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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 9, 2020, 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.; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Tainan Nunes, Student Representative

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Patrick Riley, Principal, M.E. Small School; Peter Crowell, Principal, Station Avenue Elementary School; Chris Flanagan, Dennis Board of Selectmen; James Plath, Dennis Finance Committee; Curt Sears.

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

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes – The student representative was absent, therefore no report.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

B. Carey, Dennis: Mr. Carey reported that it is his understanding that an override vote in the town may not be necessary. Ms. Landers asked Selectman Chris Flanagan who was in the audience if he would like to comment. Mr. Flanagan said that an override was not anticipated. Jim Plath of the Finance Committee was also in attendance and he also said he felt there would be no need for an override. Mr. Carey thanked them both for their input.

J. Tierney, Yarmouth: No report.

DYRSD Building Committee Update – J. Tierney: Mr. Tierney reported that focus groups have been meeting and that there is no tentative date for the opening of the new school. Jeni Landers asked how parents can become more involved. Mr. Tierney said he would like to invite the project managers to a future school committee meeting for a presentation and question and answer session.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

New School Bond Anticipation Notes Proposal: After a brief discussion, on a motion by Joseph Tierney and seconded by Andrea St. Germain and carried unanimously, it was

VOTED: To accept the bid from TD Bank N.A. for the school building project initial borrowing of \$3,000,000 at the rate of .980%

Approval of FY21 Budget: Mr. Jenks gave a presentation regarding the FY21 budget. He discussed the budget action to date, revenue adjustments, retirement savings, and the excess and deficiency fund. He said that the proposed budget provides all necessary services and avoids significant reductions. After discussion, on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried by roll call vote it was

VOTED: That the School Committee adopt an FY21 budget of \$ 64,834,171 with a Dennis operating assessment of \$ 17,414,824, debt service of \$460,017 for a total assessment of \$17,874,841 and a Yarmouth operating assessment of \$35,618,183, debt service of \$312,633 for a total Yarmouth assessment of \$35,930,816.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Jeni Landers	yes
Phil Morris	yes
Andrea St. Germain	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joe Tierney	yes

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Approval of School Calendars for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022: Mrs. Woodbury referenced the memo which was included in the packet regarding the Approval of 20-21 and 21-22 School Calendars. She outlined the advantages of starting school before Labor Day when Labor Day falls on September 6, 7, or 8. Teacher professional days will take place prior to the students arriving; this is a positive for parents with childcare needs; there is little wiggle room when snow days are used; September days are better for learning than June days; more educational days prior to MCAS testing is a positive. The DYEA membership voted support the change for these two years. A discussion followed regarding the positives and negatives of starting school before Labor Day. On a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 4-3 it was:

VOTED: To approve the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Calendars as presented.

Coronavirus Update: Mrs. Woodbury brought the Committee up to date on the Coronavirus. She referenced the March 3, 2020 letter which was sent in multiple languages to all families and staff members. The letters also have been posted on the district website. The district will be following the protocols recommended by the Department of Public Health.

Good News

MMS

March is Best Buddies Month! Best Buddies is sponsoring Crazy Sock Day to honor and celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Day on Friday, March 20th. Students who choose to participate will receive a raffle ticket and be entered to win a raffle prize. Let's all celebrate this important day! Also, please remember that our spring musical, The Wizard of Oz, will have performances on Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee performance on Saturday, March 21st at 1:00 p.m.

DYRHS

On Wednesday, March 4th, DY held its second semester Showcase. The event included presentations by our students and faculty. In addition, the Foreign Language Department put on its International Food Festival. The events were very well attended.

The guidance department recently held the Junior Parent Breakfast. The event was extremely well attended and is designed to help Junior Parents begin the college process. The event included speakers from Bridgewater State University's Admissions Office and a DY student panel that included seniors Arianna Ferreira, Gabriella Rios, and Ben Wanko describing how they navigated the college process. Tomorrow night Tuesday, March 10th is the Chorus and Strings Concert here at DY, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team and the Girls Ice Hockey team for a great season. The boys basketball team lost to Randolph in double overtime in the Quarterfinals of the MIAA Division 2 South Tournament. The game was played in front of a capacity crowd here at DY. The girls Ice Hockey team also lost a hard fought game 2-1 to Falmouth in the MIAA Division 2 South Quarterfinals. The game was played at Warrior Arena in Boston, which is the practice facility of the Boston Bruins. Both teams competed extremely hard all the year and represented DY with class throughout the tournament.

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School will show the film *Angst* to students, faculty, and parents. *Angst* is a 56-minute film that explores anxiety, its causes and effects, and what we can do about it. The filmmakers' goal is to have a global conversation and raise awareness around anxiety. Community resources will be available after the show to support and answer any questions. The film will be shown to faculty on Wednesday afternoon, to parents on Thursday morning at 7:30am and Thursday afternoon at 5:30pm, and all students will see the film on Friday. Each film session will include a panel discussion to help better understand the signs, causes, and effects of anxiety.

EHBi

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. " This quote from Dr. Seuss says it best. We did just that at EHBi last week. We started the week with a Read Across America assembly that was planned and executed by students from our Readers Theatre after school group! On Wednesday, each classroom had a community readers visit. All of our community readers were first responders from our wonderful town! On Friday, the whole school "Dropped Everything and Read!" The reading fun continues this week with our fourth Read Around Town event at the West Dennis Library, Wednesday evening, 6:30 PM.

MES

At MES, we had a PBIS contest for K-3 students. Every time a student received a bead for doing something "respectable, responsible, ready, caring or safe," they received a bead for their necklaces. They also received a paper shamrock that they put their name on and it went into a drawing. Two winners were chosen and they won a spot to ride on the MES PTO float in the St. Patrick's Day parade. MES was well supported in the parade by students and staff!

NHW

Recently, our whole school participated in the Glow Run, sponsored by our PTO where we raised over \$20,000 to fund field trips and other school wide activities. All students also participated in the Square One Art fundraiser. Each student drew their favorite memory and families will be able to order something with their child's drawing on it. Lastly, half of our 5th grade experienced "Wet Fest" where AmeriCorps provided hands-on, water based activities for our students. The other half of the 5th grade will participate in June.

SAE

SAE ended the week with an All School Meeting on 3/6 to celebrate Dr. Seuss. As in past years, we were fortunate to have many community members visit our school on 3/6 and read to our classrooms. Last week, "Nutrition Detectives" visited our grade 3 classrooms and Forsyth Dental was here servicing those students signed up for fluoride treatments.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 7-0, it was

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

Acceptance of Donations

Move to accept with thanks a donation of 22 Nuvo Recorder and instruments from West Bend Music of Dennis Port to the third graders at Ezra H. Baker Innovation School.

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendars

The next school committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020, at Station Avenue Elementary School.

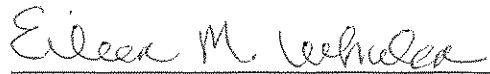
Public Comment Period

Chris Flanagan said that there would be a committee established to discuss the school buildings in the Town of Dennis.

At 7:55 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 7-0 it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eileen M. Whalen".

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary