

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 12, 2021, 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; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Joe Glynn; Jennifer Rose; Zane Fitzgerald.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Tainan Nunes, Student Representative to the School Committee; Grace LePain, Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Vida Morris.

At 6:33 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call Attendance:

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| Joe Glynn | yes |
| Jennifer Rose | yes |
| Phillip Morris | yes |
| James Dykeman, Jr. | yes |
| Zane Fitzgerald | yes |
| Joseph Tierney | yes |
| Jeni Landers | yes |

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Tainan Nunes; Grace LePain

Student Representative Tainan Nunes shared that the Marching Band will be performing in-person and the performance will be livestreamed at 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 (if necessary) on April 15th. The Theater Company will perform at the Mattacheese Middle School field house on May 21 and 23.

Student Representative Grace LePain reported that the volleyball team remains undefeated and that they have a playoff game on Wednesday. Everyone is looking forward to spring break.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: Joe Glynn reported that there was some discussion about the D-Y school budget.

Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney: A groundbreaking for the new school is being planned.

Phil Morris said that he recently met via Zoom with PCOT and that he will have a full report after he meets with the superintendent.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Approval of FY22 Budget – Update

Superintendent Woodbury gave an update to the committee on the FY22 budget. She referenced her conversation with Chris Lynch at DESE regarding guidance on increasing the budget. The superintendent sent a memo to the Committee prior to the meeting summarizing the conversation and including Ms. Lynch's written response. The three options to increase the budget are (1) Amend the budget now before the warrants close; (2) Amend the budget on the town meeting floor; and (3) Amend the budget after town meeting and send notice to the two towns that the School Committee intends to increase the budget and they will have 45 days to hold a town meeting to disapprove. The superintendent would like to cover the new debt service for the school building project to be covered by the use of E & D. The superintendent then reviewed the assessment calculations and the FY22 Budget Update PowerPoint presentation; including Key Dates, Revenue Applied, FY22 Budget Changes, Revised Assessment Calculation, FY22 Assessment Changes, Revenue Applied, Impact on Certified E & D, Funding Capital Requests Through the Current Budget, Use of E & D and District Funding of One-Time Capital Assists Towns, and the Summary of FY22 Budget Changes. The superintendent noted that if the district spends \$530,477 from the current budget on capital previously requested from the towns they will need to do a separate vote to change line items. The Chair then opened the floor to questions from the committee. Mr. Morris would like to move on this as early as possible. Mr. Tierney asked about the E & D as a recurring cost. The superintendent said that Mr. Jenks had already put \$125,000 in from E & D. Mr. Tierney and Mr. Glynn like the plan. The Chair then opened the floor to questions from other attendees; there were no questions.

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

VOTED: That the School Committee adopt a total FY22 budget of \$67,251,942 that includes expenses for OPEB and Debt (typically funded by the towns) by adding \$867,527 to the District's Revenue from certified E & D in addition to the original \$125,000 from E & D with the following assessments and debt service; with a Dennis operating assessment of \$17,563,463, debt service of \$607,161 for a total assessment of \$18,170,624 and a Yarmouth operating assessment of \$37,376,507, debt service of \$652,803 for a total assessment of \$38,029,310.

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School Committee Business

Consent Agenda

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Zane Fitzgerald, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was voted to approve the following items included in the Consent Agenda.

Donations

Move to accept Webster International Atlases for all of the fifth graders at the Wixon School from the Harwich-Dennis Rotary Club.

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Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Bills and Requisitions

Bills and requisitions will be signed at the District offices by the Committee.

Items Distributed Electronically Prior to the Meeting

Letter to the School Committee referencing Guidance on Increasing the Budget

Assessment Worksheet

FY22 Budget Update PowerPoint Presentation

Public Comment

Vida Morris asked about the funds that the legislature voted which showed money going to the district; she also questioned the reimbursement rate for transportation.

At 7:17 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Glynn, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried 7-0 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 litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. (Non-Affiliated Negotiations)

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Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary