

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2019

APPROVED

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A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 8, 2019, at the Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Andrea St. Germain, Secretary; James Dykeman, Jr.; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Brian Carey, Treasurer; Brian Sullivan

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent of 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 Humanities & the Arts; Mike Bovino, Assistant Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, NH Wixon School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Sheryl McMahon, Dennis Board of Selectmen; Erin Porter, DYEA; Vida Morris; Curt Sears

At 6:00 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Andrea St. Germain, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried by roll call vote 4-0, it was VOTED: To enter into Executive Session and return to Public Session, for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Joseph Tierney - yes
Andrea St. Germain – yes
James Dykeman, Jr. – yes
Phillip Morris – yes

At 7:00 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson, reopened the public session.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Jack Carder

Both student representatives are currently on a student exchange trip to Germany; therefore there was no report.

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

Brian Carey was absent, no report.

Joseph Tierney-no report

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

MES Statement of Interest: Ken Jenks discussed the M.E. Small Statement of Interest for the Massachusetts School Building Authority. He said it is important to stay in the queue. He discussed the KBA study, roof repairs, and costs. The school is not unsafe but it does need major renovations. It took 5 years for the current project to be approved. Carol Woodbury said it is important to do the right thing; it is their responsibility to care for the children of the two towns.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 4-0 it was

VOTED: Having convened in an open meeting on April 8, 2019, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form that will be submitted to the MSBA by no later than Friday, April 12, 2019 for consideration in 2019 for the Marguerite E. Small Elementary School located at 440 Higgins Crowell Road, West Yarmouth, MA 02673 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for the replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

FY19 Budget Update: Ken Jenks gave a brief update on the FY19 budget. He said we are in a better position than last year at this time. Funds are encumbered to cover salaries through the end of the year. There is a need for a stabilization fund for unexpected expenses. He explained that the increase under curriculum director is for materials, not staff.

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

Good News: On March 29th Commissioner of Education Jeff Riley visited the high school; he said he has heard good things about our district. The Student Ambassadors gave a tour of the building and then met as a group. Commissioner Riley was especially pleased to see the art and music department and commented that he was glad to see that the arts have not been cut by the district.

DYRHS

There was a wonderful district-wide Science Fiction-STREAM Night on Friday, March 29th in the high school library. On that same date there was a Model U.N. event which involved 30 students paired up with Yarmouth senior citizens. Nineteen students are currently in Germany for their Exchange trip. D-Y senior Anastasia Batson was recently awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the *Printmakers of Cape Cod* after attending a portfolio review and personal interview. She was also awarded a \$1000 tuition waiver to UMass Dartmouth should she decide to attend there.

EHBi

These last weeks have been eventful at EHBi! On Wednesday, March 27th, we held a Community Reading Day. This year we asked our Dennis First Responders to act as our Community Readers. Men and women from the Dennis Police and Fire Department took the time to read to every classroom in our school! We so appreciate these busy people taking the time to read to our students! It was amazing! Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither were playgrounds, apparently! Through the hard work of PTAC, and the generosity of so many families, we have raised a great deal of money to refurbish and improve our playground. We recently began with replacing all of the chains on our swings. The next phase will consist of replacing and repairing portions of the playground structure, and moving a portion of the fence to sealcoat the black top for a four square/hopscotch area adjacent to the basketball hoop. We are currently planning a school beautification day for early June!

MES

On Tuesday, April 9th M.E. Small will host a Poetry Night from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will be refreshments, music, berets, and of course, poetry! The students at MES have worked all year by putting their heart into their art. The art show takes place the same night as poetry night; please visit the displays before, during the break, and after poetry night.

NHW

At Wixon we had a presentation from the Barnstable County Natural Resources Department so students could learn about animal adaptations. Students learned about animals that reside on Cape Cod such as coyotes and turkeys, plus animals that only visit Cape Cod like the Snowy Owl. Just two weeks ago the Wixon community joined together for our now annual Glow Run. Students ran laps in our gym. There were many glowing lights, a DJ, and a tunnel which the students and staff enjoyed. A huge credit to our fabulous PTO for running this great event. Last week each team of teachers held our Dolphin Way Assemblies. During the week we honored many students for being safe, responsible, respectful, and kind. Thank you to the staff for putting in the extra time to celebrate these children and a thank you to families for taking time out of their schedules to join us for a celebration and snack to kick off the day.

SAE

SAE students collectively rose over \$2,300 during the month of March for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The kindergarteners in Ms. Pemental's class were the top fundraisers and won the Olive Garden Pasta Luncheon! Thank you for all who made this community caring fundraiser successful. Thank you to everyone who participated in Family Literacy Night. We had over 160 on the sign in sheet and it was mostly kids who signed in. The Literacy Leadership Team started this event to help raise awareness around literacy and we wanted to create a fun, engaging activity for all families. Last night was big success thanks to our great school community. Having the students participating in a vote to choose the author was a big hit!

MMS

The Dennis-Harwich Rotary club in conjunction with Mattacheese Middle School has awarded two very deserving students the "Just Good Kids" award; Niamh Ryan in 6th grade and Molly Gedutis in 7th grade. These two students are continually making Mattacheese proud. Thank you both. Mattacheese kicked off their MCAS season with a PEP rally on March 28th to get all the students energized and focused on the assessment. Mattacheese began with the ELA assessment.

Mrs. Woodbury mentioned the two recent shows, *The Little Mermaid Jr.* at Mattacheese and *The 25th Putnam County Spelling Bee* at the high school. The students did a wonderful job and kudos to all the students, parents, and teachers involved in these productions.

School Committee Business

Regional Agreement: Carol Woodbury has submitted the revised Regional Agreement to the DESE. The Department has returned a recommendation that the Agreement be pared back because they were not expecting such a comprehensive review at this time. They will not have adequate time to review the entire document prior to the two upcoming spring town meetings. They suggested that the revisions to the Agreement be pared back specifically to the changes in Section 4, the financial piece, and to continue to work on the remainder of the Agreement.

On a motion by Andrea St. Germain, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 4-0 it was

VOTED: To withdraw the previous proposed Regional Agreement warrant article and submit instead the attached article for Spring town meeting.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Phil Morris, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 4-0, it was

VOTED: To approve the following items included in the consent agenda:

Donations

Move to accept a donation from Hot Stove, Inc. in the amount of \$600 to help fund the horticultural program at the high school level.

Move to accept a donation of K'Nex supplies valued at \$250 to D-YRHS from Ms. Ann Burg of West Dennis.

Surplus

Move to declare as surplus 400 Technology Department iPads and cases.

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Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendar

The next School Committee meeting will be Monday, April 29th, at 6:30 p.m. at Station Avenue Elementary School. The Dolphin Dash takes place on Saturday, April 27th, at 10:00 a.m. at the high school.

Information Items

Press Release – Beginnings Art Exhibit

Press Release – Preschool Screening

Annual Child Find Preschool Screening for Special Education Needs

Free Spring 2019 Family Activities

Public Comment Period

Erin Porter announced Trivia Night which will take place at The Loft at the Cove Resort on Thursday, May 2nd at 5:30 to benefit the DYEA Scholarship Fund. Vida Morris commented about the possibility of further changes being made to the regional agreement.

Items Distributed at the Meeting

Memo to the School Committee regarding Surplus iPads

Revised Approval to Submit SOI for M.E. Small

Capital Assessment Plan for Yarmouth Public Schools

MES Roof Study from Rowse Architects

MSBA Next Steps

Budget by Function

Adjournment

At 8:03 p.m., on a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 4-0, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary