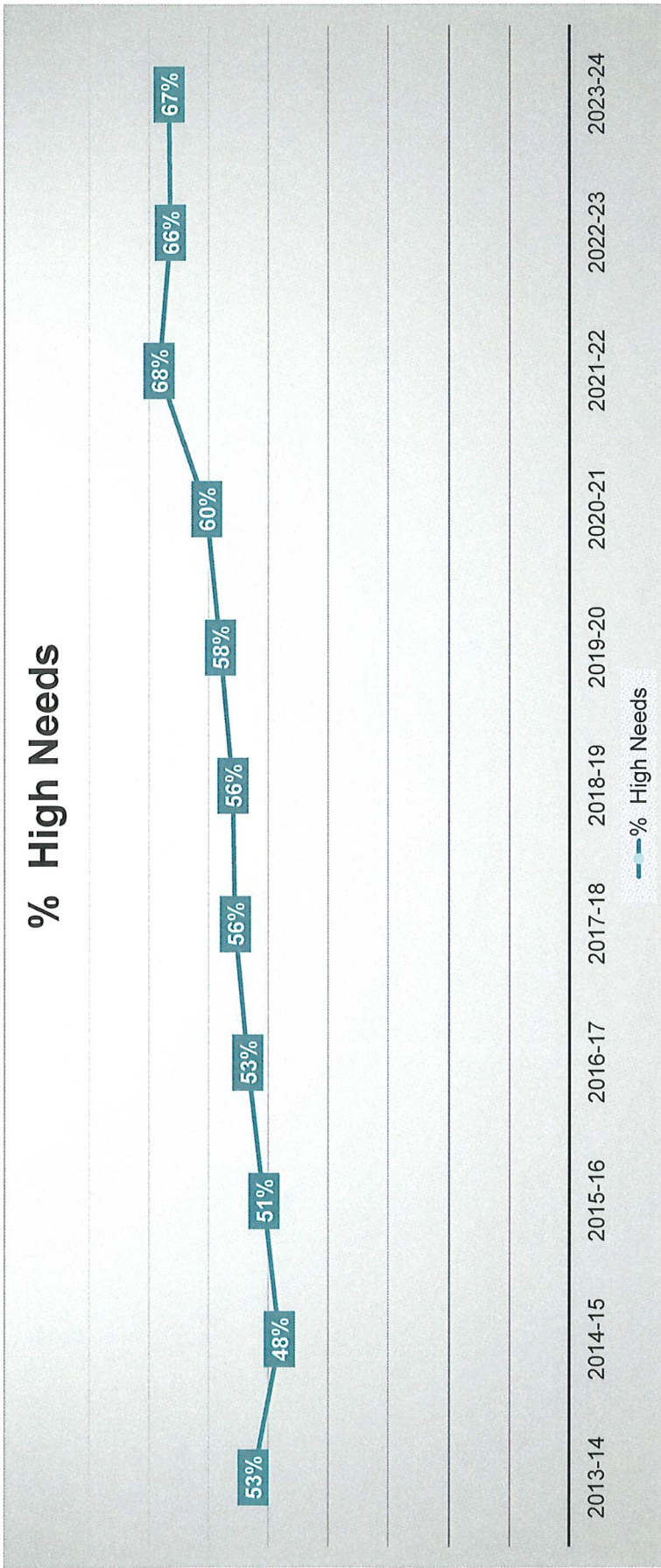


DYRSD Student Enrollment Data



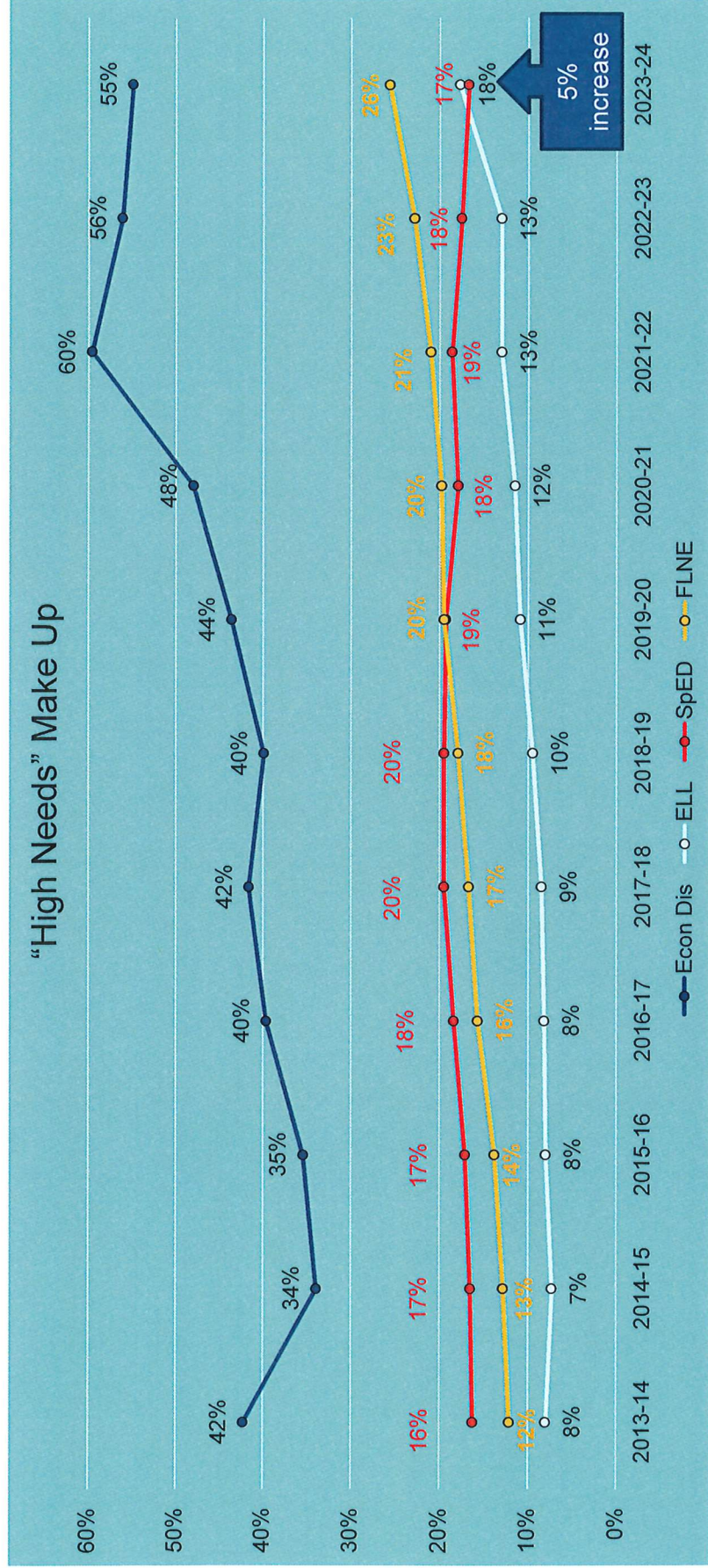


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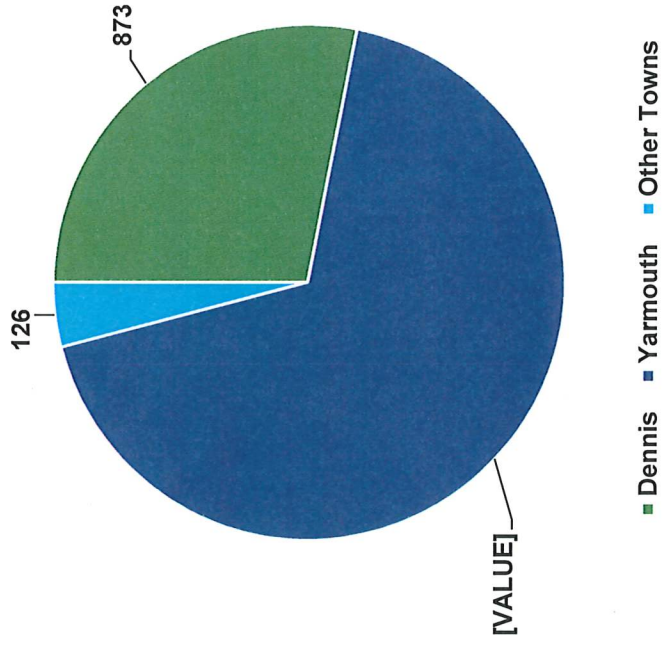
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Students Attending From - January 2024





