

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, October 28, 2019

APPROVED

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A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 28, 2019, 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; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: James Dykeman, Jr.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Kenneth Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM Instruction; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Chris Lambton, Chris Flanagan, Dennis Board of Selectmen; Tracy Post, Norm Holcomb, Michael Stone, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Michelle Dunn; Curt Sears; Kristen Young.

At 5:45 p.m., Jeni Landers called the meeting to order.

Public Comment Period

Tracy Post stated for the record that the Yarmouth Selectmen support the settlement agreement and do not support the proposed amendment. Norm Holcomb also supports the settlement agreement adding that there could be a breach of contract if the proposed amendment is brought before the voters. Mike Stone said that the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen had just met in Executive Session where it was agreed that they will only support the article as written and that any amendment would violate the signed contract. The board's position is that any amendments would violate the contract signed in July and if an amendment is proposed and voted on they will file a motion to reinstate the appeal. Michelle Dunn announced that child care will be available at both town meeting locations and there would be signs indicating the location.

School Committee Business

A. Consider Amendment to the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article on the Regional Agreement Changes.

Mr. Morris indicated that he thought the discussion was worthwhile but that he does not support the amendment. Mr. Carey said that he initiated and asked for consideration of the amendment due to the second lawsuit. He had expected a ruling from the New Bedford Superior Court regarding the private citizen lawsuit by now. Ms. Landers felt that Dennis supported the agreement because of the new school. Mr. Sullivan said that he would never vote for a new school if there were no state money attached. He said a lot of work was done and budgets were cut that impacted vulnerable students. Mr. Morris recommended that they do nothing. Mr. Tierney felt that the agreement is a fair deal and the result of much hard work. Ms. Landers said all parties have to support the agreement; Mr. Sullivan agreed. Mr. Carey said that he brought the amendment forward in his role as the school committee liaison and that he agrees with it. He stated further that he would fully support whatever action the school committee takes.

Brian Carey moved to amend Article 1 as follows: I move that we amend the previous vote on the amendment provided however that such amendment shall only take effect upon the execution of the project funding agreement by the MSBA and the Regional School Committee for the building project to replace Mattacheese and Wixon Schools.

Andrea St. Germain seconded.

Brian Sullivan objected to the consideration of the motion. The chair asked for a vote on Mr. Sullivan's objection. Two members were in agreement; 3 were opposed, and Ms. Landers abstained. After further discussion Ms. Landers voted in opposition to the objection. The final vote was 4-2 against the objection to the consideration of the motion. The motion continues.

The chair called for a roll call vote on the main motion. The motion fails 4-2.

Brian Carey	yes
Phillip Morris	no
Andrea St. Germain	yes
Brian Sullivan	no
Joseph Tierney	no
Jeni Landers	no


Items Distributed at the Meeting

Memo re Two Possible Motions for an Amendment
Copy of Email re Revised Language
Copy of further Email re Revised Language
Estimated Projected Enrollment Splits FY21-FY25

Adjournment

At 6:33 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney and carried 6-0, it was VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary