

**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of a School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, May 17, 2021**

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 17, 2021, via remote technology in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 20.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Phillip Morris, Treasurer; Joe Glynn; Jennifer Rose; Zane Fitzgerald; Marilyn Bemis.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Tainan Nunes, Student Representative to the School Committee; Grace LePain, Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Learning; Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services.

At 5:35 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call Attendance:

Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Chair Landers congratulated Jennifer Rose and Marilyn Bemis on their recent election to the school committee.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried by roll call vote 7-0, it was:

**VOTED:** That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee enter into Executive Session, and 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, DYRSAA)

Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

At 6:48 p.m., Chair Landers reopened the public session.

### **Computer Science Presentation**

Betsy Pontius and JoAnna Watson

Ms. Pontius, Director of STEM Instruction, and JoAnna Watson, Assistant Director of Digital Learning & Library Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Computer Science in Dennis-Yarmouth. The presentation included a discussion of high school courses; middle school computer class; and K-5 library technology class. Developing a vision; action steps; beginner level coding; novel engineering activities; and unplugged STEM activities were also discussed. The presentation ended with The Future for Dennis-Yarmouth Graduates. A short question and answer session followed. Mr. Glynn thanked Ms. Pontius and Ms. Watson for the presentation. He asked about PACE grants. Ms. Pontius said that the PACE grant is ongoing, we have a parent stakeholder, a core team and a wider range of community members. Mr. Morris, Mr. Tierney, and Ms. Landers thanked the presenters and voiced their support of the program, saying that it is very impressive and that students will be career-ready.

### **Reports**

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Tainan Nunes; Grace LePain

Tainan reported that today was Ken Jenks Day across the district. People at the high school wore D-Y gear and many wore lapel pins that were made in Mr. Jenks' honor. Class officers were recently elected; the theatre company will present *Little Women* this Friday at 4:30 p.m. along with two Sunday performances, 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; outdoors at the Mattacheese Bandshell. Grace reported that the 10<sup>th</sup> grade MCAS went well. She noted that the last AP exam was today and she gave a shout-out to Mrs. T., Mr. Brennan and Mr. Thompson. Tainan agreed that the teachers have done a wonderful job preparing the students for the exams. Spring sports are also going well; everyone is enjoying being outside. Tainan has 2 more school committee meetings.

### School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Jeni Landers reported that the school budget passed with no discussion.

Yarmouth: Joe Glynn reported that the town election is upcoming. Joe Tierney said the election is tomorrow from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The school budget is Article 6 at the upcoming town meeting. Phil Morris reported that both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee support the school budget and the override.

### Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney:

Mr. Tierney reported that the project managers meet weekly; everything is going very well.

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote it was:

VOTED: To appoint Mr. Robert Whritenour, Yarmouth Town Administrator, to the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate Middle School Building Committee (replacing Mr. Dan Knapik).

Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes



Phillip Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury:

1. Banking Services

Phil Morris moved that the district award a contract to Cape Cod Five to provide banking services in accordance with our Request for Proposals for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2021. Joseph Tierney seconded, and discussion followed. Mr. Morris stated that interest rates, experience, convenience, and proximity were all factors in the recommendation of Cape Cod Five. There being no further questions, Chair Landers called for a roll call vote. The motion passes unanimously 7-0.

Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

2. Budget Transfer Recommendations

Superintendent Woodbury explained the need to transfer money between accounts in an effort to fund needed capital costs and reconcile the budget. The superintendent recommends the School Committee vote the following transfers for the FY21 budget:

Joe Tierney moved that the school committee approve the transfer of \$234,681.52 from Function Account 2000-Instruction to Function Account 1000-Administration (1450-Administrative Technology-Districtwide) for the purpose of covering costs for iPads, computers, and upgrades to security. Phillip Morris seconded. The motion passes unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote.

Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Joe Tierney moved that the school committee approve the transfer of \$356,479.76 from Function Account 3000-Pupil Services (3300-Transportation) to Function Account 4000-Operations and Maintenance (4220-Maintenance of Buildings) for the purpose of covering

capital costs for the high school burner replacement and upgrading the energy management system. Phillip Morris seconded. The motion passes unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote.

Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Joe Tierney moved that the school committee approve the transfer of \$44,246.10 from Function Account 3000-Pupil Services (3300-Transportation) to Function Account 7000-Acquisition, Improvement, and Replacement of Fixed Assets (7400-Equipment) for the purpose of covering the replacement of a steamer for the high school cafeteria and a dishwasher at the E.H. Baker cafeteria. Phillip Morris seconded. The motion passes unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote.

Joe Glynn	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Mrs. Woodbury shared that the DESE has come out with new guidance on masks. They will no longer be required outdoors for students in most situations. Chair Landers would like to hear the opinion of the district nurse, Kristin Dwyer.

3. Mattacheese Middle School Principal Appointment

Superintendent Woodbury announced the appointment of Mr. Michael Bovino as principal of the Mattacheese Middle School. She then introduced Mr. Bovino and invited him to say a few words. Mike thanked Carol and said he has been part of the Mattacheese family for 12 years. Mike was congratulated by the committee.

4. Update on Assistant Superintendent or Finance and Operations Search and Organizational Change Recommendations:

Superintendent Woodbury announced that she would like the school committee's approval to appoint Maria Lopes to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction. Mrs. Woodbury gave a briefing on the search for a replacement for Mr. Jenks. She said it would be fiscally responsible, prudent, and would involve an increase of approximately \$20,000 to the budget.

Joe Glynn moved to appoint Maria Lopes as Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction, Phillip Morris seconded, and discussion followed. Joseph Tierney said



that Ms. Lopes has always done a great job and that he is in favor of the proposal. Chair Landers is also in favor; calling Ms. Lopes an asset to the district. She said that the superintendent needs someone to share the workload, especially someone with so much institutional knowledge. Phillip Morris is also in favor. Chair Landers asked for a roll call vote; the motion passes unanimously 7-0.

Joseph Tierney	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Superintendent Woodbury then asked Ms. Lopes to say a few words. Maria shared that this is the end of her fourth year with the Dennis-Yarmouth School District. She has worked in the Boston Public Schools. She shared that she is first generation Cape Verdean; that she feels very honored and will work very hard. She received congratulations and best wishes from the committee.

### **School Committee Business**

#### **Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was voted to approve the following items included in the Consent Agenda.

#### **Donations**

Move to accept donations in the amount of \$3100.00 to start a yearly scholarship for a graduating senior in memory of Caroline D. Osborn, 2008 graduate of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

Move to accept a donation of four bike tune ups from Bike Zone to Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School valued at \$300.00 for use by the students in the WAVE, SEA-2 and NECC programs.

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#### **Calendars**

The upcoming calendars were included in the packet.

#### **Bills and Requisitions**

Bills and requisitions will be signed at the District offices by the Committee.

#### **Items Distributed Electronically Prior to the Meeting**

Computer Science in Dennis-Yarmouth PowerPoint Presentation

#### **Public Comment**

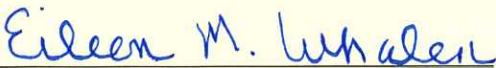
Asad Jung asked about the upcoming vaccination clinic. Mrs. Woodbury said that there will be a Pfizer vaccination clinic this Friday at the high school from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

At 8:08 p.m., on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Joseph Tierney	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Zane Fitzgerald	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

  
Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary