

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, October 4, 2021

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A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 4, 2021, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Auditorium in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Joe Glynn; Tomas Tolentino; and Marilyn Bemis.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Mitch Miller, Walter Hartley, Jon Pope, PMA.

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

Reports:

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

The student representatives were unable to attend due to an away game; they will give an extended report at the next school committee meeting.

School Building Committee Report –Joseph Tierney

Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School Updated Presentation - PMA

Mr. Tierney introduced Mitch Miller, John Pope, and Walter Hartley from PMA. Mrs. Woodbury said that they would be giving a construction update; there is a lot of excitement about the project. Mr. Miller gave an overview of the project running through July and August and shared many photographs of the construction progress. The steel began in September. Chair Landers asked if the project is on schedule; Commodore is doing a great job and the project is running on schedule. Mr. Tierney said that more and more workers will be coming on site. Two members of the building committee, Curt Sears and Gary Barber, regularly attend the weekly construction update meetings. Mr. Barber was very involved in the Baker school project. Mr. Miller and Mr. Hartley then went over some of the design updates including the synthetic turf field.

Mitch Miller showed the traffic signal presentation which had been presented at the September 14th Board of Selectmen meeting and discussion followed. Walter Hartley explained that there would be dedicated left and right turn at the signal. Superintendent Woodbury said that the Board of Selectmen would like a formal vote of the school committee. She reminded the committee that the traffic signal was in the original specs but that it was removed during a value management exercise. She added that the former town administrator was interested in combining the signal with a larger Department of Transportation project and that Jeff Colby, the DPW Director, has indicated that they may pursue that. Jon Pope said that the light is programmable using either cameras or sensors. These can also be readjusted. There will be a pedestrian button. Chair Landers asked about the traffic flow. Mr. Hartley said that there would be signage, etc. and that the design is the least interactive between cars and buses. Chair Landers asked for a more detailed engineering report on the 4-way intersection. Mr. Glynn said that if traffic professionals recommend a traffic signal then he would have to be in favor. Mr. Tierney said he has not heard any opposition from either the police or fire departments. Marilyn Bemis asked for clarification; are we talking about the entire traffic pattern around the school or just the traffic signal? PMA said we are only talking about an easement for the traffic signal. Jennifer Rose asked what the maintenance cost is and who is responsible? Jon Pope said it will be the school district's responsibility and

that it would not be a huge cost. Mr. Morris said that it is a different dynamic when it is a single school vs. a regional school district.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To support a traffic signal at the entrance to the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School.

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

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: No report.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

David Flynn said that budget season is coming up and more information will be shared at future meetings.

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

a. ESSER III Survey and Priorities

Superintendent Woodbury shared the results of the ESSER III Survey. The survey included the planning, input, sharing of plans, how we will use funds, and engagement. There were 744 respondents to the survey. Of those responding, 80% said that social interactions are very important and were missing during Covid. The top 3 priorities according to the survey results are additional services; additional staff; and school facility repairs. The superintendent added that it was very difficult to find staff during the summer. One respondent asked about digital literacy; Mrs. Woodbury said that there is already an initiative at Mattacheese Middle School which will expand both to the high school level and the lower grades.

b. Masking – 80% Rule to Unmask

Mrs. Woodbury gave a brief outline about the 80% rule to unmask. After October 15th a district may submit a form attesting that a school has achieved 80% of their staff and students vaccinated. Unvaccinated staff and students would still need to wear a mask. This would still be a local school committee decision. Most likely only the high school would be able to qualify. The mask mandate for schools has been extended through November 1st. Chair Landers asked how this would work in practice, who would police this? Mr. Tolentino asked if the Board of Health could come to a future meeting. Mr. Tierney said there would be no decision until if and when the 80% mark is reached.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

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

Field Trip Approval: Move to approve a D-Y Winter Guard overnight field trip to Holland, PA for the WGI Regionals as per Dr. Funk's memo of September 28, 2021.

Donations: Move to accept a donation of Old Navy, Target, and Stop & Shop gift cards totaling \$2400 to families of the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School from Fill a Back Pack, Inc. as per Mr. Depin's September 29 memo.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus two 2-drawer filing cabinets; one 4-drawer filing cabinet, two grills, nine tables of various sizes, one chair on wheels; one tall metal cabinet; one metal shelf; one short metal cabinet with drawers; and one black multi-shelf rolling cart as per Mr. Bovino's September 22nd memo.

Move to declare as surplus 273 "weeded" library books at the Station Avenue Elementary School due to age and poor condition as per Mr. Crowell's September 29 memo.

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

Public Comment

None.

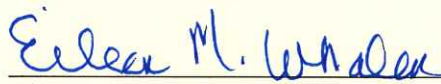
Chair Landers expressed concern about the Winter Guard March field trip as it pertains to what the Covid situation may be at that time. After some discussion Superintendent Woodbury said that the approval letter would grant preliminary approval for the trip with the option for the school committee to revisit the request at a later date.

Adjournment

At 7:48 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


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