



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

**Monday, April 8, 2024**

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

**6:00 p.m.**

**Joint Executive Session with the  
Dennis-Yarmouth Mattacheese School Building Committee**

**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

**I. Open the Meeting (6:00)**

**II. Executive Session**

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee will enter into Executive Session, to return to Public Session, to meet or confer with a mediator, as defined in section 23C of chapter 233, with respect to any litigation or decision on any public business within its jurisdiction involving another party, group or entity, provided that: (i) any decision to participate in mediation shall be made in an open session and the parties, issues involved and purpose of the mediation shall be disclosed; and (ii) no action shall be taken by any

public body with respect to those issues which are the subject of the mediation without deliberation and approval for such action at an open session.

### **III. Reports and Discussions**

- i. Student Representatives Report – Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella Power
- ii. DYIMS Turf Presentation - Mark Haley, Haley & Aldrich
- iii. Report of Entry Findings – Superintendent Marc J. Smith (connects to Superintendent Goal 1 (New Superintendent Induction Program), and Superintendent Goal 3 (Effective Entry and Direction Setting))
- iv. 2024-2025 School Choice Participation  
Motion: Move that the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District participate in the 2024-2025 School Choice Program.
- v. Student Opportunity Act  
Motion: Move to approve the 2024 Student Opportunity Act Plan Submission as presented in the packet.
- vi. MSBA Application – M.E. Small Elementary School

Motion:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on April 8, 2024, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated no later than April 12, 2024 for the Marguerite E. Small Elementary School located at 440 Higgins Crowell Road, West Yarmouth, MA 02673 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

Category 4: Prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollment. While the Cape and the Islands have been experiencing declining enrollment for close to two decades, Dennis-Yarmouth has seen a significant increase in enrollment in the last 3 years. Since the 2020-2021 School year, the student enrollment in the district has risen 12.8% (from 2,739 students to 3,091). The change from the 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 school year was an 8.2% increase in student enrollment. This is the largest school enrollment that the district has experienced since 2013. Most of this enrollment increase has occurred at the elementary levels. MES in particular has seen a 17% enrollment increase since 2020-2021.

Category 5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility. The Marguerite E. Small Elementary School needs significant renovation work in all major systems. The building's exterior components including roofs, doors, windows, and masonry have all been cited as high-priority issues. The 2014 facilities audit and the updated study in February 2020 by Bureau Veritas identified the same issues along with possible structural settlement of the loading dock, interior air quality issues, leaking sanitary and heat piping, and the presence of asbestos containing materials. Additionally, the building lacks fire suppression and has multiple ADA requirement issues.

Category 7: Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a

full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. Current capacity is reasonable, however classroom layouts and floor plans with a size of about 840 square feet limit the kinds of educational activities that would reflect best practices for the grades and specialized services that must be provided within this school; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

vii. April 22, 2024 Scheduled School Committee Meeting Date Conflicts with Religious Holiday Observance

**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. FY25 Budget Override
- iii. Transportation Update

**VI. School Committee Business (Enclosure 6)**

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**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
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**Consent Agenda (Enc. 6)**

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

**Minutes:**

March 6, 2024

March 13, 2024