



**DYRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA**

**Thursday, September 3, 2020**

**Station Avenue Elementary School  
276 Station Avenue  
South Yarmouth, MA  
6:30 p.m.**

**NOTE: THIS IS A REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING**

This meeting is being held partially 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 and the Governor's March 15, 2020 order imposing a limitation on the number of people that may gather in one location; this meeting will be conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted. Meetings will be broadcast on Channel 22 as soon as possible. Members of the public who wish to watch/listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner:

**Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: School Committee Mtg. - September 3 @ 6:30  
Time: Sep 3, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

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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  
Mr. James Dykeman, Secretary  
Mr. Brian Carey, Treasurer  
Mr. Joe Glynn  
Mr. Phillip Morris  
Mr. Brian Sullivan

**Administration**

Mrs. Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Kenneth Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services

**I. Open the Meeting (6:30 p.m.)**

**II. Reports (6:30 p.m.)**

A. School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

B. DYRSD Building Committee Update – J. Tierney

Meeting September 17, 2020 at 4:30

C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

Updates:

1. Yarmouth Board of Selectmen
2. Yarmouth Board of Health
3. School Transportation

**III. School Committee Business (7:00 p.m.)**

Approve Mask Policy

Motion: Move to dispense the policy adoption sequence under File: BGB-Policy Adoption in order to meet emergency conditions.

Motion: Move to adopt the mask policy as presented.

Consent Agenda

**IV. Bills, Requisitions and Payroll**

**V. Calendar (Enc. #5)**

**VI. Information Items**

Letter to the Cape Cod Times from Mr. John Mulkeen of Marstons Mills  
Tentative School Committee Meeting Schedule 2020-2021

**VII. Public Comment Period (7:30 p.m.)**

**VIII. Executive Session (8:00 p.m.)**

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 Negotiations, DYRSAA Negotiations.)

*\*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. Carol A. Woodbury, Superintendent

### **Consent Agenda** (Enc. 3)

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

#### **Donation**

Move to accept a \$100.00 donation to the Marguerite E. Small library from John and Debra Mulkeen of Marstons Mills.

Move to accept a donation of 12 backpacks from Mr. Mark Ohrenberger of Yarmouth Port.

#### **Minutes**

July 13, 2020

July 30, 2020

August 6, 2020

August 17, 2020



# Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District

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To: DYRSD School Committee

From: Carol A. Woodbury *CAW*  
Superintendent

Re: New School Committee Policy  
File: EBCFA - Face Coverings

Date: September 3, 2020

I have attached a proposed new school committee policy File: EBCFA-Face Coverings for your review. Because of the emergency nature of this policy I also recommend a motion to dispense the usual policy adoption sequence under File: BGB-Policy Adoption.

Here are the two motions I would recommend:

I move that we dispense with the sequence for adopting policies under School Committee Policy BGB and vote a mask policy this evening given the emergency nature of getting said policy in place before the start of the in-person student school year.

I move that we adopt policy EBCFA as written.

Or

I move that we adopt policy EBCFA as revised.

The second motion allows you to make revisions from the table should that be desired.

Thank you.

CAW/emw  
attachment

## FACE COVERINGS

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District believes that returning to school in-person is in the best interest of students and families. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff members as schools reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to public health experts, one of the best ways to stop the spread of coronavirus and to keep members of our school community safe is the use of face masks or face coverings. The CDC says, “Masks are recommended as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the mask coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called source control. This recommendation is based on what we know about the role respiratory droplets play in the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19, paired with emerging evidence from clinical and laboratory studies that shows masks reduce the spray of droplets when worn over the nose and mouth. COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), so the use of masks is particularly important in settings where people are close to each other or where social distancing is difficult to maintain. CDC’s recommendations for masks will be updated as new scientific evidence becomes available.”

Therefore, in accordance with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), the following requirements are in place until further notice.

- A face covering that covers the nose and mouth must be worn by all individuals in school buildings, on school grounds and on school transportation, even when physical distancing is observed.
- Students at all grade levels must wear masks.
- All adults will wear masks.

Masks can be disposable or reusable and will need to: fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin, be made with at least 2 layers of breathable material, fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, and be secured with ties or ear loops. Based on guidance from health authorities, neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas and face covering containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind will not be considered appropriate masks. The current scientific information shows that these are ineffective as the fine mesh fabric potentially aerosolizes droplets. In addition, bandanas that loosely hang over the mouth are ineffective in preventing the person from transmitting disease to others. If a staff member or student does not have a mask, they will be provided with a mask by the school district.

Educators will schedule mask breaks during the day and will help students build up tolerance to wearing masks. During all mask breaks at least six feet of physical distancing must be possible. Mask breaks will occur while eating or drinking and may occur during outdoor time.

The CDC recommends that masks should not be worn by anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Students may be exempted from this policy due to special behavioral or individualized needs as determined by the Special Education Director in consultation with the District's Nurse Leader. A written note from a **physician** is required for a requested exemption. Face shields or physical barriers may provide an alternative in some instances.

A student's mask or face covering is to be provided by the student's family. Staff members are responsible for providing their own face coverings. However, the district will supply disposable face covering for individuals who arrive at a building, or board school transportation, without one.

If students are in violation of this policy, the building principal will consult with the parent/guardians to determine whether an exception is appropriate, or the student may be removed from the school building for in-person learning until such time as they can comply with the requirement or the requirement is lifted.

Violations of this policy by staff will be handled in the same manner as other violations of School Committee policy.

Visitors to the schools will be limited; however, any visitor in violation of this policy will be denied entry to the school/district facility.

This policy will remain in place until rescinded by the School Committee.

LEGAL REF.: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, COVID-19 Order No. 31 -  
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/may-1-2020-masks-and-face-coverings/download>

REFS.: Center for Disease Control and Prevention – Considerations for Wearing Masks -  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>  
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Reopening Guidelines - <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Mask Up MA! –  
<https://www.mass.gov/news/mask-up-ma>

SOURCE: MASC – August 2020

## **POLICY ADOPTION**

Adoption of new policies or changing existing policies is solely the responsibility of the School Committee. Policies will be adopted and/or amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the School Committee when such action has been scheduled on the agenda of a regular or special meeting.

To permit time for study of all policies or amendments to policies and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to react, proposed policies or amendments will be presented as an agenda item to the Committee in the following sequence:

1. Policy subcommittee review – Recommend to full committee
2. Discussion item - reading of the proposed policy or policies; distribution with agenda; response from Superintendent; report from the Policy subcommittee assigned responsibility in the area; Committee discussion and directions for any redrafting
3. Action item - discussion, adoption or rejection

Amendments to the policy at the action stage will not require repetition of the sequence, unless the Committee so directs.

The School Committee may dispense with the above sequence to meet emergency conditions.

Policies will be effective upon the date set by the School Committee. This date will ensure that affected persons have an opportunity to become familiar with the requirements of the new policy prior to its implementation.

# Marguerite E. Small Elementary School

Patrick M. Riley  
*Principal*



July 30, 2020

Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District School Committee  
Station Avenue Elementary School  
276 Station Avenue  
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Dear School Committee Members,

We have received a \$100.00 check as a library donation from John and Debra Mulkeen. Mr. Mulkeen is a former student from MES (in the Marguerite years). He recently wrote a nice letter to the Cape Cod Times regarding M. E. Small.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulkeen came to our school for a tour and gave me a check as a donation to our library.

We would like to accept this check on behalf of our school library.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick M. Riley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Riley

*Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District*  
*"Empowering each student to achieve excellence with integrity in a changing world."*

<http://dy-regional.k12.ma.us/marguerite-e-small-elementary-school>  
440 Higgins Crowell Road, West Yarmouth, MA 02673-5211  
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August 24, 2020

Mr. Mark Ohrenberger  
49 West Woods Lane  
Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts 02675

Dear Mr. Ohrenberger:

Thank you for your very thoughtful donation of twelve LL Bean book bags valued at approximately \$444.00. The bags were distributed to students at the Nathaniel H. Wixon School.

On behalf of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee and our students, we sincerely appreciate your generous donation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol A. Woodbury".

Carol A. Woodbury  
Superintendent

CAW/emw

**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, July 13, 2020**

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 13, 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; James Dykeman, Jr.; Brian Sullivan; Phillip Morris; and Joe Glynn.

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; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; JoAnna Watson, Assistant Director of Digital Learning and Library Services; Rooney Powers, Director of Food Services; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Learning; Mike Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Wixon School; Elijah Switzer, Assistant Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Nick Pasquarosa, School Resource Officer; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Walter Hartley; Dan Colli; Mark Aldrean; Andy Hazelton; Mitchell Miller; Chris Legere; Michelle Dunn; Denise Presswood; Eileen Martins; Shannon Danne Feeney; Karen Beauchemin; Jen Linberg; K. Stone; R. Higgins; Susan Curley; Mary Taylor; Tammy McCarthy; Dan Broyles.

At 5:36 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

School Committee Reorganization

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee began its reorganization process for school year 2020-2021 with the Superintendent presiding. Mr. Joseph Tierney nominated Ms. Jeni Landers for the position of school committee chairperson. Ms. Landers accepted and was elected unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Chairperson Landers then called for nominations for the position of vice chairperson. Mr. Brian Carey nominated Mr. Joseph Tierney. Mr. Tierney accepted and was elected unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Chairperson Landers then called for nominations for the position of secretary. Mr. Brian Carey nominated Mr. James Dykeman. Mr. Dykeman accepted and was elected unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Chairperson Landers then called for nominations for the position of treasurer. Ms. Jeni Landers nominated Mr. Brian Carey. Mr. Carey accepted and was elected unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Reports

Update on School Building Project: Joe Tierney

Presentation by Perkins Eastman and PMA

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Perkins Eastman and PMA regarding the new school building. The site plan, exterior development, exterior materials update, updated floor plans, interior finishes, classroom renderings, along with the project schedule update, key dates/next steps, the 60% CD work plan, and cash flow were all discussed. It was noted that there has been great participation and input from all involved.

Phil Morris asked whether the notes from the focus committee meetings would be available. Carol Woodbury said that the safety and security focus committee was attended by safety personnel from Dennis and Yarmouth including the police and fire departments. Joe Glynn asked for clarification regarding the athletic fields and whether they would be grass or AstroTurf. Walter Hartley said that to stay on budget the fields are currently grass. At the end of the current

phase in about 2 months there will be a value management exercise regarding the fields. Joe Tierney asked about the reimbursement process. Brian Carey asked how much adaptability there will be in technology and security. The project manager said that it is a building for the future with more capability and room to grow. Jeni Landers asked how much flexibility there would be in the way the students are housed in the building by grades. The spaces could be flexible. Jeni Landers thanked them for their presentation.

School Committee Liaisons to Boards of Selectmen

B. Carey, Dennis: No report

J. Tierney, Yarmouth: No report

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

Bid Awards: Mr. Jenks reviewed the various bids that were listed on the agenda. After a brief discussion, the following bids were awarded:

On a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was:

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Robert B. Our, Inc., to provide septic services for the three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and Robert B. Our, Inc. bid response of June 18, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was:

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to George T. Wilkinson, Inc., to provide preventative maintenance for oil burners and boilers for a three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and George T. Wilkinson, Inc. bid response of June 12, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Cape Cod Alarm Co., Inc. located in South Yarmouth, Mass. to provide alarm monitoring and repair services for the three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and Cape Cod Alarm Co., Inc. bid response of June 12, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to BBE Corporation dba Buckley Elevator, located in Salem, Mass. to provide elevator inspections and maintenance services for the three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and BBE Corporation dba Buckley Elevator bid response of June 10, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Cavossa Disposal Corporation, located in Falmouth, MA to provide Refuse Collection and Disposal and Recycling for the three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, with two (2) one (1) year options as per our specifications and Cavossa Disposal Corporation bid response of June 25, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Weston & Sampson Services, Inc. of Reading, MA to provide wastewater treatment facility engineering consulting, operation and maintenance for the period from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021, with an option to renew for two years through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and Weston & Sampson Services, Inc. of Reading, MA bid response of June 18, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phil Morris and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Gannon Fire Sprinkler, to provide sprinkler maintenance services for the three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and Gannon Fire Sprinkler bid response of June 18, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Joe Glynn and carried 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. located in Beachwood, OH to provide Roof Inspections, Condition-Assessment Reports/Database Development, and Preventive Maintenance Services & Emergency Leak Response Program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, twelve (12) additional months with an option for the owner to renew the agreement for two (2) additional/consecutive twelve (12) month periods, to a maximum of (36) months, as per our specifications and Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. bid response of July 2, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Mr. Jenks made mention of the helpful assistance that Sandy Cashen, Facilities Manager, gave throughout the bid process. Jeni Landers asked that he thank her on behalf of the Committee.

Jeni Landers announced that Brian Carey and Phil Morris have been re-elected to the School Committee and welcomed Joe Glynn as the newest member. She also wished to thank Andrea St. Germain for her 10 years on the committee; Brian Carey also thanked Andrea.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Mrs. Woodbury reminded the Committee about the July 25 graduation date. The high school team has done a great job with senior week activities.

Mrs. Woodbury would like to appoint Mike Bovino, Principal of Mattacheese Middle School, to the building committee and have Ann Knell, former Principal, continue as an at large member of the committee. On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and passed 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: To appoint Mike Bovino, Principal of Mattacheese Middle School, to the school building committee and appoint Ann Knell, former Principal, as an at large member of the school building committee.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Mrs. Woodbury then spoke about the reopening of school. There have been many virtual meetings. She read highlights from a letter from the Commissioner of Education. Districts are required to submit preliminary reopening plans by Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Social distancing, number of classrooms, and classroom capacity were all outlined. Summer programs at Ezra Baker Elementary and the high school will start on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. These programs will help show how things may work in the fall. Gowns, personal protective equipment, and an on-site nurse are all part of the summer programs. A survey has gone out and results are being compiled. It is expected that students will have to wear masks. The goal is for a safe return to school. The DESE feels that there is no substitution for in person learning. Face masks, hand washing, social distancing, and staying home when sick are the safety measures. Mr. Jenks said that masks, gloves, and thermometers are all ordered. CARES covers reasonable costs; the state set up a list of vendors; he feels we are in a reasonably good place. Mrs. Woodbury reminded the committee that the state budget is still not settled.

A question and answer session followed.

Jeni Landers would like to hold off on further discussion. Brian Carey agreed; saying that some off Cape districts are cutting programs and he would like more solid information. Joe Glynn

agreed; he does not want to create anxiety unnecessarily. Is this local control or is it the governor's decision. Carol said it is the governor's decision to close schools. Ms. Landers asked Mr. Jenks how much money was allotted to the district; he will get her this figure.

**School Committee Business**

School Committee Resolution: COVID-19 State Funding:

Jeni Landers read a resolution regarding COVID-19 State Funding into the record:

WHEREAS, if schools are to re-open this fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the responsibility of each school district to do so safely and responsibly; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure that each school district is able to pay for the enormous additional staffing, transportation and material expenses required to do this; and

WHEREAS, the state cannot expect mandatory COVID-19 safety guidelines to be followed without also ensuring that each school district has the funds required to implement these guidelines; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED: that the state must guarantee every school district full reimbursement for whatever COVID-19 expenses are required to follow state mandates.

We must ensure a statewide school re-opening that is safe, responsible and equitable.

There can be no unfunded mandates for COVID-19.

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Brian Carey, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: To support the School Committee Resolution: COVID-19 State Funding as read into the record.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

School Resource Officers – Recent MTA Vote

After a brief discussion regarding School Resource Officers in Dennis-Yarmouth schools, on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Brian Sullivan, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was



VOTED: That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District School Resource Officers shall maintain their positions in the schools.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

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

**Donations:**

Move to accept a donation of safety vests from the Town of Yarmouth Waste Management to the D-YRSD Maintenance and Grounds Department.

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June 15, 2020  
June 18, 2020

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

**Items Distributed at Meeting**

School Building Committee Membership Memo

**Bills, Requisitions and Payroll**

Bills, requisitions and payroll were signed off-site.

**Calendars**

The calendars were reviewed.

**Public Comment Period**

Michelle Dunn discussed the School Resource Officers as well as the reopening of school. Pace of preparation is a concern; she also felt that there has been little focus overall on what adults need.

Will Rubinstein mentioned 3 factors he felt are necessary for school reopening; commitment; flexibility; and focus on staff.

**Adjourn**

At 7:33 p.m., on a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Brian Carey, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

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Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary

**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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At 5:05 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

**Preliminary Plan for Reopening School**

Carol Woodbury, Superintendent  
Kenneth Jenks, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Woodbury reviewed the Reimagining the DY Advantage Preliminary Reopening Plan that the Committee received prior to the meeting. She told the Committee that facets of the plan would result in a change in working conditions for members of the unions. The Reopening Advisory Task Force has met 4 times and plans to meet twice more. Employee and parent surveys have been sent out. The preliminary reopening plan will be submitted to the DESE tomorrow; next week the final plan will be voted upon by the Committee. The goal of the DESE is safely returning as many students as possible to in-person settings to maximize learning and address students' holistic needs. The DESE has issued Remote Learning Guidance for students who will not be attending school in person; as part of a hybrid learning model; or in case changing COVID-19 conditions require a shift to full remote learning as determined by local and state leaders.

The DESE Required Reopening Plans include in-person learning with new safety requirements; hybrid learning; and remote learning. Families may choose remote; students may need to be remote due to being symptomatic or asymptomatic; and we need to be prepared to be fully remote if schools are closed again. The safety, equity and connections between school staff, students, and families are paramount. The school committee will need to establish a policy for families whose child who has been learning remotely and then wishes to return to in-person

learning. We would like to be able to do return them as soon as possible; but no longer than three weeks.

There will be increased accountability during the remote learning experience. Attendance will be taken and students will be graded. MCAS is scheduled for spring 2021.

Ken Jenks spoke of the core requirements; physical distancing (6 feet apart); masks/face coverings for all students PK-12, handwashing and hand sanitizing; and staying home when sick. All guidelines are aligned with the CDC. All cleaning and disinfecting products are EPA approved. The district has purchased personal protective equipment; the ventilation systems have all been checked; windows are being checked and repaired to make sure they are operational. All district families are our partners. The students in grades K-7 will be able to come to school in person if families choose in-person learning. PreK and the high school will need to be on a hybrid model due to distancing requirements.

Mrs. Woodbury shared the staff and family survey results to date. She then shared the professional development that is being planned for teachers. We already have coaches being trained who will then become the trainers. The Dolphin Way will now include masks; handwashing; social distancing; and staying home when sick.

Consistent learning platforms are very important. For preschool – Grade 2 we will use Seesaw; for grades 3-12 we will use Google Classroom. Leila Maxwell spoke of the math and science curriculum; in math we will use *Great Minds in Sync* in tandem with *Eureka*. They have the resources to support students moving forward. In science the district was already researching new resources; they chose *StemScopes* which is a digital platform providing for seamless transitions.

Sherry Santini spoke about the Literacy Collaborative and guided reading. The coaches have taken very innovative approaches including taking screenshots of books for guided reading in order to simulate the in-person experience as much as possible. They also plan to do this with writing. In social studies the work will continue; there is an excellent app on the iPads which students can access at their reading level.

Mrs. Woodbury said that the Commissioner wants schools to assess students in the fall. She said that this would certainly not happen right at the start of school. The Commissioner has also approved a 170 day school year so that staff can receive professional development prior to school starting. District paraprofessionals will also receive training. Students must start school by September 16. The school committee will need to vote to approve a revised school calendar.

She then spoke of School Based Operations; there are a lot of pieces to this. The principals have been working with their teams; the reopening advisory task force has been very helpful. For instance, each school will need a quarantine space separate from the nurse's office.

Ken Jenks spoke about buses and shared a chart showing how students can be physically distanced while on the bus. Everyone on the bus must wear a mask; there will be assigned seats; students must ride the same bus in the morning and the afternoon with no exceptions.

We are awaiting guidance on sports; clubs and activities; after school programs; and before and after school child care.

Carol said that at the next School Committee meeting the Committee will need to vote on three items: The policy statement on return to in-person learning from remote; the revised school calendar; and the reopening plan.

Jeni Landers thanked Carol and Ken and asked for questions from the Committee.

Brian Carey thanked Carol and Ken and said that communication is vital. He is very concerned about funding. Have modular classrooms for the high school been considered? A video library of technology how-tos would be very helpful for parents. We cannot lose sight of music, sports, extracurriculars-we need to teach the whole student.

Brian Sullivan said this has never been attempted before. He is in favor of bringing kids back in person as much as possible. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

Joe Glynn also thanked everyone for their hard work. All districts are starting out the same. He thinks kids really want to be back at school.

Joe Tierney thanked Carol and Ken and all the principals. This is uncharted territory.

Jim Dykeman thanked Carol and Ken for the presentation; he added that the safety of staff and students is the most important thing. Additional federal and state funding will be necessary to make this work.

Phil Morris thanked all for their hard work. He said that communication with parents is very important.

#### **Public Comment Period**

Michelle Dunn spoke of the Barnstable reopening plan which mimics the state's phased-in reopening plan. Heidi Ames thinks it would be very helpful for parents to see what a classroom set-up would look like.

Brian Carey added that pictures and videos on the website would be very helpful for parents to make their decisions; Joe Tierney and Joe Glynn agreed.

Vida Morris said that the model in Europe has always been that students stay in the classroom and teachers move from room to room.

#### **Adjourn**

At 6:40 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

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Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary

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**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 6, 2020**

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Thursday, August 6, 2020, at Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts and 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; James Dykeman, Jr., Secretary; Brian Carey, Treasurer; Brian Sullivan; Phillip Morris (began the meeting remotely and arrived in person at 7:00 p.m.); and Joe Glynn.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee.

At 5:36 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. The Chair asked those participating via Zoom technology to make sure they were muted. After a sound check, the Chair announced that the superintendent and assistant superintendent would be presenting the plan for reopening school. She added that the school committee has certain controls; they have never voted on the day-to-day operations of the schools. The school committee controls the budget and policy implications. Tonight's presentation will not include exact details of either in-person or remote learning. Each school is different; staffing, physical layout, etc. Details will be forthcoming; parent forums are planned. About 50% of families have responded to the survey thus far. The district will need to finalize plans. All planning is based on guidance and the best information possible. She said that they want to present the best plan possible for Dennis-Yarmouth.

**Plan for Reopening School**

Carol Woodbury, Superintendent  
Kenneth Jenks, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Woodbury presented the plan for reopening school. She had a call with the Commissioner earlier today; he extended the date for submission of reopening plans to August 17<sup>th</sup>. She then presented a PowerPoint of the final reopening plan; Reimagining the DY Advantage. She shared Coronavirus data from Cape Cod. District students will have been out of school for 6 months by the time school starts. Safety is the most important factor. Mrs. Woodbury said that the Dolphin Drive-Thru, the district's lunch pickup service, has served approximately 300,000 meals at this point. She acknowledged Rooney Powers and her staff for their excellent work. She then showed a short video about reopening Massachusetts.

Assistant Superintendent Ken Jenks presented the Our Commitment to Action section of the presentation. He then shared the Critical Health and Safety Precautions including PPE Purchases; Facility Cleaning and Disinfecting; HVAC Systems and Air Circulation; Creating Cohorts; and Physical Distancing. The Reopening Advisory Task Force has met 6 times. PPE

purchases include hand sanitizer; masks; and no-touch thermometers for school nurses. Each office and classroom will have a gallon sized pump hand sanitizer. Facility cleaning will include 8 spray units for the district, additional staff for restrooms and high touch surfaces. The HVAC includes all new filters. The district has a vendor specialist in HVAC who has been working with us. The windows are in the process of being fixed so that will all be operational. He showed pictures of several classrooms with 6 foot distancing between desks. The high school classrooms would be able to accommodate 8 students due to distancing requirements; therefore, they will have to be on a hybrid schedule. Because the K-7 classrooms can accommodate 12-14 students per classroom they will be able to open for in-person learning.

Mrs. Woodbury then resumed the presentation with the DESE Required Reopening Plans; In-person learning with new safety requirements, hybrid learning; and remote learning. Remote learning runs across all 3 plans. She then shared the Feasibility Study and What We Have Learned. The district is able to achieve the physical distance requirements for all students in grades K-7. Preschool and grades 8-12 will require a hybrid model to achieve the physical distancing requirements. Vulnerable populations will be encouraged to attend every day in grades 8-12. Grades 8-12 may be able to achieve a remote in-person model for a limited number of students. She then shared the survey results to date. The district has had about a 50% response from parents thus far; the principals will be reaching out to those who have not yet responded. In responses for grades PreK-7, 192 families have chosen 100% remote; 499 families have chosen in-person; and 370 families are undecided. In grades 8-12 responses; 97 families have chosen 100% remote; 161 have chosen in-person; 199 families have chosen a hybrid model; and 114 families are undecided. Survey results from classroom teachers showed that 208 answered they are able to return to work; 50 answered that they are high-risk; and 16 chose "other."

The superintendent's recommendation to the school committee is to

- Offer full in-person for K-7 for any family that wishes this model;
- Offer a hybrid model for grades 8-12 and Preschool for any family that wishes this model;
- Offer a remote model at all levels for any family that wishes this model.

All recommendations are subject to any collective bargaining obligations. She also mentioned that there will soon be a policy for the school committee to vote on regarding mask wearing. If you don't wear a mask then you can't be in school. She then shared some Family Supports regarding establishing new routines for children and mask wearing.

Mr. Jenks then shared the policy recommendation on returning to in-person learning from remote. It is hoped that students could return as soon as possible, but no longer than three weeks after the request is received. Remote learning will remain in place until the student physically returns to school.

He then outlined the professional development days; school-based decisions such as schedules, arrival/dismissal. Bus transportation with social distancing was also reviewed. The status of sports, clubs, after school programs, and before and after school child care are all yet to be



determined. Appendix B of the Reopening Plan includes protocols for responding to COVID-19 scenarios.

He noted that we had a small summer program which has gone very well; the students and staff have done an excellent job.

Jeni Landers asked the Committee if there were any questions.

Brian Sullivan clarified that we currently have 6-12 weeks of PPE supplies; he also wanted to know if any non-classrooms will be used at the high school.

Joe Glynn felt that many parents will make a decision after they receive additional updates.

Mrs. Woodbury said that the overall plan ideas won't change; we can currently accommodate in-person learning for K-7 even if they all choose in-person. We are unable to accommodate Preschool or the high school students for full in-person learning due to distancing requirements.

Brian Carey's concerns were about buses, lunches in the cafeteria, and the amount of time spent in school if an in-person model is chosen. He said that perhaps parents could opt-in for the bus so that we will know how many students will ride. Ken said it is hoped that hot lunch will be served. Carol said that it will be a regular school day for in-person learning. Mr. Carey was also concerned about the high needs students at the high school; should we be looking for an alternate site for them? Carol said there is enough room at the high school for the high needs students. Mr. Carey expressed concern about substitute teachers. He also would like teachers to teach remotely from their classrooms. Jeni Landers said a lot of these concerns have been brought up at the task force meetings.

Mrs. Woodbury said one idea is to have two classes in side by side classrooms and the teachers switch off by subject. Less movement throughout the building is important. Kids need movement breaks; classes will be encouraged to be outside. She said that the community's patience is very much appreciated. It is clear that the spring learning experience was not good enough. This time there will be training in technology and iPads. Screen time is also a concern. Parent accountability is very important.

Ken Jenks said that he will give a full accounting of pandemic related expenses at a future school committee meeting.

Brian Carey is concerned about extracurriculars, sports, music.

### **Public Comment Period**

Michelle Dunn said that there are many unanswered questions and favored a phased in approach such as Barnstable's. Several other staff members agreed and expressed concerns about in-person reopening; the cleanliness of buildings was a main concern. Parent and task force member Zane Fitzgerald voiced disagreement with the reopening plan which he felt was not attached to public health guidelines. He said his children will return to school remotely.

**School Committee Business**

After a brief discussion; on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To approve the 2020-2021 revised School Calendar as presented.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

After a brief discussion, on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joe Tierney, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To approve return to in-person model after being in remote model as presented.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Mrs. Woodbury briefly summarized the reopening plan. Grades K-7 will be in-person; Grades 8-12 and Preschool will have a hybrid model; and all students have the option to learn remotely. On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: To adopt the Fall Reopening Plan as presented subject to any collective bargaining obligations and, with the understanding that the situation is fluid and changes to the plan can and will be made as needed based on health data.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

**Adjourn**

At 8:00 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Brian Sullivan, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary

**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, August 17, 2020**

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, August 17, 2020, at Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts and 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 (arrived 6:15 p.m.); James Dykeman, Jr., Secretary; Brian Carey, Treasurer; Brian Sullivan; Phillip Morris; and Joe Glynn.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Kristin Dwyer, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Nurse Leader.

At 5:34 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reopening School – Health and Safety Presentation – Kristin Dwyer

Ms. Dwyer gave a health and safety presentation regarding COVID-19. She said this is the same presentation that will be given to staff. Included in the presentation were the signs and symptoms of COVID-19; what to ask yourself before coming to work; the description of a close contact; transmission of the virus through droplets; face masks; transmission through hard surfaces; personal protective equipment; donning and doffing of personal protective equipment; cleaning and disinfecting; handwashing; hand sanitizing. It is important to follow the directions on cleaning products; for example, a possible chemical reaction may result if products are mixed. Some disinfectants must air-dry to be effective. The proper use of hand sanitizer was also discussed. Students are not allowed to use hand sanitizer without adult supervision.

Jeni Landers thanked Ms. Dwyer for her presentation. She asked specifically what will happen if a student or staff member becomes ill while at school. Ms. Dwyer said that there are mitigating steps in place: 6-foot distancing; face coverings; and handwashing. In the instance that a person should become ill there is very strict protocol issued by the CDC to be followed. There will be a nurse's office as well as a medical waiting room in each school. Jeni asked about face shields and types of masks; Kristin said that face shields are offered as an additional layer and are not mandated. The CDC and WHO have not offered specific guidance on types of face coverings.

Phil Morris asked how long would it take for children to become accustomed to wearing masks and frequent handwashing. Kristin said that summer daycare was very successful in this regard; the students tolerated the masks and handwashing with no problems at all. She will be touring all schools along with the boards of health from the towns this week to review and inspect the nurse's offices and medical waiting rooms.

Joe Glynn said it is important to create a culture and communicate with parents.

Brian Sullivan thanked Kristin for the presentation. He said it is a safe plan for students and parents. He cited the low cases of COVID-19 in Dennis and Yarmouth.

Brian Carey also thanked Ms. Dwyer for the information. He assured her that she has the committee's 100% support and if there is anything she needs she should contact the committee. A brief conversation about the accuracy of different types of COVID tests followed. Ms. Dwyer said that the PCR test given at Cape Cod Hospital is considered the most accurate and results come back in 4-7 days.

Carol Woodbury asked for clarification about bathroom use. Should a student use hand sanitizer when they return to the classroom after a bathroom visit? Ms. Dwyer said yes. She said that the medically fragile bathroom will be cleaned after each use. Mrs. Woodbury thanked Ms. Dwyer for her presentation.

#### Information Item – School Calendar

The revised 2020-20201 school calendar was distributed.

#### Public Comment

Jeni Landers announced that public comment would last for a half-hour and that each participant would be given 3 minutes to speak. Several staff members shared their concerns about returning to in-person learning. Michelle Dunn said that HVAC inspection reports were requested and have not been received. Ken Jenks said that the inspections will start tomorrow and reports will be submitted. Vida Morris voiced her displeasure with some of the staff members' comments as well as her concerns about students missing so much school. Ms. Houston (parent) asked if a Frequently Asked Questions page could be instituted for the website; she thought this would be very helpful. She also asked at what point a school may be shut down due to a COVID outbreak; Ms. Dwyer answered that there is a protocol in place involving the Board of Health, the Superintendent of Schools, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. There is not an exact number.

At 7:10 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried by roll call vote 7-0 it was

VOTED: To 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 Negotiations, DYRSAA Negotiations.)

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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# September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Teacher Professional Day	2 Teacher Professional Day	3 Teacher Professional Day SC SAE 6:30	4 No School	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 Teacher Professional Day	9 Teacher Professional Day	10 Teacher Professional Day	11 Teacher Professional Day	12
13	14 Teacher Professional Day	15 Teacher Professional Day	16 Student First Day	17 School Building Committee Meeting 4:30 (Remote)	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 One Hour Early Release Day			



# CAPE COD TIMES

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Opinion

## LETTERS: Yarmouth school's namesake made an impact

Posted Jun 30, 2020 at 3:01 AM

"Dear Miss Small, You made a difference in my life. Your warm smile and gentle eyes made me feel safe when I was a young, struggling student."

That's the start of a letter to Marguerite Small that was never finished and never sent.

That is a regret that I still feel. On a regular basis, I am on Higgins Crowell Road in West Yarmouth passing the Marguerite E. Small Elementary School. Most every time I look over to the school I get a smile on my face. It just feels right that this building was given her name.

I like to think that when something — a road, a bridge, a building — is named after someone, it takes on some of that person's character, and you hope there is something extra looking over those places. Then I think about how none of the students, teachers and parents in the building now would have even known Miss Small. It may only be grandparents or great-grandparents who had met her.

My thoughts then turned to all of the teachers and administrators who have warm smiles and caring eyes and how hard it must have been for them to help their students during these times. I think of all the young people whose lives have been enriched by the hard work and care given by these dedicated educators, and I hope teachers know that 30, 40 or even 50 years later, their students will look back, smile and be thankful for all they did for them.

**John Mulkeen, Marstons Mills**



**Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District  
School Committee Meeting Schedule 2020-2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Monday, September 14, 2020	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, September 28, 2020	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, October 5, 2020	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, October 19, 2020	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, November 2, 2020	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, November 16, 2020	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, December 7, 2020	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, December 21, 2020	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, January 11, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, January 25, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, February 8, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, February 22, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, March 8, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, March 22, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, April 5, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, April 12, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 Yarmouth Annual Town Meeting		
Monday, May 3, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 Dennis Annual Town Meeting		
Monday, May 17, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, June 7, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, June 21, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, July 19, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary
Monday, August 16, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Station Avenue Elementary