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

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 6, 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.; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

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; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Ann Knell, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel H. Wixon School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Chris Flanagan, Dennis Board of Selectmen; Michelle Dunn.

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

**Reports**

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes

Tainan brought up an issue at the high school regarding the lack of substitute teachers. High school teachers have been covering classes thereby losing their prep period. Often times department chairs are called on to fill in. Jeni Landers asked how Tainan was aware of this situation and he said it is happening in his own classes. Poetry Out Loud is coming up. New doors have been installed at the high school; many have questioned why they are painted red. Ms. Landers invited Dr. Funk to speak on the matter of the doors; they are interior doors to the gymnasium and they came pre-finished in red; they will be painted gray with the D-Y logo. Ken Jenks added that these doors were purchased with the Safer Schools grant.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

B. Carey, Dennis: No report. Mr. Carey shared that Kristen Hoar Polizzotto, daughter of retired district teachers Jim and Diane Hoar, recently passed away. Jim is also the long time girls track coach at the high school. Many people from the school district attended the off-Cape services. Jeni Landers added that there has been a scholarship fund set up for the education of Kristen's young son.

J. Tierney, Yarmouth: No report

Mr. Morris asked the chair for permission to speak about the upcoming Cape Cod Collaborative Board meeting scheduled for this Wednesday. Topics included will be buses, strategic planning, international student exchange, and virtual high school. He also mentioned the Annual Report, copies of which were sent to both the superintendent and

school committee chair.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

Mr. Jenks reported that the Finance Subcommittee will meet at central office on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The Statement of Interest for submissions to the Massachusetts School Building Authority has opened. Mr. Carey asked that the Town of Yarmouth be notified.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

1. Regional Agreement Approval Memo and Attachments

Mrs. Woodbury referenced the Regional Agreement Approval Memo and Attachments included in the packet. The Regional Agreement was approved by the Commissioner on December 4, 2019. The agreement and the tracked changes were also included in the packet.

Mrs. Woodbury then referenced the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Building Committee Detailed Design Phase that was distributed at the meeting. She briefly reviewed the handout and noted that it had been reviewed by the Owner's Project Manager. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 7-0 it was

VOTED: To accept the Building Committee Detailed Design Phase as written.

Mr. Tierney described the makeup of the building committee for the benefit of the audience, saying that there would be three representatives of the school committee; one member each from the Dennis and Yarmouth Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees; the town administrator or designee from each town; three community representatives (two from Yarmouth and one from Dennis); one staff member from each school (Mattacheese and Wixon); one parent from each school; the superintendent; the assistant superintendent; and the two principals.

Ms. Landers asked the school committee members who are currently on the school building committee if they wished to continue. Joseph Tierney, James Dykeman, and Phillip Morris all agreed.

2. Building Committee Membership Memo

Mrs. Woodbury referenced the memo to the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth regarding Building Committee Membership.

3. Feasibility Memo

A brief discussion followed regarding the Feasibility Study Shared Costs memo which was included in the packet.

4. Project Funding Agreement



Mrs. Woodbury reviewed the documents included in the packet noting that similar documents were in use during the feasibility phase. The Project Funding Agreement lists the rules of the MSBA and should be considered a kind of road map.

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

VOTED: That the committee approve the Project Funding Agreement for the replacement of the existing Mattacheese Middle School and Wixon School with a new grade 4-7 facility on Station Avenue.

5. Project Scope and Budget Agreement Including All Exhibits

Mrs. Woodbury reviewed the Project Scope and Budget Agreement included in the packet. She brought to the committee's attention the reimbursement calculation noting the incentive and energy efficiency points. She also told the committee that the school district attorney had reviewed all of the documents.

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

VOTED: That the committee approve the Project Scope and Budget Agreement for replacement of the existing Mattacheese Middle School with a new grade 4-7 facility on Station Avenue.

6. Good News

Marguerite E. Small

At MES we want to congratulate two of our Related Arts Teachers on receiving grant funds to support their curriculum.

Kathleen Healy, our Music Teacher received a Cape Cod 5 Educational Mini-Grant in the amount of \$500.00. She will use this money to set up more involved learning centers for her students.

Jackie Friel, our Art Teacher received two grants. One is a Cape Cod 5 Educational Mini-Grant in the amount of \$500.00 and another \$500.00 grant from The Educational Foundation for Dennis and Yarmouth. She will use this money for a mural project and the purchasing of a Cri-cut Maker Machine and accessories.

We are very proud of these ladies!!

Nathaniel Wixon School

On Friday, December 20 Wixon conducted our Winter Wonderland celebration. We would like to thank the many families who came in to help decorate cookies and serve hot chocolate for the children. We had many, many volunteers and we are very thankful for everyone's efforts during the busy holiday season. We wanted to especially thank Mr. Brian Carey for his expertise in hot chocolate and we hope to have him back again next year to celebrate with the children.

#### Station Avenue Elementary

SAE welcomed their high school neighbors with winter music provided by students in Mr. Castano's guitar class and Mrs. Riley's chorus. Many of the students attended SAE several years ago.

#### Mattacheese Middle School

MMS is proud to announce a new opportunity for our 5th grade parents to visit our school while it is in session. On Monday, January 13th we will be open for tours and sessions from 12:30 to 6:00. Fifth grade families received an email and robo message. Please feel free to contact MMS if you have additional questions.

Our first Related Arts breakfast is this Thursday, January 9th in the gymnasium. This is an invitation only event for the nominated student and their family.

In partnership with the PBIS school-wide initiative, the team, with help from several community members developed an assembly for all MMS students. At MMS we believe that students will be successful in and out of school, because of the positive relationships and connections they make with adults.

Prior to the assembly all staff members and students were asked to identify at least one adult they have a positive relationship with. Using the data collected from a survey, all students at MMS are or will be paired with an adult in the building.

On Friday, December 20th, students gathered in the auditorium where they heard stories from five adults, four of whom were staff members and one community member. The students listened as they told "their story". These stories were shared to make sure our students knew they weren't alone in this great adventure of middle school. These stories were shared with them so they felt as if they had an adult with whom they could build a bond and connect. Mrs. Woodbury added that one factor in suicide prevention is students having a connection with an adult at school.

The MMS Recognition Ceremonies are scheduled for this Wednesday, January 8th. The 6th grade ceremony is at 9:30 and the 7th grade ceremony is at 1:30. Both ceremonies are in the auditorium. Parents are welcome to join us. Please enter through the auditorium doors.

#### Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

Dennis-Yarmouth High School Good News as we start the New Year:

Congratulations to Tyler Macro who has won first place in the district level Youth Speech Competition sponsored by the Lions Club. Tyler will move on and compete at the Lions District Mid-Winter Conference on January 11th in Hyannis.

The Pauline Hopkins Gallery here at DY will be displaying scholastic art and writing awards from January 2nd - February 14th, we will have over 40 student art submissions on display.



DY Artist's Noel Criser, Brianna Fage, Janea Perry, and Kayla Barboza have all had their recent artwork accepted to be on display at the College of Visual Arts on the Campus of UMASS Dartmouth. These students under the direction of DY Art Teacher Craig Brodt produced some interesting pottery. The exhibit will run from January 22nd through February 8th.

Also under Crag Brodt's direction Quayn Troung's Horse Hair Coil Pottery has been accepted to the 2020 MAEA Recognition Exhibit as a "Massachusetts Amazing Emerging Artist." Quayn's work will be on display February 10th through March 26th at the Massachusetts State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza in Boston.

The boys Basketball team won the Rockland Christmas Tournament with a come from behind 45-44 win in the final. The team remains undefeated at 7 - 0 and the girls ice hockey team is undefeated with a record of 3-0-1.

The DY Orchestra and Chorus put on a successful Holiday Concert in December. It was extremely well attended by staff, students, and community members. Our strings students and chorus were incredible. This was done under the direction of Stephanie Riley and Kerry Cutler.

Stephanie Riley also wrote two grants: The Big Yellow School Bus Grant from the Mass Cultural Council to be used toward an art related field trip for \$250.00 and School Bus grant from the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod also for an art related field trip for \$250.00.

The DY Band Winter Concert will be held on Thursday January 9th at 7:00 pm in the DY Auditorium.

#### Ezra H. Baker Innovation School

If your New Year's Resolution is to read more, EHBI is helping you meet your goal! Our second Read Around Town event will be held tomorrow, January 7th, at the Jacob Sears Library in East Dennis at 6:30 PM. Join Mr. Depin for an engaging story or two at this beautiful village library. Every family that attends will receive a free book to take home!

Our second round of after school activities begins next week! Students will have opportunities to learn about yoga, green screen production, crafting, weaving, soccer, and theatre! What a great way to keep busy during these winter months!

Looking ahead, our annual Family Dinner and Math Fair will be held on Thursday, February 6th! Check out our web page and twitter feed for more info!

#### School Committee Business

##### A. Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0, it was VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

#### **Acceptance of Donations**

Move to accept with thanks a donation to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Athletic Department in memory of Mr. Bob Stead per Dr. Funk's memo of December 16, 2019.

Move to accept with thanks a \$250.00 donation from Mr. Richard Sullivan of South Yarmouth for the deferment of school lunch expenses.

Move to accept with thanks a \$300.00 donation from Bickford Health Associates and Cape Cod Primary Care of Yarmouth Port for the deferment of school lunch expenses.

Move to accept with thanks a \$2700.00 donation from Ms. Brooke Sullivan of Brooklyn, New York for the deferment of school lunch expenses for Wixon families.

### **Minutes**

Move to accept the minutes of December 16, 2019.

### **Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll**

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

### **Calendars**

The next school committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020, at Station Avenue Elementary School.

### **Items Distributed at the Meeting**

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Building Committee Detailed Design Phase

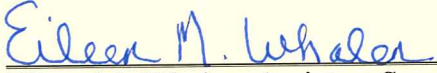
### **Public Comment Period**

Chris Flanagan said that the Dennis Board of Selectmen would be discussing the feasibility costs. He also added that they will be discussing what to do with the Baker and Wixon schools.

At 7:15 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 7-0 it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

  
Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary