



**DYRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

Monday, May 4, 2020

**Station Avenue Elementary School
276 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth, MA
5:30 p.m.**

This meeting is being held fully remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 20

Join Zoom Meeting on May 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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Meeting called to order at _____, due notice having been posted.

Members Present:

Ms. Jeni Landers, Chairperson
Mr. Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Andrea St. Germain, Secretary
Mr. Brian Carey, Treasurer
Mr. James Dykeman
Mr. Brian Sullivan
Mr. Phillip Morris

Administration

Mrs. Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Kenneth Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services
Tainan Nunes, Student Representative to the DYRSD School Committee

I. Open the Meeting (5:30)

II. Update on School Building Project (5:35) (Joe Tierney, Ken Jenks, Carol Woodbury)

III. Assistant Superintendent Report (Ken Jenks) (5:50)

Statement of Interest for M.E. Small Elementary School 2020

Motion: Move that the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, vote to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form that will be submitted to the MSBA no later than Wednesday, May 6, 2020 for consideration in 2020 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 for the 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; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form; the Massachusetts 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 City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

IV. Superintendent's Report (Carol Woodbury) (6:10)

V. School Committee Business (6:20)
Consent Agenda

VI. Public Comment (6:30)

VII. Executive Session

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee will enter into Executive Session, not 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 Remote Learning MOA)

VIII. Adjourn

**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.*

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| 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 |
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Consent Agenda (Enclosure 5)

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

Donations

Move to accept a donation of school supplies to the students of Station Avenue Elementary School from Ms. Mercedes Hennessey of Princeton, New Jersey.

Move to accept a \$450 donation to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School Food Pantry from the Apple Festival Committee of The Dennis Union Church.

Move to accept a Drive Medical Cruiser III adult size wheel chair and a Drive Medical battery powered patient lift with a rechargeable removable battery which includes two patient slings. The items are in perfect condition and were donated to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School by the Estate of Ann Berard of Harwich Port.

Minutes

February 24, 2020

March 9, 2020

April 15, 2020



Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District

296 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

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

DATE: APRIL 30, 2020

TO: CAROL WOODBURY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FROM: KENNETH T. JENKS, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR
ADMINISTRATION & BUSINESS SERVICES *K.T.J.*

RE: STATEMENT OF INTEREST FOR M.E. SMALL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL 2020

The District has previously submitted multiple Statements of Interest to the MSBA for the Marguerite E. Small Elementary School. M.E. Small continues to need major work and I recommend the School Committee vote to approve the submission of a Statement of Interest for Marguerite E. Small Elementary School for the 2020 cycle. The MSBA required vote language is listed below.

MSBA Required Vote Language:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on May 4, 2020, 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 that will be submitted to the MSBA by no later than Wednesday, May 6, 2020 for consideration in 2020 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 for the 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; 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 City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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



"All aboard for the future...."

Peter J. Crowell
Principal

Patricia A. Leary
Assistant Principal

March 11, 2020

Ms. Mercedes Hennessey
20 Alta Vista Drive
Princeton, NJ 08540

Dear Ms. Hennessey,

Thank you for thinking of the Station Avenue Elementary School with your donation of the many bags containing paper goods, pens, books, etc. Our teachers were most pleased to be able to choose from the great selection.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Crowell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Peter J. Crowell
Principal

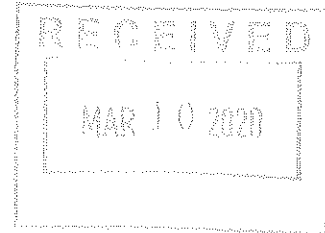
cc: Mrs. Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools

PJC/cc

EHBi
EZRA H. BAKER INNOVATION SCHOOL

Kevin F. Depin - Principal
Ellen Flanagan - Assistant Principal

March 9, 2020



Carol, Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools
296 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Dear Carol:

I respectfully submit the following donation to Ezra H. Baker Innovation School for review and acceptance by the D-Y School Committee:

The Apple Festival Committee of The Dennis Union Church located at 713 Main Street, Dennis, MA 02638, donated \$450.00 in Stop and Shop gift cards to be used for our food pantry.

I am grateful for this generous donation, and will ensure that they will be used for our families in need.

Sincerely,

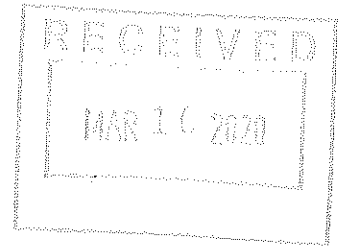
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Kevin F. Depin
Principal

KFD/pmc

EHBi
EZRA H. BAKER INNOVATION SCHOOL

Kevin F. Depin - Principal
Ellen Flanagan - Assistant Principal



March 2, 2020

Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools
296 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Dear Carol:

I respectfully submit the following donation to Ezra H. Baker Innovation School for review and acceptance by the D-Y School Committee:

A Drive Medical Cruiser III adult size wheel chair and a Drive Medical battery powered patient lift with a rechargeable removable battery which includes two patient slings. These items are in perfect condition and were donated by the Estate of Ann Berard C/O 459 Route 28, Harwich port MA 02646.

I am extremely grateful for their generous donation, and will ensure they will be used to support our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin F. Depin".

Kevin F. Depin
Principal
KFD/pmc

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 24, 2020, at the Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Brian Carey, Treasurer; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Andrea St. Germain, Secretary; James Dykeman

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Tainan Nunes, Student Representative; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Learning; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Ann Knell, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Pat Plucinski, DYRSAA; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Lisa Fedy; Dale Fornoff; Tristan Williams; Diane Ross; Mary Loebig; Jen Legge; Karen Mauro; Curt Sears; Vida Morris.

At 6:30 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. The committee agreed to change the order of reports; we will begin with the recognition of Lisa Fedy followed by the student representative report.

Reports

Recognition of Lisa Fedy – 2019-2020 College Board Counselor Recognition Program

A video tribute from her students to Ms. Fedy was shown; Mrs. Woodbury acknowledged Reade Whinnem as the filmmaker and thanked him for his work. Mrs. Woodbury outlined Ms. Fedy's many contributions to her students; citing Credit for Life and the Work Based Learning program as some of her many efforts. The chair of the school committee also presented Ms. Fedy with an Above and Beyond certificate and pin.

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes

Tainan began his report with congratulations to Ms. Fedy. He thanked Mrs. Knell for allowing percussion practice to take place at Mattacheese. The boys basketball and girls ice hockey teams are tournament-bound.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

High School Schedule – Paul Funk

Dr. Funk was joined by Tristan Williams, Dale Fornoff and Diane Ross for the presentation. Mary Loebig was in the audience as well. He brought the committee up to speed on the timeline of the scheduling committee. He thanked the teacher volunteers for their countless hours on the committee. He said that there are non-negotiables involved and that the greatest goal is to increase student achievement. The new schedule would include a 30 minute daily enrichment block and would be a 7 drop 2 schedule. Some of the benefits are continuity, 450 more minutes of instruction time, daily

extra help, and extended labs. Ms. Fornoff added that workshops could be held during enrichment time eliminating the need to pull students from regular classes. This time could also be used for MCAS tutoring and remediation. The group visited Falmouth High School where they already have a program in place. A question and answer period followed. Ms. Landers questioned what has changed? The 84 minute blocks were put in place for a reason, for instance. Ms. Ross said that the faculty was not given a choice in the matter when the long blocks were instituted. Discussion followed regarding instructional time, college readiness, homework, hallway monitoring, software, and iPads. Dr. Funk said that there would be an informational meeting for parents. Jeni Landers thanked them for the presentation.

Mrs. Woodbury announced a reminder for families of future dolphins - Online Kindergarten Registration is open and can be found on the DY Regional School District website under the enrollment tab. She also announced that it is Public Education Week in Massachusetts. She also announced the winners of the Cape Cod Five and Educational Foundation Grants and thanked the teachers for their efforts.

Mrs. Woodbury referenced the draft calendars for school years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022; the calendars require a vote of the school committee. She explained front loading the professional days and that Labor Day is occurring late both years. Her thought is to begin school prior to Labor Day. Discussion followed. Jeni Landers does not support starting before Labor Day.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

FY21 Budget Update: Mr. Jenks gave a PowerPoint presentation. He went over the timeline, cherry sheet, potential revenue and adjustments. He also reviewed other options including anticipated revenue and regional transportation. Carol Woodbury said they have been in contact with Representative Whelan about the budget. Brian Carey said that with 2 members absent at this meeting he did not want to take a vote on the budget; Mr. Morris agreed. Joe Tierney is not in favor of using the E & D fund. Jeni Landers agreed with delaying the vote due to the absence of 2 committee members.

MSBA Update: Mr. Jenks discussed the tour of the M.E. Small School. A new statement of interest will be submitted to the MSBA for consideration. The working groups for the new school building are ongoing.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

B. Carey, Dennis: No report

J. Tierney, Yarmouth: Mr. Tierney reported that the Yarmouth selectmen asked for the school committee agenda to be emailed to them on Thursdays when the school committee receives their agenda; this will be implemented immediately.

DYRSD Building Committee Update – J. Tierney: Mr. Tierney described the different focus groups whose meetings are ongoing. The next full building committee meeting will take place on Thursday, March 5th, at 4:30 p.m. at the high school library.

Treasurer's Report OPEB (PARS) – B. Carey: Mr. Carey gave the treasurer's report; a copy of which was distributed to the members. A discussion followed.

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried by roll call vote 5-0, it was

VOTED: That whenever there is at least \$500,000 in the Excess and Deficiency account, that 10% or \$50,000 of those funds be deposited in the OPEB account.

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| Brian Carey | yes |
| Jeni Landers | yes |
| Phillip Morris | yes |
| Brian Sullivan | yes |
| Joseph Tierney | yes |

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Brian Carey, and carried 5-0, it was

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

Minutes

February 10, 2020

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendars

The next school committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020, at Station Avenue Elementary School.

Items Distributed at the Meeting

Proposed High School Schedule at a Glance
FY21 Tentative Budget & Potential Reductions
Plymouth County OPEB Trust Annual Client Review February 5, 2020
Draft Calendars 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

Public Comment Period

Karen Mauro said that parents have shared with her that they would prefer that the March conference days be held later, not right after February vacation. Michelle Dunn commended the high school scheduling committee for their presentation and hard work. Vida Morris had some questions about the high school schedule.

At 8:57 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 5-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee enter into Executive Session, not 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 litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares (DYEA).

Brian Carey yes
Jeni Landers yes
Phillip Morris yes
Brian Sullivan yes
Joseph Tierney yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary

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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 9, 2020, at the Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Andrea St. Germain, Secretary; Brian Carey, Treasurer; James Dykeman, Jr.; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Tainan Nunes, Student Representative

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Patrick Riley, Principal, M.E. Small School; Peter Crowell, Principal, Station Avenue Elementary School; Chris Flanagan, Dennis Board of Selectmen; James Plath, Dennis Finance Committee; Curt Sears.

At 6:30 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes – The student representative was absent, therefore no report.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

B. Carey, Dennis: Mr. Carey reported that it is his understanding that an override vote in the town may not be necessary. Ms. Landers asked Selectman Chris Flanagan who was in the audience if he would like to comment. Mr. Flanagan said that an override was not anticipated. Jim Plath of the Finance Committee was also in attendance and he also said he felt there would be no need for an override. Mr. Carey thanked them both for their input.

J.Tierney, Yarmouth: No report.

DYRSD Building Committee Update – J. Tierney: Mr. Tierney reported that focus groups have been meeting and that there is no tentative date for the opening of the new school. Jeni Landers asked how parents can become more involved. Mr. Tierney said he would like to invite the project managers to a future school committee meeting for a presentation and question and answer session.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

New School Bond Anticipation Notes Proposal: After a brief discussion, on a motion by Joseph Tierney and seconded by Andrea St. Germain and carried unanimously, it was

VOTED: To accept the bid from TD Bank N.A. for the school building project initial borrowing of \$3,000,000 at the rate of .980%

Approval of FY21 Budget: Mr. Jenks gave a presentation regarding the FY21 budget. He discussed the budget action to date, revenue adjustments, retirement savings, and the excess and deficiency fund. He said that the proposed budget provides all necessary services and avoids significant reductions. After discussion, on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried by roll call vote it was

VOTED: That the School Committee adopt an FY21 budget of \$ 64,834,171 with a Dennis operating assessment of \$ 17,414,824, debt service of \$460,017 for a total assessment of \$17,874,841 and a Yarmouth operating assessment of \$35,618,183, debt service of \$312,633 for a total Yarmouth assessment of \$35,930,816.

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| Brian Carey | yes |
| James Dykeman | yes |
| Jeni Landers | yes |
| Phil Morris | yes |
| Andrea St. Germain | yes |
| Brian Sullivan | yes |
| Joe Tierney | yes |

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Approval of School Calendars for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022: Mrs. Woodbury referenced the memo which was included in the packet regarding the Approval of 20-21 and 21-22 School Calendars. She outlined the advantages of starting school before Labor Day when Labor Day falls on September 6, 7, or 8. Teacher professional days will take place prior to the students arriving; this is a positive for parents with childcare needs; there is little wiggle room when snow days are used; September days are better for learning than June days; more educational days prior to MCAS testing is a positive. The DYEA membership voted support the change for these two years. A discussion followed regarding the positives and negatives of starting school before Labor Day. On a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 4-3 it was:

VOTED: To approve the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Calendars as presented.

Coronavirus Update: Mrs. Woodbury brought the Committee up to date on the Coronavirus. She referenced the March 3, 2020 letter which was sent in multiple languages to all families and staff members. The letters also have been posted on the district website. The district will be following the protocols recommended by the Department of Public Health.

Good News

MMS

March is Best Buddies Month! Best Buddies is sponsoring Crazy Sock Day to honor and celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Day on Friday, March 20th. Students who choose to participate will receive a raffle ticket and be entered to win a raffle prize. Let's all celebrate this important day! Also, please remember that our spring musical, The Wizard of Oz, will have performances on Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee performance on Saturday, March 21st at 1:00 p.m.

DYRHS

On Wednesday, March 4th, DY held its second semester Showcase. The event included presentations by our students and faculty. In addition, the Foreign Language Department put on its International Food Festival. The events were very well attended.

The guidance department recently held the Junior Parent Breakfast. The event was extremely well attended and is designed to help Junior Parents begin the college process. The event included speakers from Bridgewater State University's Admissions Office and a DY student panel that included seniors Arianna Ferreira, Gabriella Rios, and Ben Wanko describing how they navigated the college process.

Tomorrow night Tuesday, March 10th is the Chorus and Strings Concert here at DY, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team and the Girls Ice Hockey team for a great season. The boys basketball team lost to Randolph in double overtime in the Quarterfinals of the MIAA Division 2 South Tournament. The game was played in front of a capacity crowd here at DY. The girls Ice Hockey team also lost a hard fought game 2-1 to Falmouth in the MIAA Division 2 South Quarterfinals. The game was played at Warrior Arena in Boston, which is the practice facility of the Boston Bruins. Both teams competed extremely hard all the year and represented DY with class throughout the tournament.

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School will show the film *Angst* to students, faculty, and parents. *Angst* is a 56-minute film that explores anxiety, its causes and effects, and what we can do about it. The filmmakers' goal is to have a global conversation and raise awareness around anxiety. Community resources will be available after the show to support and answer any questions. The film will be shown to faculty on Wednesday afternoon, to parents on Thursday morning at 7:30am and Thursday afternoon at 5:30pm, and all students will see the film on Friday. Each film session will include a panel discussion to help better understand the signs, causes, and effects of anxiety.

EHB/

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. "

This quote from Dr. Seuss says it best. We did just that at EHBi last week. We started the week with a Read Across America assembly that was planned and executed by students from our Readers Theatre after school group! On Wednesday, each classroom had a community readers visit. All of our community readers were first responders from our wonderful town! On Friday, the whole school "Dropped Everything and Read!" The reading fun continues this week with our fourth Read Around Town event at the West Dennis Library, Wednesday evening, 6:30 PM.

MES

At MES, we had a PBIS contest for K-3 students. Every time a student received a bead for doing something "respectable, responsible, ready, caring or safe," they received a bead for their necklaces. They also received a paper shamrock that they put their name on and it went into a drawing. Two winners were chosen and they won a spot to ride on the MES PTO float in the St. Patrick's Day parade. MES was well supported in the parade by students and staff!

NHW

Recently, our whole school participated in the Glow Run, sponsored by our PTO where we raised over \$20,000 to fund field trips and other school wide activities. All students also participated in the Square One Art fundraiser. Each student drew their favorite memory and families will be able to order something with their child's drawing on it. Lastly, half of our 5th grade experienced "Wet Fest" where AmeriCorps provided hands-on, water based activities for our students. The other half of the 5th grade will participate in June.

SAE

SAE ended the week with an All School Meeting on 3/6 to celebrate Dr. Seuss. As in past years, we were fortunate to have many community members visit our school on 3/6 and read to our classrooms. Last week, "Nutrition Detectives" visited our grade 3 classrooms and Forsyth Dental was here servicing those students signed up for fluoride treatments.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 7-0, it was

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

Acceptance of Donations

Move to accept with thanks a donation of 22 Nuvo Recorder and instruments from West Bend Music of Dennis Port to the third graders at Ezra H. Baker Innovation School.

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendars

The next school committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020, at Station Avenue Elementary School.

Public Comment Period

Chris Flanagan said that there would be a committee established to discuss the school buildings in the Town of Dennis.

At 7:55 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 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
Wednesday, April 15, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, via remote technology in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 20.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Brian Carey, Treasurer; Andrea St. Germain, Secretary; James Dykeman; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Patrick Riley, Principal, M.E. Small Elementary School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Holly Poor.

At 5:30 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Update on School Building Project

Mr. Tierney reported that everything is on hold; meetings have been cancelled and that at this point everything is in a holding pattern. Mrs. Woodbury said that because the project is presently in the detailed design period that we should still be in a good position.

Update on Remote Learning Plan and Food Service

Mrs. Woodbury updated the committee on the Dolphin Learning plan. The governor announced the closing of schools beginning on March 17th. Because of the mild winter the 5 snow days were still available and were used for the first 5 days of the schools closing. Much work was done right away to set up remote learning. Rooney Powers and the entire food service team began the Dolphin Drive-Thru Program on March 17th providing meals to our students. Mr. Jenks added that 48,000 meals have been provided by the Food Service Department.

Mrs. Woodbury said that the Commissioner advised districts to focus on enrichment activities during the second week of closure. On March 25th, the Governor extended the stay at home advisory to May 4th. This placed a greater burden on families. Educators were asked to reach out to families. Mr. Jenks described the process of controlled access to buildings so that educators could retrieve items. The health departments of both towns were consulted. He anticipates that there will be one more day of controlled access to buildings.

Mrs. Woodbury said that by the end of the second week of closure the high school was ready to go with online learning. Students at the high school level are already using Google classroom and they already bring their iPads home. It is not as easy in the younger grades; families are differently resourced; some may only have one computer, for instance, and if parents are working from home that would cause a great hardship. Students in grades 3-5 leave their iPads at school on a charging cart. Charging blocks have been ordered and have just arrived. Mrs. Woodbury added that the Technology Department has done a wonderful job getting technology to students; Wixom students had

pick-up day on April 14 and 15. Mr. Jenks added that Chris Machado and JoAnna Watson bagged each student's personal device and Mr. Blake and Mrs. Goode handed them off to families much like the Dolphin Drive-Thru lunch process. Mr. Blake personally delivered several devices to students.

Mrs. Woodbury spoke further of technology and the variability of educator skills. JoAnna Watson very quickly set up training videos and tools. Mrs. Woodbury also quoted the Commissioner's core beliefs during these challenging times to "do no harm" and concentrate on health, safety, and wellness. She followed up by a discussion of the high school seniors; we want to celebrate them and their accomplishments but what would that look like? Also, 3rd grade iPads may be a possibility. Packets for the younger grades may also be in the future. She ended by saying that further information regarding school closing will be forthcoming from the Governor soon.

Jeni Landers asked about MCAS; it has been waived for all grades. Brian Carey thanked Food Service and offered any help they may need. Discussion followed regarding the senior class, grading, learning expectations. Joe Tierney thanked Chris Machado, JoAnna Watson, Rooney Powers, and the entire technology and food service staff. He asked the best way for parents to contact schools which would be via email.

School Committee Business

Consider Change to 2020 April School Vacation:

Mrs. Woodbury discussed eliminating the upcoming April vacation. Currently the learning plan is working well and she felt that any disruption at this point may ruin the momentum already established. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Brian Sullivan and carried 7-0 on a roll call vote it was:

VOTED: To eliminate the April school vacation and continue the remote learning process for April 21-24. April 20 is a legal state holiday (Patriot's Day).

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| Brian Carey | yes |
| James Dykeman | yes |
| Jeni Landers | yes |
| Phil Morris | yes |
| Andrea St. Germain | yes |
| Brian Sullivan | yes |
| Joe Tierney | yes |

Public Comment Period

Tracy Post mentioned that the Yarmouth Annual Town Meeting has been postponed to June 22. Brian Carey spoke about the Annual Dolphin Dash; it was scheduled for April 25 and has been postponed with hopes of holding it later in the summer. Holly Poor is very happy with the support her family has received from the schools. Julie Angiullo has students in 3 different district schools and is very thankful for everything the schools are doing.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary