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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Administration Offices in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts and virtually via Zoom.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Chairperson; Jeni Landers, Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Rose, Secretary (via Zoom); Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Phillip Morris; Marilyn Bemis; Joe Glynn (via Zoom).

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, 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; Timothy Blake, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate School; Pat Stone; James Plath; Vida Morris (via Zoom).

At 5:02 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Chair Tierney asked for a moment of silence to honor Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Principal Dr. Paul Funk who passed away suddenly on April 15, 2023. Superintendent Woodbury wished to thank the community for their outpouring of support.

School Committee Business

FY2024 Budget (Enc. 2)

Phillip Morris moved that the School Committee adopt an FY2024 budget of **\$76,019,508** with a **Dennis** operating assessment of \$18,645,546 and debt service of \$1,407,909 for a total Dennis assessment of \$20,053,455; and a

Yarmouth operating assessment of \$38,848,384 and debt service of \$2,153,969 for a total Yarmouth assessment of \$41,002,353; and a

Transfer from **E&D** of \$300,000

Joe Glynn seconded the motion and discussion followed. Mr. Flynn said that using the E & D funds requires a vote of the committee. Mr. Tolentino expressed concern that this may impact funds that may be needed to fix the M.E. Small School for instance. Chair Tierney said that the Capital Stabilization Fund is for that purpose. Marilyn Bemis and Phil Morris shared their concerns. Mr. Glynn feels that this sends a positive message of cooperation between the towns and the school district and thanked Mr. Flynn and the administration for their efforts. Jennifer Rose shares everyone's concern. Vice Chair Landers expressed that she has not changed her mind; her stance remains the same. Chair Tierney is in favor; if Yarmouth had asked it would have been discussed. Superintendent Woodbury said that it is a good compromise for this time.

Upon seeing no further discussion, Chair Tierney asked for a roll call vote on the motion on the table. The motion carries 5-2.

Jennifer Rose	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Tomas Tolentino	no
Phil Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Jeni Landers	no
Joseph Tierney	yes

Superintendent Woodbury announced that she has appointed Kendra Bennett as the new high school principal. Chair Tierney extended congratulations on behalf of the Committee.


Adjournment

At 5:28 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously by roll call vote 7-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


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