

**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
Monday, October 21, 2019

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 21, 2019, at the Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Andrea St. Germain, Secretary; Brian Carey, Treasurer; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: James Dykeman; Brian Sullivan; and Joseph Tierney, Assistant Chairperson.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Jane Saucier, Substitute Recording Secretary to the School Committee for Eileen Whalen; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel H. Wixon School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; James Plath, Dennis Finance Committee; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Vida Morris.

At 6:32 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

### Reports

A. D-YRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes

Tainan reported that D-Y Color Guard won the Somerset competition and will compete again in Connecticut in the upcoming weekend. He also reported that the Marching Band has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the purchase of new band uniform pants. Tainan also reported on Homecoming/Spirit week at D-Y High School last week. The Homecoming Dance was a huge success this year with a higher attendance in comparison to past years and students displayed a lot of school spirit throughout the week. Eighth grade officers have been elected and will begin fundraising soon. D-Y Athletics are all working hard, training and continue to win in their athletic areas. This year's Seaside Festival had a good turnout. There has been discussion regarding a potential for a Math Honor Society. The Math Team is looking into Math Club sweaters.

B. Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Chris Morin from the Independence House was invited to attend the meeting but was unable to attend. No further report.

C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

Mr. Jenks reported that at present things are relatively quiet but moving along as we are in the early stages of preparation for the FY21 budget. He also reported that buses seem to be in a good place now that school has been in session. They (Ken and the bus company) are looking into better positioning of bus routes and stops for better efficiency. He also reported that since the routes have been posted by the schools, things seem to be working well. The bus company continues to work hard to provide good service.

D. School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen – B. Carey, Dennis; J. Tierney, Yarmouth

Brian Carey, Dennis: Mr. Carey spoke about the importance of town support from both Dennis and Yarmouth for the upcoming town meetings. Voters need to be informed about the importance of the Regional Agreement and Amendments and the importance of moving forward with the understanding of what the impacts will be. He also reported that he and Ken Jenks attended the Finance Committee Meeting in Dennis and how strongly Ken defended the District's position in this matter. Brian also shared that in Dennis, the second lawsuit leaves a great deal of concern for the new school and many are still uncomfortable. Brian suggested a new amendment and that this would be an ongoing discussion. He continued by saying the Article Amendment and Agreement between the two towns, there could be potential that the new school would not be built. He said there is a need for a special school committee meeting next week, potentially on Monday, October 28, 2019. Brian is in support of a new amendment. Brian further discussed that it was not appropriate to move forward with this discussion tonight due to other members not being present to participate in the discussion. The upcoming Monday meeting date is yet to be confirmed.

Mr. Carey also spoke briefly regarding a student at D-Y High School that has been recently diagnosed with Leukemia and that there is active fundraising going on to support her during this time, further stating that she needs help. There will be a fundraiser in November to further support her. For information, Brian says to contact him if you would like to purchase tickets or offer silent auction items.

Joseph Tierney, Yarmouth: Mr. Tierney was not present; therefore no report.

**School Committee Business**

A. Town Meetings

1. Possible Amendment to School Committee Article on Regional Agreement

Brian Carey commented that if there were an Amendment that it would need to pass in both towns and that the articles for both towns should be identical. Jeni Landers expressed the importance of the Yarmouth Selectmen needing to stand by this. Phil Morris explained how the School Committee has to answer to the town or municipality.

2. Moving Articles

Jeni Landers to move in Dennis.

Joe Tierney not present at this meeting.

B. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Jeni Landers, and carried 4-0, it was

VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the consent agenda:

**Acceptance of Donations**

Move to accept with gratitude donations totaling \$355.00 from multiple donors to the S.E.A.L.S. Program at the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School in Memory of Robert L. Beauchemin.



Move to accept with gratitude a donation of \$2000.00 from Jessie Tanguay and Son Drywall for the deferment of school lunch expenses for Station Avenue Elementary School Families.

### **Field Trip Approval**

Approval of MMS German/Spanish Club trip to New York City (May 13-15, 2020).

Approval of MMS French Club trip to Quebec City (May 20-23, 2020).

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

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

### **Calendars**

The next scheduled meeting of the school committee is Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Station Avenue Elementary School.

### **Information Items**

Letter from the Bilezikian Family Foundation to Mr. Alex Pendleton.

### **Public Comment Period**

Tracy Post expressed her disappointment with how the amendment discussion was presented. Vida Morris requested a detailed information sheet regarding the \$311,000.00 adjusted budget that dates back to July 2019. James Plath said that if the School Committee does not bring forward an amendment, it will be voted down by Dennis, indicating a potential vote of 7-0. He requested that the new amendment be tied to the release of MSBA funds. Michelle Dunn spoke with regards to a DYEA fundraiser to continue to fund scholarships for DY High School Seniors. The event is "Music Bingo" from 5:30-8:30 at The Cove in West Yarmouth. The event will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019. Tickets are on sale for \$20.00 and there will also be a silent auction.

### **Executive Session**

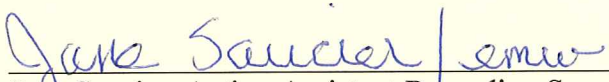
There was no Executive Session held this evening in lieu of member absences.

### **Adjournment**

At 7:14 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Andrea St. Germain and carried 4-0, it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

  
Jane Saucier, Acting Assistant Recording Secretary