

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2022

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 25, 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; and Joe Glynn.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Michelle Dunn, D-YEA.

At 5:44 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports:

Policy Review Subcommittee

Superintendent Woodbury informed the Committee that the Policy Review Subcommittee met recently to review several policies. Those policies are now for review by the full committee at this meeting.

- a. IHAM – Health Education – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended removal of the first line as well as a change in the third paragraph replacing the word *issues* with the word *approach*.
- b. IHB – Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended removing specific legal references; updating the age of students from *age 3 to 21* to *age 3 to 22*; and replacing *parents* with *parents/guardians*.
- c. IHBEA – English Language Learners – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended removing specific legal references and replacing *parents* with *parents/guardians*.
- d. IMG – Use of Service Animals in School – This policy was included as a reference only.
- e. IMG A – Therapy/Emotional Support Dogs in Schools – Update (2nd Reading): The superintendent shared that this new policy has been reviewed and approved by district counsel.
- f. JB – Equal Educational Opportunities – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended the addition of *homeless status* and *pregnancy* to the policy.
- g. JCA – Assignment of Students to Schools – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended adding a disclaimer that intra-district school choice is on a space-available basis. Also, permission is not granted by the school committee.
- h. JF – School Admissions – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended the change from *reside in town* to *reside in district*.
- i. JFABD – Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services – Update (2nd Reading): There were many changes recommended to this policy. *Unaccompanied youth* and *summer program* were added to the first paragraph.

- j. JFABE – Educational Opportunities for Military – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended adoption of the MASC-recommended policy update.
- k. JFABF: Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended adoption of the MASC-recommended policy update.
- l. JH: Student Absences and Excuses – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee took some of the language from the recommended policy and added it to the existing policy. The subcommittee recommended the addition of the *school day = 2 class periods*.
- m. JHD: Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance – The Policy Review Subcommittee requested further information from the superintendent. This policy will have a first reading at a future Policy Review Subcommittee meeting.
- n. JICFA – Prohibition of Hazing – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended replacing *superintendent* with *principal* in the fourth paragraph.
- o. JJA – Student Organizations – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended replacing *by the board* with *by the superintendent and principal* in paragraph 3.
- p. JJH-R – Student Travel Regulations – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended adding *and school committee policy* to paragraph 2.
- q. JLCB – Immunization of Students – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended the specific immunizations be removed from the policy, instead, immunizations recommended by the Department of Public Health.
- r. JLCC – Communicable Diseases – Update (2nd Reading): The subcommittee recommended the replacement of *handicapped children* with *children with disabilities* throughout.
- s. IGA – Curriculum Development – Update (2nd Reading): There were no recommended changes and no questions from the committee.
- t. IGD – Curriculum Adoption – Update (2nd Reading): There were no recommended changes and no questions from the committee.
- u. JC – Attendance Areas – Update (2nd Reading): There were no recommended changes and no questions from the committee.
- v. JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited – Update (2nd Reading): There were no recommended changes and no questions from the committee.
- w. JIH – Searches and Interrogations – Update (2nd Reading): There were no recommended changes and no questions from the committee.
- x. JRA – Student Records – Update (2nd Reading): There were no recommended changes and no questions from the committee.
- y. JRD – Student Photographs – Update (2nd Reading): There were no recommended changes and no questions from the committee.

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that the new traffic light should be operational on August 20th. The project continues to progress according to schedule.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Food Service Pizza Procurement: On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Lupoli Companies – Sal’s Production, LLC of Salem, New Hampshire to supply pizza to the Food Service Department for the 2022-2023 school year at the rates specified in the July 25, 2022 memo from Rooney Powers included in this packet.

Perkins Eastman Amendment #8

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

VOTED: That the School Committee vote to approve Amendment #8 to the contract with Perkins Eastman, DPC in the amount of \$50,275 bringing the new total amount of the contract to \$9,170,305.00.

Custodial Paper Supply Bid for FY 2023

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

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to The Conlon Products, Inc. for our Custodial Paper Supplies for FY23 in accordance with our bid specifications due June 17, 2022.

Fire Alarm System Inspection, Service and Maintenance

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

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Fire Equipment Inc. for Fire Alarm System Inspection, Service and Maintenance for FY23 in accordance with our bid specifications due June 20, 2022.

Updated Dennis-Yarmouth Logos

Mr. Flynn shared updated Dennis-Yarmouth logos that were created by Dennis-Yarmouth alumni Jen and Bryan Huggins, owners of Cape Hook Designs. Ms. Landers and Mr. Morris both liked the designs. Mr. Tierney cautioned that once the district commits to a logo, it is important to stay with it for branding purposes.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

The superintendent referenced the handout *Bringing Therapy Dogs to Your School* which was distributed to the committee at the meeting. A short discussion followed regarding allergies, phobias, and other logistical concerns. The superintendent said that all of these concerns will be addressed.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

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

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

Donation:

Move to accept a donation of \$500.00 from The Friday Club to Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School as per Dr. Funk’s July 7th memo.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus several History and English books as per Dr. Funk's June 23rd memo.

Move to declare as surplus several old, rusted or broken student desks and chairs as well as a computer desk as per Mr. Crowell's July 20 memo.

Minutes

June 13, 2022

Reports

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen (presented out of order)

Dennis: Marilyn Bemis reported that there was a recent meeting with officials from the Town of Dennis regarding the Wixon School. There are two public listening sessions scheduled; one on August 16th, the other on September 27th.

Yarmouth: Joe Glynn reported that the Town of Yarmouth will also be having meetings regarding the Mattacheese Middle School with details to be shared in the future.

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Items Distributed at Meeting

Bringing Therapy Dogs to Your School

Public Comment

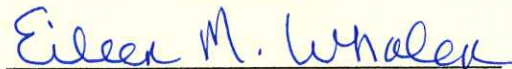
None.

Adjournment

At 6:44 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