

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 5, 2020, at Mattacheese Middle School, West Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; James Dykeman, Jr., Secretary; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Brian Carey, Treasurer; Joe Glynn.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Tainan Nunes, Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM Instruction; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Learning; Mike Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel Wixon School; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Eileen Kalivas, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Michelle Dunn, DYEA.

At 6:32 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes: Tainan reported that things are going very well at the high school. There have been no issues with mask wearing. Clubs are starting up via zoom technology. Marching band is in session and they are socially distancing. He thinks D-Y is doing a great job. His feeling is that in-person instruction is much better than remote.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury: Mrs. Woodbury acknowledged with gratitude all those who worked all summer. She asked some of the staff to give a brief report to the Committee:

1. Summer Programs In-Review

- a. Summer Care Program: Kevin Depin and Eileen Kalivas from the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School reported on the Summer Care Program. Mr. Depin said that the safety of the students, their families, and the staff were of utmost importance. The seven employees who worked the program were wonderful; Food Services provided breakfast, lunch and healthy snacks for all of the students. The kids were great and were so happy to be together. They followed protocols with no problems at all. He felt confident going into the school year after seeing how well the summer program went. Eileen Kalivas spoke of the wonderful staff; virtual field trips; the friendships formed between the students. She said that flexibility, patience, acceptance, and fun were all part of the program's success. Kevin also acknowledged the district nurse and the day custodian for going over and above what was expected. Superintendent Woodbury expressed her

gratitude to Mr. Depin, Ms. Kalivas, Ms. Eichner, and the students and families who participated in the Summer Care program.

- b. Extended School Year (Special Education): Mrs. Woodbury introduced the Director of Pupil Services, Maria Lopes. Ms. Lopes gave a brief history of the program and explained that the planning for the summer began prior to March 13th. Linda Santerre, Special Education Team Chair, conducted a parent survey to see if there was any interest in an in-person summer program; 70% of those surveyed answered and many wanted in-person learning for their children. On June 7 they were given approval for the program; priority students were identified, PPE began arriving, and protocols and training were put in place. School began on July 6th. She acknowledged the teachers who did a wonderful job. The students were very happy; attendance was always over 70%. Parents made a commitment and kept it. Superintendent Woodbury thanked Ms. Lopes, Ms. Santerre, and the entire staff for their work with our most vulnerable students.
- c. Food Service: Mrs. Woodbury introduced the Director of Food Services, Rooney Powers, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Dolphin Drive Thru program. She reported that she had an excellent response from her staff; 27 out of 30 agreed to work the Dolphin Drive Thru program; only 3 could not because of child care issues. The staff worked outdoors in all types of weather. The children enjoyed seeing the lunch ladies when they came through the line. She made special mention of Dan Pantoja, our district courier, for delivering meals to those families who were unable to pick up. She expressed her pride for the effort, dedication, and inspiration of the entire Food Services staff. Superintendent Woodbury thanked Ms. Powers and the entire staff. Vice Chair Tierney thanked Ms. Powers and staff on behalf of the Committee and expressed his pride in the district, staff, and teachers. Mr. Morris concurred.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Kenneth Jenks

1. Daily Substitute Pay Rate: Mr. Jenks referenced the memo in the packet regarding the daily substitute pay rate. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 4-0 it was

VOTED: To approve a daily substitute pay rate of \$80.00 per day and a daily substitute pay rate of \$85.00 per day for substitutes who complete the training session(s).

2. Surplus – Van: Mr. Jenks referenced the memo in the packet regarding the Food Service 150 Van. After a brief discussion, on a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 4-0 it was

VOTED: To declare the Food Service 150 Van as surplus and sell or otherwise dispose of the vehicle as appropriate.

Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney: The next meeting of the building committee is October 29th.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen:
Dennis - No report.

Yarmouth – Mr. Morris discussed the upcoming special town meeting; there are 19 articles, none of them school-related. Dan Knapik will be leaving the town administrator job in January.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were in the packet.

Bills and Requisitions

The Committee signed the bills and requisitions.

Information Item

Press Release – DY Pupil Services Department regarding Child Find was included in the packet.

Public Comment

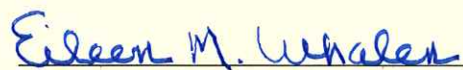
Michelle Dunn is concerned about the HVAC report, airflow, and the safety plan.

At 7:36 p.m., on a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Brian Sullivan, and carried by roll call vote 4-0 it was

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session, not to return to Public Session, for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. (DYEА Negotiations, DYRSAA Negotiations.)

James Dykeman	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary