



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

Monday, August 7, 2023

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

5:00 p.m.

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

- I. Open the Workshop (5:00)**
- II. Reports**
Superintendent's Report – Dr. Marc J. Smith
Entry Plan
School Committee 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule
- III. Massachusetts Association of School Committees Workshop**
Tracy Novick, Field Director
- IV. School Committee Business (Enclosure 4)**
Consent Agenda
- V. Bills, Requisitions and Payroll**
- VI. Calendars (Enclosure 6)**
- VII. 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. 4)

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

Donation:

Move to accept a donation of \$310.00 to the Natty Fund given in memory of Dr. Paul Funk as per Ms. Bennett's July 20, 2023 memo.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus a Sony speaker system as per Mr. Crowell's July 26, 2023 memo.

Minutes

June 29, 2023

July 17, 2023

**Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee
Meeting Schedule 2023-2024**

Date	Time	Location
Monday, September 11, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, September 18, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, October 2, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, October 23, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, November 6, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, November 20, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, December 4, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, December 18, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, January 8, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, January 22, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, February 5, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, February 12, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, March 4, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, March 18, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, April 8, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, April 22, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, May 6, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, May 20, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, June 3, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
Monday, June 17, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School



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CRAIG EVANS
 Dean of Students

MARY O'CONNOR
 Athletic Director

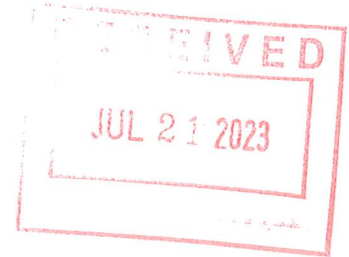
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Marc Smith
 Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Mrs. Kendra Bennett 
 Principal
 Ms. Mary O'Connor
 Athletic Director

DATE: July 20, 2023

RE: Gifts



The following people have made a donation to our school for the Dennis-Yarmouth High School Athletic Department, in memory of Dr. Paul Funk:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Natty Fund	total: \$310.00
Marijane Tuohy	\$50.00
Christine & Robert Ciavarra	\$20.00
Carol Mahedy	\$240.00

On behalf of our students and teachers, I ask that you accept this gift. Thank you.

STATION AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
276 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth, MA 02664
Phone: (508) 760-5600 Fax: (508) 760-5601



"All aboard for the future...."

Kelly Bohl
Assistant Principal

Peter J. Crowell
Principal

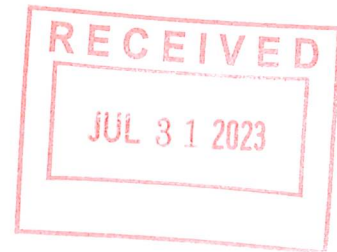
Kenneth W. Girouard, II
Assistant Principal

Date: July 26, 2023

To: Marc Smith
Superintendent

From: Peter J. Crowell
Principal

PJC



Re: Station Avenue Elementary Surplus

I would like to declare a very old Sony speaker system as surplus.

Thank you.

Copies: Steven Faucher, Facilities Manager
DYRSD School Committee

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 29, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

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

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Mrs. Maria Lopes; Dr. Marc Smith; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM Instruction; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Michelle Dunn; Pat Plucinski; Holly Poor.

At 6:06 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Chair Landers explained how the interview process would proceed for this evening.

Interview Candidates for Superintendent

Dr. Marc Smith was interviewed by the School Committee.

The School Committee recessed from 6:45 p.m. to 6:53 p.m.

Mrs. Maria Lopes was interviewed by the School Committee.

The School Committee recessed from 7:22 to 7:32.

School Committee Deliberation on Candidates

Mr. Morris is impressed with both of the applicants. He appreciates Dr. Smith's sense of humor. He feels that Mrs. Lopes has done a good job and will be voting for her but would like it to be a unanimous vote.

Mr. Tierney says it will be a difficult decision with two highly qualified applicants. The subcommittee worked very hard. He felt that Dr. Smith gave very good answers.

Mr. Tolentino said he is approaching this decision as objectively as possible. The growth of the district is important. Both applicants had great answers. He feels that we need someone who will stick up for the district when it comes to budgets. He said we need a leader who understands that; with experience and finance knowledge. He feels Dr. Smith is the best business person and that we need a leader for the next level.

Mr. Glynn thanked the search committee for their efforts. He said that even if the vote is not unanimous, once a new superintendent is chosen the decision will become unanimous.

Ms. Bemis said she had reviewed both candidate's resumes and applications and she also attended the forum. She is focused on what the system needs now. What are the challenges moving ahead? She feels that Dr. Smith has strong leadership skills and budget experience.

Ms. Rose feels positively regarding both candidates. She said that Dr. Smith is rational and practical and has realistic experience with budgets. She said that Mrs. Lopes has many relationships within the district and has taken different career steps. Ms. Rose attended the forum.

Chair Landers reviewed the work of the Superintendent Search Committee. It was hard work and there is an important decision to be made. There were 14 applicants and the search committee reviewed each application. The committee narrowed it down to 4 candidates; they interviewed 3. She says now there are 2 qualified candidates who are willing and able. She said that emotions have to be taken out of the decision. Ms. Landers said Mrs. Lopes has passion for students and good ideas for the transition period. She would seek input from the staff. She has a lot of experience in SPED. She also has strong relationship skills. Ms. Landers said she is extremely impressed with Dr. Smith's answers. She said he talked about things she hasn't heard such as a small response team. She felt his leadership and management style, experience with budgets, curriculum, and diversity along with knowledge of the community were all very important.

Mr. Morris spoke about the D-Y school system along with small town politics. He feels that the budget is not that complicated. He said he understands Dr. Smith's style. He feels that Mrs. Lopes has met the challenge; that she has already done so much for the district and is very positive.

Mr. Tierney said he is only one vote and that he is looking toward who would move the district forward in the best manner. He feels that Mrs. Lopes understands the specific role and knows the challenges moving forward. He said we are fortunate to have two great candidates.

Mr. Tolentino said that there are two very strong candidates and if Dr. Smith is chosen there would be a strong superintendent and assistant superintendent team. Mrs. Lopes has a lot of relationships with the staff and has served the district well. He said that he and the Committee will support whoever is chosen. He will vote for Dr. Smith.

Mr. Glynn said he will withhold his opinion until the vote is held.

Ms. Bemis likes both candidates and indicated that she will vote for Dr. Smith.

Ms. Rose will withhold her opinion until the vote.

Chair Landers said she attended the forums and read the feedback forms as well as the parent surveys that were distributed at an earlier date. She feels there is dissatisfaction with the status quo and a push for a new voice and new ideas. She got a sense of strong support for Dr. Smith.

Mr. Morris said that Carol Woodbury wrote a letter of support for Mrs. Lopes. He added that one decision will affect two others.

Mr. Glynn said that while surveys are important that this is not a popular vote; it is a subset of the two towns.

Vote on Superintendent Appointment

On a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried 4-3 it was

VOTED: To appoint Dr. Marc J. Smith as Superintendent of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District.

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Joe Glynn and carried unanimously it was

VOTED: To move unanimous consent of the vote to appoint Dr. Smith as superintendent.

Items Distributed at Meeting

Entry Plan – Maria Lopes

Adjournment

At 8:27 p.m., on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, July 17, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 17, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

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

Members Not Present: Jennifer Rose, Vice Chairperson.

Others Present: Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM Instruction; Michael Bovino, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate School; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Vida Morris.

At 5:35 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Dr. Marc J. Smith

Dr. Smith reported to the Committee that he has met with Central Office staff to prepare for a Leadership Team retreat scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, July 19 and 20. He plans to hold two more retreat days in August. He told the Committee he plans to present an entry plan within the next month which will include a timeline and next steps.

Chair Landers told the Committee that the next meeting will take place on Monday, August 7th. Tracy Novick from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees will conduct a MASC workshop. The meeting will take place at the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School.

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that the auditorium is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by the end of the week. Work continues on punch list items. A discussion followed. Chair Landers inquired as to when an updated budget might be available to bring to the Committee. Dave Flynn discussed the bond and BAN and the amount of money needed. The MSBA will conduct an audit. Chair Landers asked if the bleachers are included at the turf field; Mr. Tierney said they were not. He will check to see if this can be added back in. Mr. Tolentino asked about landscaping, weeds, and hydro seeding. Mr. Flynn said that there was supposed to be a first year service contract from the installer.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Jeni Landers reported that the Board would like to meet regarding the building lease; they would like to discuss the installation of a pumping system and would try to have only one amendment to the lease. Dave Flynn said that Liz Sullivan is out this week. Ms. Landers said that having only one amendment makes sense and that we need to be sure that the installation of

a pump will not impact school use. Mr. Tierney asked about the solar panels; Mr. Flynn said that they are leased through CVEC on Town of Dennis land.

Yarmouth: Mr. Glynn reported that YSAC meets the last Wednesday of the month at the Family Table Collaborative. They have indicated that they would like to make a presentation at a future school committee meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn (Enc. 2D)

Cleaning and Custodial Services Contract

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

VOTED: To award a contract to Partner Facility Solutions Corp. to provide cleaning and custodial services from July 2023 through June 30, 2026 as per our specifications and Partner Facility Solutions Corp. bid response of June 25, 2023.

Chair Landers thanked Mr. Flynn for serving as interim superintendent.

School Committee Business

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

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

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus several outdated books at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School History Department as per Ms. Bennett's July 3, 2023 memo.

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Bills, Requisitions and Payroll

The warrants were signed by the committee.

Public Comment

Vida Morris expressed her concerns regarding the superintendent selection process.

Michelle Dunn expressed her concerns about student caseloads for EL teachers and that teachers are leaving to go to other districts because of it.

Adjournment

At 6:15 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, 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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August 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7 SC Workshop 5:00 DYIMS	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 New Teacher Orientation District Based DYH Library	24 New Teacher Orientation Building Based	25	26
27	28	29 Teacher Professional Day	30 Teacher Professional Day	31 Teacher Professional Day	1	2
3	4	Notes				

September 2023

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 Teacher Professional Day	6 First Day of School	7	8	9
10	11	12 SAE Open House	13	14 DYH Open House	15	16
17	18	19 DYIMS Open House	20 MES Open House	21 EHB Open House	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	Notes				