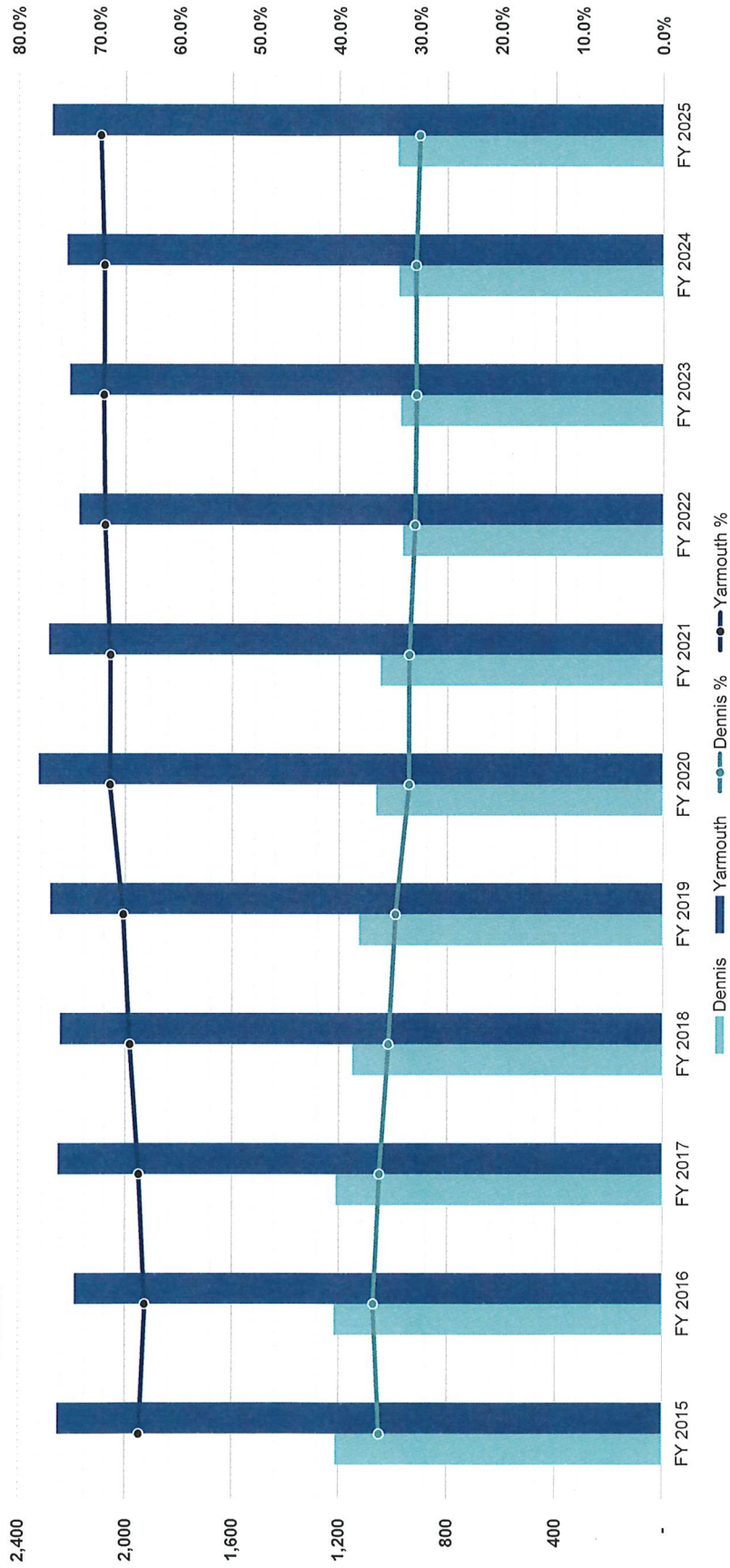
Foundation Enrollment

Year	Dennis		Yarmouth		TOTAL
	Enrollment	% of Total	Enrollment	% of Total	
FY 2015	1,214	34.996%	2,255	65.004%	3,469
FY 2016	1,218	35.729%	2,191	64.271%	3,409
FY 2017	1,212	34.978%	2,253	65.022%	3,465
FY 2018	1,150	33.873%	2,245	66.127%	3,395
FY 2019	1,125	33.020%	2,282	66.980%	3,407
FY 2020	1,062	31.346%	2,326	68.654%	3,388
FY 2021	1,046	31.374%	2,288	68.626%	3,334
FY 2022	964	30.701%	2,176	69.299%	3,140
FY 2023	972	30.528%	2,212	69.472%	3,184
FY 2024	980	30.596%	2,223	69.404%	3,203
FY 2025	983	30.144%	2,278	69.856%	3,261
5 Year Avg 2020-2024		30.909% (Last: 31.394%)		69.091% (Last: 68.606%)	

Source: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/chapter70/>



Foundation Enrollment





DYRS Cherry Sheet Revenue

	FY 24	FY 25 est
State Aid – Chapter 70	\$11,659,682	\$12,531,786
Regional Transportation	\$1,858,982	\$1,815,014
Charter School Reimb	\$900,212	\$426,916
<i>Subtotal State Aid</i>	\$14,418,876	\$14,773,716
School Choice Tuition	\$655,338	\$663,635
TOTAL Revenue	\$15,074,214	\$15,437,351



DYRSD Cherry Sheet Charges

	FY 24	FY 25 est
Special Education	\$31,388	\$32,808
Tuition – School Choice	\$2,250,693	\$2,060,186
Tuition – Charter School	\$3,209,430	\$2,802,579
TOTAL Assessments	\$5,491,511	\$4,895,573



DYRSD Cherry Sheet Net State Aid

	FY 24	FY 25 est
State Aid Revenue	\$14,418,876	\$14,773,716
State Aid Assessments	(\$5,491,511)	(\$4,895,573)
School Choice Tuition	\$655,338	\$663,635
TOTAL Net State Aid	\$9,582,703	\$10,541,778
Net Increase:		\$959,075
		+10%



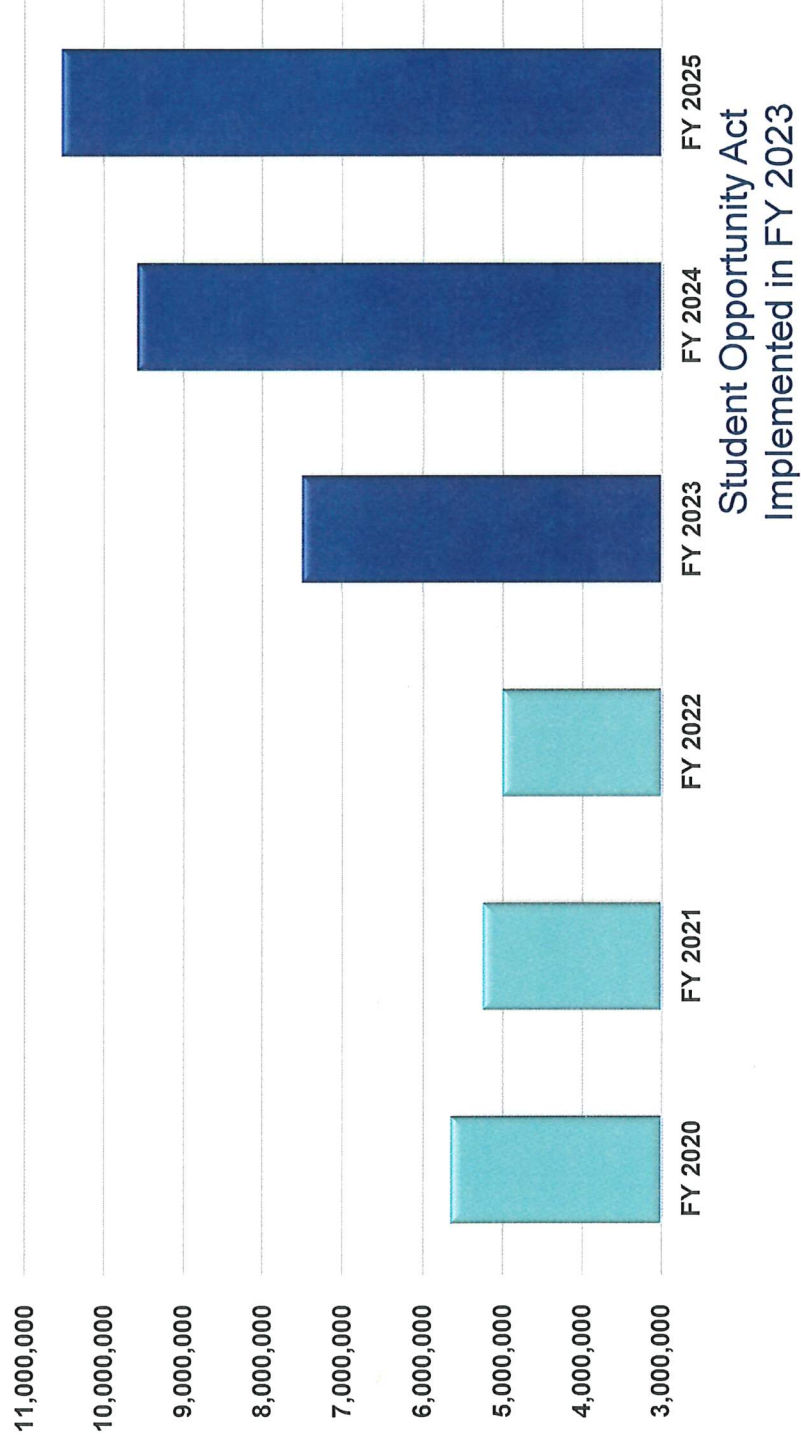
DYRSD State Aid Update

Net State Aid:

- FY25 \$10,541,778 (Governor's Budget)
- FY24 \$ 9,582,703
- FY23 \$ 7,506,020
- FY22 \$ 5,009,258
- FY21 \$ 5,254,917
- FY20 \$ 5,649,121



DYRSD Net State Aid History



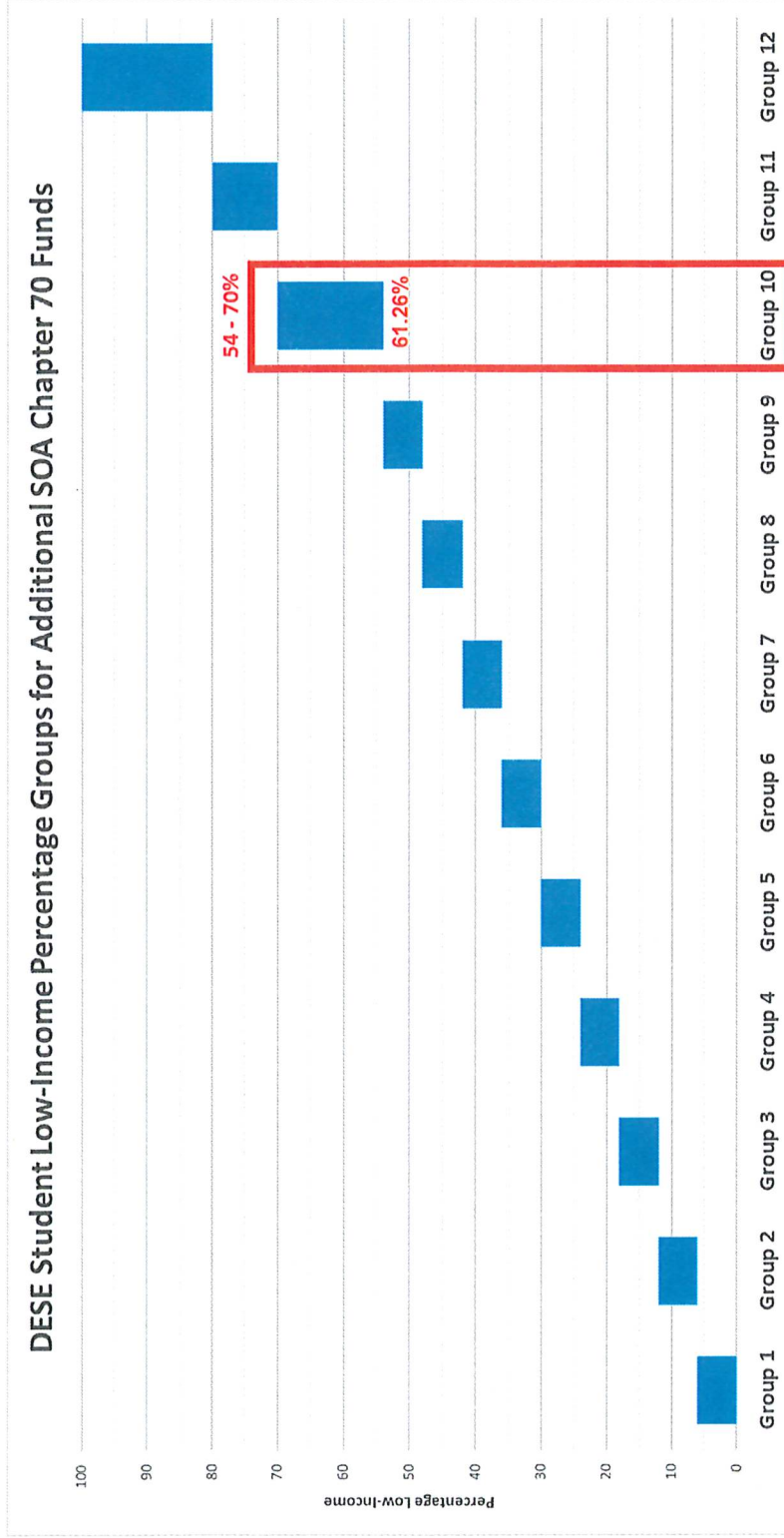


DYRSD Ch 70 Calculation

	FY 2024	FY 2025	+ / -	% Chg
Foundation Enrollment	3,203	3,261	58	1.81%
Foundation Budget	49,764,295	53,120,089	3,355,794	6.74%
Required District Contribution	38,104,613	40,588,303	2,483,690	6.52%
Required Minimum - Dennis	12,558,464	13,209,619	651,155	5.19%
Required Minimum - Yarmouth	25,546,149	27,378,684	1,832,535	7.17%
Chapter 70 Aid	11,659,682	12,531,786	872,104	7.48%



DYRSD Ch 70 Calculation



Low-Income Group 10 = Additional \$7,163.59 per Low-Income Student in Foundation Budget



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FY25 Initial Level Service Budget

- **First Step (October - December) Build a Budget That**
 - Retains Staffing Level
 - Addresses Contractual Increases in:
 - Special Needs Tuition & Services
 - Transportation – Regular Day and Special Needs
 - Health Insurance – Rates to be set in February
 - Property & Liability Insurance
 - Facilities, Grounds, Utilities
 - Retirement & Medicare Tax



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FY25 Initial Level Service Budget

- Retain All Staff
 - Contractual Salary Increases
 - \$2,000,708
 - Implement Longer School Day pK-12
 - \$1,716,000
 - Retain Positions Funded in ESSER
 - \$1,250,000
 - Note: 10 of these 16 positions later recommended for reduction



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FY25 Initial Level Service Budget

- Tuition & Services – Special Needs
 - State Approved Increase for Private Schools & Collaboratives
 - \$333,100

- Tuition – Charter School & School Choice
 - Projected Overall Decrease for 2025
 - **(\$192,749)**



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FY25 Initial Level Service Budget

- Transportation – Reg Day & Special Needs
 - Reg Day Contractual Increase
 - Special Needs Driver Shortage
 - Increased # of Destinations to Transport to
- \$255,000



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FY25 Initial Level Service Budget

- Insurance – Health / Property / Liability
 - CCMHG Set Rates on 2-7-2024
 - Rates set at 8% increase
 - Property & Liability Increasing Nationwide
 - Current Estimate from MIIA
 - \$737,400



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FY25 Initial Level Service Budget

- Maintenance & Utilities
 - Custodial Contract
 - Trash Removal Contract
 - Electricity (Cape Light Compact +35%)
 - Natural Gas (heat)

- \$343,500



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FY25 Initial Level Service Budget

- Barnstable County Retirement & Medicare
 - BCRA Estimate and Payroll Tax
 - \$75,015



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Steps Taken to Reduce Initial Level Service Budget

1. Working with building leaders to “Right-size” the district to meet student needs
 - Class size normalization across the district
K-3 = 18 +/- 2 4-5 = 20 +/- 2 6-12 = 22 +/- 2
 - Student service caseload normalization across district and region
2. Made recommendations about programs not providing results
3. Looked for other “offsets”
4. Level funded most Non-contractual obligations
5. Include Staid Aid & Assessment information and Health Insurance to calculate assessments



DYRSD Additions - Reductions

Additions:

- Curriculum / Software \$ 92,615 *
- Staff
 - EL Teachers (5) \$725,130
 - Phys Ed Teacher (0.5)
 - Grade Level Teacher
 - SPED Teacher (2)
 - Speech Pathologists (2)
 - Assistant Coaches (2)

*Originally \$192,615



DYRSD Additions - Reductions

Reductions:

- SPED Contract Services \$ 275,000
- Staff \$2,217,848
 - Administrator (1)
 - Coordinator (1)
 - Teachers (23)
 - Nurse (1)
 - Para Educators (18)
 - School Resource Officers (2)



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Steps Taken So Far

“Right-Sizing”

School	Grade	# Grade Level Teachers	Avg. Class Size Proj. FY 25 w/ no change	+/-	New Class Size
EHBi	Kindergarten	5	16	n/c	16
EHBi	Grade 1	5	14.5	-1	18.125
EHBi	Grade 2	4	18.25	n/c	18.125
EHBi	Grade 3	5	16	n/c	16
SAE	Kindergarten	6	18.5	n/c	18.5
SAE	Grade 1	6	18.5	n/c	18.5
SAE	Grade 2	5	23.4	+ 1	19.5
SAE	Grade 3	6	19.4	n/c	19.4
MES	Kindergarten	4	12.25	-1	16.33
MES	Grade 1	3	16.33	n/c	16.33
MES	Grade 2	4	13.25	-1	20.33
MES	Grade 3	3	20.33	n/c	20.33
DYI	Grade 4	13	18	-1	19.5



DYRSD Steps Taken So Far “Right-Sizing”

- Analysis of DYHS course enrollment
 - ~100 DYHS Sections in FY 24 are enrolled with < 12 students (excluding VHS, dual enrollment, Dolphin time, & internship programs)
 - As a result, reductions in departments can be made combining sections to have more reasonable class sizes in electives
 - Result = **Reduce 5 FTE**

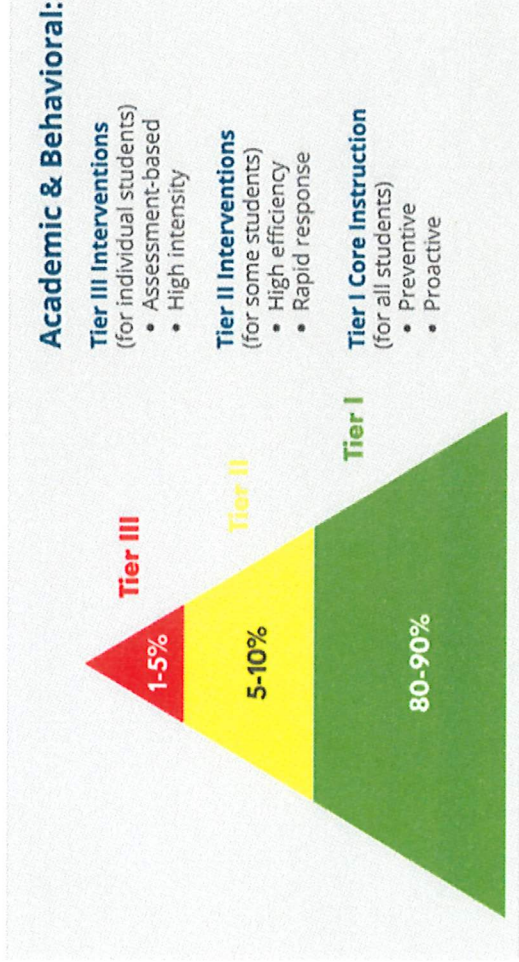


DYRSD Steps Taken So Far “Right-Sizing”

- Special Education
 - Investigation into caseload sizes for non-sub separate special education classroom teachers; it was discovered that caseload size varied significantly across district.
 - Established a caseload size for all of 18 +/- 2 and built staffing model up from there
 - FY 25 → **Reduce 4 FTE**



DYRSD Steps Taken So Far “Program Review”



Intervention

- Larger portion of ESSER funds in Tier II & III
- Historically large investment in Tier III
- Data analysis shows low impact of investment

FY 25 → Restructure intervention to utilize well trained reading interventionists to work with more students (increase group size from 1 to 3 or 4).

Set intervention staffing to support 15% of student body

Focus strategy on supporting quality Tier I instruction (**Reduce 9 FTE**)



DYRSD Additions – Reductions

Position	Additions	Subtractions	Net
K-4 Teacher	1	4	-3
8-12 Teacher	.5	5	-4.5
Nurse	-	1	-1
Speech & Language Pathologists	2	Contract service (\$175,000)	2
Intervention	-	9	-9
ELL Teachers	5	-	5
Special Education Teacher	2	4	-2
Tech Integration	-	1	-1
Coordinator	-	1	-1
		Net Total	-14.5



DYRSD Additions – Reductions

Position	Additions	Subtractions	Net
Library Assistant	-	3	-3
Medical Assistant	-	5	-5
Paraeducators	-	10	-10
		Net Total	-18
Administrator	-	1	-1
SRO	-	2	-2
		Net Total	-3



DYRSD Result of Steps Taken

- Revised Net State Aid based on Governor's Budget
- Reduced Budget for Revised Choice/Charter Tuition
- Increased Projected Local Revenue based on Recent Trends
- Right-Sized Staffing Levels (- 35.5 positions)
- Reduced Curriculum Expenditure (-\$100,000)
- School Committee Vote to Use \$500,000 of E&D to help offset FY 2025 Town Assessments



DYRSD Result of Steps Taken

FY 2025 Operating Budget: \$76,890,501 = 6.56%

1-8-2024 Initial Projection = \$78,904,753 = 9.35%

3-6-2024 Reduction of \$2,014,252

Calculated Impact on Operating Assessments:

- Dennis \$ 733,040 3.931% increase
- Yarmouth \$2,319,815 5.971% increase



DYRSD Ch 70 Calculation

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DYRSD FY25 Budget Town Assessment Methodology





FY25 Assessment Calculation

	Dennis	Yarmouth	TOTAL
Operating Budget			\$76,890,501
Less: State Aid			(\$14,773,716)
Less: Local Receipts (incl \$500k E&D)			(\$1,570,000)
Amount to be Assessed			\$60,546,785
Required Min Local Contribution	\$13,209,619	\$27,378,684	\$40,588,303
	+5.185%	+7.173%	
Assessment Above Minimum	\$6,168,967	\$13,789,515	\$19,958,482
	30.909%	69.091%	
TOTAL Operating Assessment	\$19,378,586	\$41,168,199	\$60,546,785
Debt Assessment	\$1,420,782	\$2,588,368	\$4,009,150



DYRSD FY 25 Local Assessments

	Dennis	Yarmouth	Total
<i>FY 24 Operating Assessment</i>	\$18,645,546	\$38,848,384	\$57,493,930
<i>FY 25 Operating Assessment</i>	\$19,378,586	\$41,168,199	\$60,546,785
\$ Increase	\$733,040	\$2,319,815	\$3,052,855
\$ variance to 2.5%	\$266,901	\$1,348,605	\$1,615,506
% Increase	3.931%	5.971%	5.310%



Summary to Date

- Initial Projection 1-8-2024 = \$78,904,753
(9.35% increase)
- Maintain “Right-Sized” Level Service
(Net Reduction of 35.5 Positions)
- Address Contractual Obligations
- Reduce Principals’ Allocations \$100,000
- Apply \$500,000 E&D toward Assessments

- Current Request 3-6-2024 = \$76,890,501
(6.56% increase)
- Principals’ Allocations and use of E&D
Further Reduced Town Operating
Assessments by
 - \$185,454 Dennis
 - \$414,546 Yarmouth
- Overall FY25 Operating Assessment
 - \$19,378,586 Dennis = 3.931%
 - \$41,168,199 Yarmouth = 5.971%



Questions?





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

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

March 4, 2024

Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools
296 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Dear Dr. Smith,

I respectfully submit the donation of a train table and assorted trains, tracks, and accessories to the preschool classrooms at M.E. Small Elementary School and Ezra H. Baker Innovation School for review and acceptance by the DY School Committee.

This generous donation is made on behalf of Charlie and Jane Martin, 5 John Hall Cartway, Yarmouthport, MA, 02675.

I am grateful for this donation and will ensure that the items are shared among our preschool classrooms.

Sincerely,

Kelly Mooney
Assistant Director of Student Services

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>

February 28, 2024

Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools
296 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Dear Marc:

This is the eleventh year that the D-Y Women's Club has been supporting local teachers in the Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District. We are one of the lucky ones to receive school supplies for our teachers this year.

I respectfully submit the donation of these teacher supplies to Ezra H. Baker Innovation School for review and acceptance by the D-Y School Committee. This donation was made on behalf of the D-Y Women's Club, Mary Ann Thompson, Education Chair, P.O. Box 952 West Dennis, MA 02670.

I am grateful for this generous donation. Our teachers are always in need of supplies.

Sincerely,



Kevin F. Depin

Principal

KFD/pmc

Attachment



Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District
Facilities Department

210 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth, Massachusetts 02664

Phone: (508) 398-7677 Fax: (508) 774-352-2508

3/6/24

The Dennis–Yarmouth maintenance department is requesting the school committee to declare 336 Medify air purifiers as surplus. The air purifiers were used during Covid and were deployed in every room in the school district.

Since Covid there has been significant progress in improving our HVAC systems in our schools to meet current ASHRAE standards and combined with the closing of the Mattacheese and Wixon schools these air purifiers are no longer needed.

The maintenance department will keep an inventory of 50 air purifiers should the need arise for areas that experience seasonal outbreaks of respiratory illness and other areas that may experience temporary HVAC system repairs.

Steven Faucher

Director of Facilities

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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2024

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, 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; Student Representative Rose-Anna Joachim; Student Representative Isabella Power.

Members not Present: Phillip Morris; Joe Glynn.

Others Present: Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Michelle Dunn, Susan Williams, DYEA; Vida Morris.

At 6:34 p.m., Chair Jeni Landers called the meeting to order.

Reports

Student Representatives Report – Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella Power

Rose-Anna reported on events at the high school including the 100th day of school; Valentine cards made by the World Languages clubs; the upcoming Black History Month celebration; and February vacation. Isabella spoke of the winter sports senior night; the Washington DC trip; and the upcoming Spring musical, *The Little Mermaid*.

FY25 Budget Update

Superintendent Marc Smith

Assistant Superintendent David Flynn

Dr. Smith referenced the FY25 Budget Presentation which was distributed at the meeting. Discussion followed regarding upcoming school committee meeting dates; the March 4th meeting remains on the schedule but there may be a need for an additional meeting; perhaps on March 6th. A brief discussion followed. Superintendent Smith then began the presentation outlining the overall goal; factors influencing the budget; and the initial budget proposal. Mr. Flynn continued the presentation including the Chapter 70 State Aid; cherry sheet revenue and charges; net state aid; and budget increases. Dr. Smith then reviewed the steps taken so far including class size normalization; programs not offering results; other “offsets;” level funding for non-contractual obligations; and including State Aid and Assessment information not previously available. He then reviewed the additions/reductions as well as a program review. Significant funds have been expended on Tier 2 and Tier 3 instruction; this has not proven effective. We are currently paying an outside service for speech and language pathology. Dr. Smith said that Paraeducators were added both in the libraries and nurses offices in order to comply with COVID spacing requirements, etc. The current reality is that these positions are no longer necessary. Dr. Smith added that the SRO position for the 4th and 5th grades is the only one on the Cape.

Mr. Flynn then continued the presentation; the result of steps taken; the town assessment methodology; municipal growth factor; required spending calculation; property wealth and income; and local assessments. He then reviewed per pupil expenditures across the Cape; staffing levels; per pupil spending. Mr. Flynn then discussed using Excess & Deficiency to help offset the gap. He said it is similar to free cash in a town budget. The Department of Revenue allows and encourages up to 5% of our annual budget to be reserved in E & D; we have a high bond rating that is directly tied to a healthy balance. He described how using E & D creates a structural and ongoing deficit if used to offset operating expenses.

The budget presentation was followed by questions and comments from the Committee.

Mr. Tierney would like 2 SROs to remain at the high school. Superintendent Smith said that the second SRO was added to the DYIMS facility just this this year after a conversation he had with Chief Lennon; and to keep one full time officer would be the equivalent of cutting two teachers; if an officer is eliminated that officer would still have a job within the police department.

Chair Landers asked for clarification on the Property and Wealth slide showing a community's ability to pay.

Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Yarmouth: No report.

Dennis: No report.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Superintendent Marc Smith

Mid-Cycle Progress Update

Dr. Smith gave a mid-cycle update on his progress on his approved 2023-2024 goals; the presentation is included in the packet.

Goal 1, Professional Practice Goal, New Superintendent Induction Program: Dr. Smith participates in monthly NSIP sessions which support entry planning work as well as overall leadership skills. The superintendent also meets individually with his coach either in-person or virtually. He shared links to recent agendas and samples of public communications.

Goal 2, Math Curriculum Implementation: Dr. Smith works with the Director of STEM to organize and implement learning walks; has participated in each walk (9 or 10 thus far); and established expectations for the leadership team's participation in the walks. Dr. Smith also shared the meeting structure he has established including the D-Y Instructional Leadership Team which is comprised of principals and central office leaders responsible for supporting instruction; including the implementation of the math curriculum.

Goal 3, Effective Entry and Direction Setting: Dr. Smith has met with a variety of stakeholders including faculty groups, families, leaders, School Committee members, and community members. He shared that he held family sessions over Zoom so that transportation and childcare

would not be barriers to participation. Translation services were also provided for family sessions. He also shared links to the staff focus group questions; a school choice letter and survey; and links to the school committee MCAS presentation and all budget presentations. He will be sharing his entry findings with the Committee within the next 4-6 weeks.

Goal 4, District and School Safety Planning: Dr. Smith has established a joint school safety team with the help of the Chiefs of Police and Fire of both Dennis and Yarmouth. The Safety Team meets monthly. A need for an incident command structure, as well as training for key personnel, are two areas of action for the team. He also shared some recent meeting agendas.

Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Donations and Acknowledgments

Revised School Year Calendar 2023-2024

Dr. Smith referenced the letter and draft 2023-2024 calendar which was included in the packet; the correct last day of school is June 26, 2024 with 5 snow days.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Jennifer Rose, and carried unanimously 5-0, it was

VOTED: To approve a revised School Year Calendar 2023-2024 as per Dr. Smith's February 12, 2024 memo which is included in the packet.

Dr. Smith thanked the Yarmouth Rotary Club for their donation of personal care items to Dennis-Yarmouth High School.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried unanimously 5-0 it was

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

Donations:

Move to accept a donation of personal care items to Dennis-Yarmouth High School from the Yarmouth Rotary Club as per Mrs. Bennett's February 5, 2024 memo.

Bills, Requisitions and Payroll

The warrants were signed by the Committee.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were reviewed.

Items Distributed at Meeting

FY 2025 Budget Presentation

Public Comment

Susan Williams asked that the Committee reconsider cutting the medical assistants; she says they are essential to the operation of the nurses' office.

Vida Morris said that the Excess and Deficiency Fund belongs to the taxpayers. She asked about the capitalization fund that was established two years ago. She says it is the responsibility of the committee to fix the budget situation that has been created.

Adjournment

At 8:20 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried unanimously 5-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary

March 2024

February '24

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April '24

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12 Parent Teacher Conferences Early Release	13 SC Meeting 6:30	14	15	16	
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