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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 27, 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.; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Brian Sullivan

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; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Ann Knell, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; James Plath, Dennis Finance Committee; Michelle Dunn.

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

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes

Tainan reported that Winter Percussion, Winter Guard, and winter sports are all doing well. There are fundraisers coming up for many groups.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

B. Carey, Dennis: Mr. Carey has had verbal communications indicating that the selectmen will be discussing the feasibility study costs.

J. Tierney, Yarmouth: No report

DYRSD Building Committee Update – J. Tierney: Mr. Tierney reported that the building committee met on January 16th and at that time reviewed a list of recommended reductions to the budget. The next meeting will be February 13th at 4:30 p.m. at the high school library. He referenced the letter in the packet indicating some changes to the building committee membership. A parent representative has stepped down; Mr. Tierney indicated that perhaps a parent of a younger child might like to join the committee and that interested parents from either Dennis or Yarmouth should contact the administration office. On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Brian Carey, and carried 6-0 it was

VOTED: That the committee approve the following changes in the MMS Building Committee membership: The addition of Erik Tolley, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen (replaces Norman Holcomb); the addition of Greg Rounseville, Assistant Town Administrator, Town of Dennis (replaces Taylor Cobb).

Discussion continued regarding the suggested cuts. Mr. Tierney said the building committee

went over the cuts line by line; all cuts will have to be approved by the full school committee. Mr. Tierney indicated that the list will be discussed further at the next building committee meeting, adding that any proposed cuts cannot change the educational plan.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

1. Governor's Budget/Student Opportunity Act

2. Tentative FY21 Budget

Mr. Jenks showed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the FY21 Tentative Budget. He reviewed the timeline key dates, indicating that the target date for school committee adoption of the final budget is March 9, 2020. He also discussed goals; foundation enrollment, and noted the disappointing cherry sheet numbers. He indicated that representatives Julian Cyr and Tim Whelan have been contacted. One slide showed the evolution of last year's budget as a reference point. He reviewed local revenue assumptions and the DESE Minimum Required Local Contribution Trends. Mrs. Woodbury shared with the committee the information that was gathered at a recent meeting about the Student Opportunity Act with the Commission of Education. A few of the districts (mostly cities) will receive 85% of the new Chapter 70 money. All districts are required to submit three-year evidence plans to the Commissioner by April 1st. DESE will have a short form (2 pages) for most districts and a "long form" plan for those receiving significant funds. These are not acts of compliance; the Commissioner is looking for commitments to students, something new. The school committee followed up with questions; Andrea St. Germain asked if MCAS scores were used in determining the distribution of funding; Carol Woodbury said it was based on poverty and English language learner rates among other things. Jim Dykeman was concerned about establishing a program with this money without knowing about future funding. Phil Morris asked what kind of guidance could be expected from the state; Carol Woodbury said that the Commissioner is trying to make it easy. Ken continued with the presentation; discussing budget drivers and facilities contracts. On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: That the committee adopt a tentative FY21 budget of \$65,183,279.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Jeni Landers	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Andrea St. Germain	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes

3. Truck Lease

Mr. Jenks referenced the memo in the packet regarding the need for a new maintenance department box truck. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 6-0 it was

VOTED: That the District enter into a purchase/lease agreement, for one new 2020 Ford E350 Truck for a total of \$41,357.60, with Ford Credit Municipal Finance for a period of 4 years. Total amount being financed will be \$41,902.60.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

1. Strategic Plan 2019-2023

The committee reviewed the proposed Strategic Plan which was distributed at the meeting. Mrs. Woodbury pointed out that it was meant to be compact. Ms. Landers said she would like to periodically check on the progress of the plan. On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0 it was

VOTED: To approve the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan as presented.

2. Good News

NHW

At Wixon we are finishing up our first session of PE Pals where Mr. Doug Mayo from DYHS brings his PE class to lunch, recess, and academic classes. The students have established relationships with our students, been positive influences in the cafeteria, playground, hallways, and classrooms. We would like to thank Mr. Mayo and his students for being peer leaders at Wixon. We would also like to invite the School Committee to our annual Wixon versus Dennis Police Basketball game on Friday, March 20th at 6:00. You can play or simply cheer on the teachers or police during this annual fun event at Wixon.

SAE

Students have done very well settling back into their learning routines since our holiday break. We are currently doing our mid-year literacy assessments which will help guide our teachers in planning for each child's learning.

MMS

Mattacheese had a positive response to our "MMS In Action" open house on January 13th. Parents and interested others who attended were pleased to view the orchestra, band and chorus during practice, take a tour of the building when class was in session, see after school activities, attend a session about social-emotional learning, meet with the administrators and go to a interscholastic boys and/or girls basketball games.

Our next school dance is scheduled for Friday, February 7th from 7:00 to 9:00.

Mark your calendars for our Spring Musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, on Thursday, March 19th, Friday, March 20th and Saturday March 21st. Just follow the yellow brick road.

DYRHS

DY 8th Grade Math Teacher Marie Kade was named teacher of the Month by Cape Cod Radio Station 99.9 the Q. She was nominated for the award by one of her former students. The boys basketball team has qualified for the State Tournament.

Dr. Sigalovsky's Global Stem class completed another successful Global Stem class working collaboratively with a class in Mexico. The students in the class at DY and the students from Mexico Skype to collaborate on a project and they present the project together

using Skype. This semester's project involved the solar system, planets, space exploration, and artificial intelligence.

DY art students who won a 2020 Scholastic Art Award are as follows:

GOLD: Quynh Truong, Erika Robbins

SILVER: Tianna Lawrence

Honorable Mention: Noel Criser, Brianna Fage, Julia Pretti, Grace Lepaine, Emma Mulak

EHB/

What do Abraham Lincoln, a wheel, and 18 slices have in common??? The Ezra H. Baker Innovation School Penny Harvest, of course! Today we kicked off our 10th annual Penny Harvest. In the past nine years, our students have awarded over \$13,000 to sixty local and national non-profits! Today we held our kick off assembly. Each classroom created a **slice** which outlined community issues they are passionate about addressing. Each classroom's slice joined together to form our **Wheel** of Caring, which will be on display throughout the year. By now you've figured out that we are collecting all of those **Lincoln pennies** for this year's harvest.

Remember: Every penny counts and every person counts!

MES

M.E. Small Cub Scout Pack 2 is collecting used towels & blankets for animal shelters. Did you get new towels or blankets this holiday? Before you throw out the old ones, why not send them in to school. Your donation will help keep shelter pets warm and dry this winter! Don't have used towels or blankets but would still like to contribute? The Pack is also collecting new socks for the homeless. Donations of new socks will ensure the homeless across Cape Cod have warm and dry feet this winter! Thank you for your generosity!

School Committee Business

A. Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Brian Carey, and carried 6-0, it was VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Acceptance of Donations

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of \$500.00 from the Friends of Dennis Pickleball to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School.

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of \$400.00 from The Friends of Dennis Memorial Library to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School food pantry.

Surplus

Move to declare as surplus 12 outdated, irreparable spin bikes at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

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Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendars

The next school committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020, at Station Avenue Elementary School.

Items Distributed at the Meeting

Strategic Plan Introduction

Memo from Ken Jenks re FY21 Budget

Budget Sheets

Tentative Budget PowerPoint Presentation

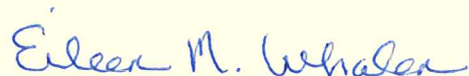
Public Comment Period

Michelle Dunn said that phone calls and emails to legislators are very helpful in the budget process. Tracy Post discussed the Yarmouth town meeting which will take place on Tuesday, April 28.

At 7:55 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0 it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary