

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022

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A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 24, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Marilyn Bemis; Joe Glynn; Tomas Tolentino; Grace LePain, Student Representative to the School Committee.

Members Not Present: Kristen Stagg, Student Representative to the School Committee.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Mike Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Vida Morris.

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

Reports:

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

Grace LePain reported on the happenings at the high school including sports and senior scholarship news. The concert band's recent concert was wonderful. Dual enrollment began today. Kristen Stagg was not present at the meeting.

School Building Committee Report –Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney reported that the building committee is meeting monthly. He also said that there will be a project amendment vote under the Assistant Superintendent Report.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Marilyn Bemis reported that the town received 1.5 million dollars in federal money and that Barnstable County received 31 million dollars. There is a survey on their website asking the public for their input on how the money should be spent.

Yarmouth: Joe Glynn reported that the town interviewed for a new town counsel; one of the candidates was unable to attend so the interview will be rescheduled.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

a. Tentative FY23 Budget

Mr. Flynn gave a presentation on the tentative FY23 budget, a copy of which was included in the packet. He reviewed Enrollment Data; Selected Populations; High Needs Students; Foundation Enrollment; and College Plans. He noted that it appears that Covid has impacted the college plans of students. He also noted that Cape Cod Community College is an excellent resource for our students. He also reviewed State Aid Update; Revenue Variables; and Budget Priorities. He is proposing a level service budget. He gave a brief explanation of the DESE function codes; he separated the nine codes into ten categories. He said that the debt service figure will change. Phil Morris moved that the committee adopt a tentative FY23 budget of \$71,128,883; Joe Glynn seconded, and discussion followed. Mr. Tolentino asked about upcoming retirements and their effect on the budget. Mr. Tierney asked about the foundation enrollment figures; these are based on all students that go to school that we are fiscally responsible for. Chair Landers

discussed a level service budget noting that the staff needs more support and more help for students in math. She then asked for a roll call vote; the motion passes unanimously 7-0.

Phil Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Mr. Flynn added that a Finance & Capital Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled soon.

b. Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School

Perkins Eastman Amendment #6: Mr. Flynn referenced the memo and accompanying information included in the packet. Joe Glynn moved to approve **Amendment #6** to the contract with **Perkins Eastman, DPC** in the amount of **\$34,430** bringing the new total amount of the contract to **\$9,108,150.00**. The motion was seconded by Tomas Tolentino and after a brief discussion, the motion passes unanimously.

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

- A. Naming of New School: Superintendent Woodbury said that everyone has worked very hard to “brand” the district; she feels that including Dennis-Yarmouth in the name of the school builds community. Chair Landers asked that the committee remain open-minded; she would like to hear from the public on this. There will be an opportunity at the next school committee meeting on February 7th.
- B. Substitute Pay: Superintendent Woodbury referenced the information included in the packet regarding substitute pay rates. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Marilyn Bemis, and carried unanimously by roll call vote it was

VOTED: To increase the pay for daily call in certified substitutes to \$113 per day.

Phil Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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

VOTED: To increase the pay for daily call in non-certified substitutes to \$90 per day.

Phil Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

- C. Digital Literacy Now Grant: Superintendent Woodbury referenced the memo and award letter that was included in the packet. She explained what the \$9355 in funding will be used for and thanked Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM Instruction along with her team.
- D. Covid Update – State’s New Testing Program: Superintendent Woodbury spoke of the at home test kits that are being distributed to schools for staff and students. She reviewed the statistics and said it has been very challenging.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Joe Tierney, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0, it was VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Donations:

Move to accept several generous donations to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School as per Mr. Depin’s January 18th memo: Eight \$25 Stop & Shop gift cards and a \$25 Shell gas card from Create the Good; five \$20 Job Lot gift cards from Fill-a-Backpack; several gift cards totaling \$5,910 from anonymous Dennis golfers; four \$35 Stop & Shop gift cards and eight \$75 Target gift cards from the West Dennis Garden Club; ten \$50 Stop & Shop gift cards from the Bass River Civic Association; four \$50 Stop & Shop gift cards from the Dennis Memorial Library Volunteers; three \$50 Stop & Shop gift cards from the Lions Club; five \$50 Job Lot gift cards from Elizabeth Bader; and four \$50 Stop & Shop gift cards from Lynn Belfiore.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus a class set of French books as per Mr. Bovino’s January 12, 2022 memo with accompanying photograph.

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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.

Item Distributed at Meeting

Memo re Correction to Substitute Pay Rates

Public Comment

Vida Morris feels it is unfair for the school committee to have to approve a budget when the state has not supplied them with final figures. She would also like a breakdown of the district’s advertising budget; she was advised to call David Flynn.

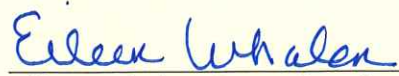
Betsy Pontius wished to recognize the principals and staff at all of the schools for their behind-the-scenes work making sure all classes, lunches, and recess have coverage. This is a very difficult task.

Adjournment

At 8:00 p.m., on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary