

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**

Monday, November 6, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Marilyn Bemis, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Phillip Morris; Joseph Tierney; Joe Glynn; Student Representative Isabella Power.

Members Not Present: Jennifer Rose, Vice Chairperson.

Others Present: Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Michael Bovino, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School; Julia Christopher, Suzanne Ivkovic, Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School; Chad Crittenden, Nicholas Hull, PMA; Vida Morris.

At 6:15 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Executive Session

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 6-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee will enter into Executive Session, 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. (DYSAA Negotiations)

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

At 6:27 p.m., the Chair reopened the Public Session.

Reports and DiscussionsStudent Representative Report – Isabella Power

Isabella reported on fall sports, the upcoming National Honor Society Blood Drive; and the upcoming Fall play, *Murder on the Orient Express*.

Building Committee Presentation – PMA

Chad Crittenden and Nicholas Hull from PMA gave a presentation about the new Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School. They showed artist renderings alongside actual pictures

of the building and grounds. They discussed the issue of the turf fields. There was a recent executive meeting and it was decided to have a third party, Haley & Aldrich, submit a proposal to address the turf field concerns. This is expected by Thanksgiving.

The project budget shows a savings of \$8.8M; a lot of the credit for that savings goes to the Building Committee and the School Committee. A question and answer session followed:

Chair Landers asked for an overview of the remaining items; Mr. Crittenden says the field lighting and punch list items remain. Mr. Glynn expressed concern about the turf fields; he does not want a quick fix and have problems later. Mr. Crittenden agrees and said it will not be a Band-Aid; it will be fixed. Mr. Glynn says it has been an exceptional project. Mr. Tierney thanked PMA; they have been working on this project since 2016 and many of the same people have been on the team. Mr. Flynn said that PMA is the best he has worked with over his 28 years.

Dr. Smith added that the turf fields will be fixed; that there are competing theories as to what is causing the issue and that is why they have looked to a third party.

Chair Landers asked when everything will be done and signed off; Mr. Crittenden said it is a long process before the building will be signed off and then MSBA has to do their audit. Mr. Morris thanked PMA for their presentation; particularly the original sketches shown alongside the current pictures.

Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School Field Trip – Michael Bovino, Principal

Mr. Bovino appeared before the committee along with science teachers Julia Christopher and Suzanne Ivkovic. They are seeking permission for a June 2024 field trip to Virginia for Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School. All details of the trip were discussed.

On a motion Joseph Tierney, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, it was

VOTED: To approve a Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School field trip to Williamsburg in June of 2024 as per Mr. Bovino's November 2, 2023 memo.

Math Curriculum Implementation Support Plan – Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM

Mrs. Pontius gave a presentation on the Math Curriculum Implementation Support Plan; outlining the curricula adoptions; process, recommendations. She explained Teaching Lab's Model for Professional Learning; the 3 key targets for Implementation Support; Learning Walks; Inquiry Cycles and Coaching the Coaches. A brief question and answer session followed.

Report out from Executive Session – DYSAA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Dr. Smith reported that during Executive Session, the Committee voted to approve the 2023-2026 DYSAA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Dr. Smith asked that the Committee now vote in open session.

On a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried 6-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To approve the 2023-2026 Dennis-Yarmouth School Administrators' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.

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

Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

Finance Subcommittee Report

Mr. Tolentino reported on the Finance Subcommittee meeting which took place earlier today. Discussed were costs and revenues, contractual increases, and expiring ESSER funds.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Yarmouth: Town meeting will take place Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. with the Select Board meeting taking place just before at 5:00 p.m.

Dennis: No report.

Assistant Superintendent's Report – David Flynn

Mr. Flynn referenced the information included in the packet regarding the cost of the Intermediate/Middle School Project. Mr. Morris moved:

VOTE OF THE DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

I, the District Secretary of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District, Massachusetts (the "District"), certify that at a meeting of the Regional School District School Committee (the "Committee") held November 6, 2023, of which meeting all members of the Committee were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the Committee in my custody:

Voted: that we hereby determine, in accordance with G.L. c. 70B, that the cost of the Intermediate/Middle School project authorized by a vote of the District adopted on October 18, 2018 and approved at a district-wide election held on December 4, 2018, excluded from the limitations of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, at town elections held by the member town of Dennis on December 4, 2018 (Question 1) and the member town of Yarmouth on June 30, 2020 (Question 1), being financed with proceeds of a portion of the Bonds and the Notes defined below, together with all other bonds and notes of the District previously issued to pay costs of this project, does not exceed the portion of the total cost of the project that is not being paid by the school facilities grant and we hereby approve the issuance of notes and bonds to finance this project under G.L. c. 70B.

Further Voted: that the sale of the \$9,710,000 General Obligation School Project

Loan, Chapter 70B Bonds of the District dated November 14, 2023 (the “Bonds”), to TD Securities (USA) LLC at the price of \$368,001.60 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on November 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2024	\$170,000	5.00%	2039	\$325,000	5.00%
2025	165,000	5.00	2040	340,000	5.00
2026	170,000	5.00	2041	355,000	5.00
2027	180,000	5.00	2042	375,000	5.00
2028	190,000	5.00	2043	395,000	5.00
2029	200,000	5.00	2044	410,000	5.00
2030	210,000	5.00	2045	435,000	5.00
2031	220,000	5.00	2046	455,000	5.00
2032	230,000	5.00	2047	475,000	5.00
2033	240,000	5.00	2048	500,000	5.00
2034	255,000	5.00	2049	525,000	5.00
2035	265,000	5.00	2050	555,000	5.00
2036	280,000	5.00	2051	580,000	5.00
2037	295,000	5.00	2052	610,000	5.00
2038	305,000	5.00			

Further Voted: to approve the sale of \$12,000,000 5.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”) of the District dated November 14, 2023, and payable November 14, 2024, to Jefferies LLC at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$116,640.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated October 24, 2023, and a final Official Statement dated October 31, 2023 (the “Official Statement”), each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer or District Finance Director, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated October 24, 2023, and a final Official Statement dated October 31, 2023, each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer or District Finance Director, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the District, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement. Further Voted: that the District Treasurer and the Chair of the Committee be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver continuing and significant events disclosure undertakings in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such forms as may be approved by bond counsel to the District, which undertakings shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds and Notes, as applicable, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the District Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and significant events disclosure procedures in such forms as the District Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Bonds and the Notes (collectively, the "Documents"), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a ".pdf" file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Committee, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes. I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerks of each of the member towns of Dennis and Yarmouth, Massachusetts (collectively, the "Town Clerks") and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal buildings in which the offices of the Town Clerks and the District Secretary are located, or in accordance with an approved alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Massachusetts Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(4), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Notes were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25, as amended.

Dated: November 6, 2023 _____

District Secretary

Mr. Tolentino seconded the motion. Upon no further discussion Chair Landers asked for a vote; the motion passes unanimously, 6-0.

Cape Cod Municipal Health Group

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Marilyn Bemis and carried unanimously 6-0, it was

VOTED: To appoint Paula Kiser as an alternate member of the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marc J. Smith

Acknowledgments

Dr. Smith shared that he recently attended the Boosterthon Fun Run at Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School which is a very successful fund raising event. He also attended the recent science fair at the middle school which was a great event involving many community partners.

Revised School Year Calendar 2024-2025

Dr. Smith reported that the previously voted 2024-2025 School Year Calendar lists the All Cape Professional Day as October 11, 2024. Because 2024 is an election year, that Professional Day will fall on November 5, 2024.

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried unanimously 6-0, it was

VOTED: To approve a revised School Year Calendar 2024-2025 as per Dr. Smith's November 6, 2023 memo.

Entry Plan Update

Dr. Smith gave an update on his entry plan. He reported that he has largely completed a document review including contracts, policies, and other data. He is continuing to attend staff focus groups; he will use the data gathered to create a survey. The next group he plans to meet with will be families; some of these meetings will be in person; some will be via Zoom; all will have translation available. Dr. Smith said that meeting people where they are is very important.

Bills and Requisitions

The warrants were signed by the committee.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were reviewed.

Public Comment

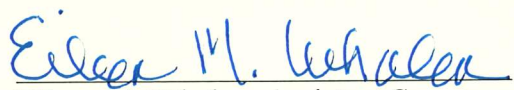
Vida Morris briefly commented on Mrs. Pontius' math presentation.

Adjournment

At 7:36 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 6-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary