

**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
Monday, March 14, 2022

**APPROVED**

3-28-22

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 14, 2022, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Jennifer Rose, Secretary; Marilyn Bemis; Joe Glynn; Tomas Tolentino; Kristen Stagg, Student Representative to the School Committee.

Members Not Present: Grace LePain, Student Representative to the School Committee.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Michael Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Joan Leitner; Laurie Richardson, Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Chad Crittenden, PMA; Vida Morris.

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

**Reports:**

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Grace LePain and Kristen Stagg

Grace LePain was not present. Kristen Stagg reported that this is Spirit Week at the high school; March is Mental Health Awareness Month and post-it notes with positive affirmations written on them are posted all around the school.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Station Avenue Elementary School PBIS Team

Joan Leitner and Laurie Richardson

Superintendent Woodbury introduced Joan Leitner and Laurie Richardson from the Station Avenue Elementary School PBIS Team. Joan began the presentation by saying that they wanted everyone to feel prepared when they returned to school with masks optional on February 28<sup>th</sup>. She then showed the presentation that they had shared with the teachers which talked about opinions and differences. These Social Emotional Learning lessons are prepared monthly and are aimed toward the K-3 age group. Laurie added that they like to give concrete examples in the presentations because this works well with this age group. The presentations typically end with a song and a chance for the students to dance. Teasing and Bullying, Recess Safety, and Cafeteria Use are some of the other lessons they have prepared. They noted that with the onset of the pandemic most of these students have had no experience being in the cafeteria or with a large group of students at recess. Mrs. Woodbury thanked them for their presentation. Chair Landers thanked the presenters on behalf of the Committee on their excellent presentation. Ms. Leitner shared that all of the teachers have done a wonderful job providing feedback and sharing the lessons with their students.

Superintendent Woodbury continued her report with positive news about Covid-19 case counts; for the last week there have been only 6 positive cases throughout the district. The superintendent will continue to send out weekly case counts.

The superintendent also shared that the Dennis-Yarmouth Educators Association voted to approve the longer school day for grades 4-7.



School Building Committee Report –Joseph Tierney  
Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate-Middle School Update  
Mitch Miller, PMA

Chad Crittenden, Project Director, PMA, filled in for Mitch Miller who was unable to attend. Chad gave a construction update of the new school including a summary of work activities; current construction progress photos; a look-ahead schedule; and a construction update. This was followed by questions and comments from the Committee. Phil Morris thanked Chad for the presentation. Joe Tierney said that any committee member who wishes to tour the building should contact the superintendent or Joe. Joe Glynn thanked Chad and acknowledged all of the hard work of the School Building Committee.

Assistant Superintendent Report – David Flynn

Mr. Flynn reported that he and Carol are scheduled to attend upcoming meetings with each town regarding the budget. He also referenced the memo in the packet regarding Perkins Eastman Amendment #7; the Building Committee has already voted in favor of the amendment. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Joe Tierney, and carried unanimously 7-0 it was

VOTED: To approve Amendment # 7 to the contract with Perkins Eastman, DPC in the amount of \$11,880 bringing the new total amount of the contract to \$9,120,030.00.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: No report.

Yarmouth: No report.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Jennifer Rose, and carried unanimously 7-0, it was

VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Donations:

Move to accept a large donation of hygiene products to the Mattacheese Middle School from the Social Concerns group of the Dennis Union Church.

Move to accept three sets of children's picture books to the district elementary schools from Ms. Dee Dee Beckwith of Marstons Mills.

Move to accept a Yashica FX-2 analog camera and accessories to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School from Patricia Casey.

Move to accept two Ludwig Timpanis to the Mattacheese Middle School Music Department from Iain Ellis.

Surplus:

Move to declare as surplus 6 boxes of outdated curriculum items and 5 Smartboard Rovers at the Marguerite E. Small Elementary School as per Ms. Carlson's March 8, 2022 memo.

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**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**

Vida Morris asked if there were any statistics on how many students are wearing masks and how many are not. This information is not being collected.

**Adjournment**

At 7:15 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Jennifer Rose, and carried unanimously 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



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Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary