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**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, October 3, 2022**

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Chairperson; Jeni Landers, Vice Chairperson; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Phillip Morris; Marilyn Bemis; Student Representative Kristen Stagg; Student Representative Rose-Anna Joachim.

Members Not Present: Joe Glynn.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Maria Marasco; Matthew Tuttelman.

At 6:33 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

**Reports:**

Student Representative Report – Kristen Stagg

Kristin introduced Rose-Anna Joachim, the new Student Representative to the School Committee from the junior class. Kristin reported that fall sports continue as well as marching band. Senior meetings have begun. Rose-Anna reported that 8<sup>th</sup> grade elections are upcoming; as well as the Pep Rally, Spirit Week, and Homecoming.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

1. Maria Marasco – Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative

Superintendent Woodbury introduced Maria Marasco, Executive Director of Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) along with Matthew Tuttelman of CPower Energy Management. Ms. Marasco gave an informative PowerPoint presentation regarding the services that CVEC provides in their partnership with the Dennis-Yarmouth School District. She said that buying power and competitive bids are some of the value added by the partnership. Mr. Tuttelman followed the CVEC presentation and spoke of the benefits of the solar-charged battery. The presentation was followed up by a question and answer session. Chair Tierney asked about the proposed battery. Mr. Tuttelman said it is a lithium ion battery with a fire suppression system. Ms. Marasco added that the Yarmouth Deputy Chief has already approved one of these batteries. Mr. Tierney asked if it is possible during a power outage to switch to diesel first, then to battery power. Ms. Marasco said the battery has a sophisticated software system; she will look into this question. Mr. Tierney and Superintendent Woodbury thanked Ms. Marasco and Mr. Tuttelman for their presentation.

## 2. MCAS Update

Superintendent Woodbury gave a presentation on the MCAS results. She said that over the course of the next few school committee meetings the principals will report on the MCAS results for their respective schools. Mrs. Woodbury then shared information received during a recent Zoom meeting with the Commissioner of Education. The 2022 school year was the first full MCAS administration for grades 3-8 since 2019. Grade 10 students in 2022 had not taken an MCAS test since 2019 when they were seventh graders. Student absenteeism remains a challenge. These are mixed results; participation varied widely as well as testing environments; recovery will be challenging. This year is a reset for most schools. The Commissioner recommended looking for bright spots in the data. Mr. Tolentino said he is optimistic; Mr. Morris is impressed with all of the staff; Ms. Bemis asked if the Commissioner mentioned the newly established higher proficiency ratings; he did not.

### School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney said the next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Station Avenue Elementary School. Mr. Flynn added that there had been a recent meeting about the upcoming move into the new building.

### School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Ms. Bemis attended a recent Listening Session regarding the future use of the Wixon School. She said that about 80 people attended and several options were discussed such as a community center, affordable housing, and a café for Pickleball.

Yarmouth: No report.

### Assistant Superintendent Report – Maria Lopes

#### Equity in Special Education Indicators and Initiatives Status

#### School Year 2022-2023

Mrs. Lopes reported that the recent state audit on equity in special education and initiatives recently took place. It was an all-day audit wherein the auditors accompanied the Assistant Directors of Student Services, Brenda Burke and Kelly Mooney, to each of the schools. The report was included in the packet and the results were excellent.

### Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Mr. Flynn referenced the Lynch Marini & Associates Report Pursuant to OMB Uniform Guidance for the Year Ended June 30, 2021, copies of which were distributed prior to the meeting.

#### 1. Function Code Transfers to Close Out FY 2022

Mr. Flynn referenced the memo regarding Function Code Transfers to Close out FY2022 which was included in the packet. On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 6-0 it was

VOTED: To authorize the requested transfers to balance and close out Fiscal Year 2022.

2. Award Contract for Licensed Electrician

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

VOTED: To award a contract to Reilly Electrical Contractors, Inc. to provide electrical repairs and services from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 as per our specifications and Reilly Electrical Contractors, Inc. bid response of August 26, 2022.

**School Committee Business**

**Cape Cod Municipal Health Group**

Superintendent Woodbury said that Skip Finnell, retired Dennis-Yarmouth Director of Finance, has also retired as the Dennis-Yarmouth representative to the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group. Chair Tierney thanked Mr. Finnell for his many years of service. On a motion by Jeni Landers, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 6-0 it was

VOTED: To appoint David Flynn as the Dennis-Yarmouth Representative to the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group effective October 20, 2022.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

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

**Minutes**

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**Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll**

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

**Calendars**

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

**Items Distributed at Meeting**

1. Superintendent Woodbury's memo and accompanying information regarding the upcoming Human Rights Academy at Cape Cod Academy;
2. 2022 MCAS Review PowerPoint Presentation;
3. Cape & Vineyard Electric PowerPoint Presentation;
4. Lynch Marini & Associates Report Pursuant to OMB Uniform Guidance For the Year Ended June 30, 2021.

**Public Comment**

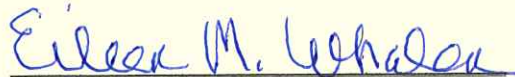
Vice Chair Landers shared that Mr. Ernest A. Denault, retired Dennis-Yarmouth teacher, recently passed away.

**Adjournment**

At 7:46 p.m., on a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Jeni Landers, and carried unanimously 6-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



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