

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2019

APPROVED

12-2-19

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 18, 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; James Dykeman, Jr.; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Brian Sullivan

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Learning; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM Instruction; Sherry Santini, Director of Instruction for Humanities and the Arts; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Ann Knell, Principal, MMS Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Nathaniel H. Wixon School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Michelle Dunn; Curt Sears; Susan Colgan; Chris Morin; Bob Ravenelle; and many Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School seniors along with their families.

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

D-YRHS Recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship:

Forty-seven Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School seniors received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. In order to receive the scholarship, a student must achieve at least one advanced MCAS score and score advanced or proficient on the two remaining MCAS assessments. The students were invited together with their families to attend the School Committee meeting where they were presented with congratulatory pins and recognized for their academic achievements.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Independence House – Chris Morin, Bob Ravenelle, Paul Funk

Ms. Morin gave the Committee an overview of the relationship between the Independence House and the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District; citing the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program, the Enough Abuse Campaign, and Age-Friendly Yarmouth. Bob Ravenelle expressed his thanks to Carol Woodbury, Ken Jenks, Tony Morrison, Paul Funk, and Mary O'Connor, along with the coaches and teams for their support of this partnership. Paul Funk spoke of community relationships, social issues, and developing a culture of leadership.

Jeni Landers thanked Independence House on behalf of the Committee and presented a Making a Difference plaque for their efforts.

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes

Tainan told the Committee that Dr. Funk has ordered lanyards for the students at the high school. Fall sports are over and everyone is looking forward to the start of winter sports. Students are hoping to establish a math honor society; the Committee expressed their support and advised Tainan to go through Mr. Funk for approval.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

Mr. Jenks said this is a quiet time; the budget is upcoming.

Carol Woodbury advised the committee to look for an email from her regarding the strategic plan.

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

Brian Carey, Dennis: Mr. Carey thanked both towns for voting for the regional agreement changes; he also thanked the subcommittees for all of their work. He said the Regional Agreement Subcommittee should plan on meeting soon. He also mentioned the upcoming play at the high school, *The Skin of Our Teeth*, which will run the weekend of November 22nd with 7:00 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday and a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Joe Tierney, Yarmouth: Mr. Tierney thanked the towns for their support of the regional agreement changes. The Yarmouth meeting was well attended and went very smoothly.

School Committee Business

A. Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0, it was

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

Acceptance of Donations

Move to accept with gratitude a generous donation of \$640.00 to the Kim Jones Athletic Fund.

Move to accept with gratitude several donations to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Athletic Department in memory of Bob Stead.

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of dictionaries, bookmarks, and classroom copies of *Webster's Vocabulary Skill Builder* and *Webster's Thesaurus for Students* to Station Avenue Elementary School from the Hyannis Elks.

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of seventy-five dictionaries to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School from the Hyannis Elks.

Surplus

Move to declare as surplus at the Nathaniel H. Wixon School several file cabinets (7 four-drawer, 1 three-drawer, and 2 two-drawer), 2 metal teacher desks, 13 small computer tables, one wooden top table and one large standing plastic 2-door cabinet.

Minutes

Move to accept the minutes of October 7, 2019, October 21, 2019, and October 28, 2019.

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendar

The next school committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2019, at Station Avenue Elementary School.

Information Items

Thank You Letter from Peter Crowell to Mr. John Drake of South Yarmouth

Thank You Letter from Peter Crowell to the Dennis-Yarmouth Lions Club

See Yourself in S.T.E.M. Invitation

Items Distributed at the Meeting

Yarmouth School and Town Connections to Independence House

Letter from Tim Blake re Surplus Items at the Wixon School

Public Comment Period

Tracy Post thanked the Committee for their support of the regional agreement changes.

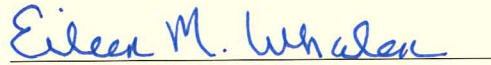
Executive Session

At 7:25 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman and carried 6-0 by roll call vote, 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).

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Jeni Landers	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Andrea St. Germain	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary