

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2019

APPROVED

6-10-19

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 20, 2019, 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.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Jack Carder, Outgoing Student Representative to the School Committee; Tainan Nunes, Incoming Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Learning; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Tony Morrison, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Mike Bovino, Assistant Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, NH Wixon School; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Grady Connor, Lynch Marini & Associates; Vida Morris

At 7:12 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Auditors – Lynch Marini & Associates Inc.

Mr. Grady Connor of Lynch Marini & Associates Inc. will present at a later date.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Jack Carder

Jack Carder reported that this is his last meeting. He found it to be a very unique experience and thanked the Committee, Administration, and his teachers. He then introduced Tainan Nunes, the incoming student representative, who said he was honored to be the new representative. Mr. Carey spoke on behalf of the Committee and thanked Jack for his participation and time.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen – B. Carey, Dennis; J. Tierney, Yarmouth
Brian Carey, Dennis: Mr. Carey related that there is a new selectman in Dennis.

Joe Tierney, Yarmouth: Mr. Tierney mentioned that the Yarmouth vote takes place tomorrow.

DYRSD Building Committee Update – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney stated that we are still on hold; there has been no ruling yet from Barnstable Superior Court regarding the lawsuit filed by the Town of Yarmouth.

Report from Paul Funk, D-YRHS Athletic Director

Dolphin Dash: Brian Carey joined Mr. Funk for the presentation, relating that Paul did a great job and that Joe Tierney and other volunteers really stepped up. Paul Funk said there was excellent buy-in from the community and gave special recognition to volunteers Officer Pat McCaffrey; Officer Nick Pasquarosa; Tamara Endich; and Judy Provencher. He also made mention of the enormous contributions of high school band director Alex Pendleton. Dennis-Public Market and their staff did a wonderful job. The goal is to eliminate athletic user fees. For next year Mr. Funk would like to establish a Dennis-Yarmouth Day and include a kid's race in the form of a mini-track meet. Brian Carey said they expect to gross between \$25,000 and \$30,000 and they are still collecting. All funds are held by the Cape Cod Foundation and they pay all the

bills. He would like to seek new sponsors and make it more of a year-round endeavor. Chairperson Jeni Landers thanked Mr. Funk and Mr. Carey and noted that this involves a huge amount of time.

Independence House Initiative

Paul Funk presented information regarding a healthy choice curriculum in partnership with Bob Ravenelle and Independence House. It is about what healthy relationships should be in high school. It is a cutting-edge program that he would like to implement this August to student-athletes. Jeni Landers thanked Paul for the presentation and asked that he come back before the Committee with an update.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

Invitation for Bids for Ultra-Sulfur Diesel Fuel

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Brian Carey and carried 7-0 it was

VOTED: To recommend award of a contract for Diesel Fuel Delivery Services for the one (1) year period of approximately July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 to Noonan Brothers Petroleum, Inc. of West Bridgewater, MA for pricing as bid.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

School Committee Policies (final reading and vote)

JB-Equal Educational Opportunities: On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0 it was

VOTED: To add the words *housing status* to paragraph 1 of school committee policy JB-Equal Educational Opportunities.

AC-Non Discrimination: On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0 it was

VOTED: To add the words *housing status* to paragraphs 1 and 2 of school committee policy AC – Non-Discrimination.

School Committee Business

- A. FY20 Budget: Carol Woodbury said that we don't currently have a budget. In a 2-town region there is a 30-day review period. She recommended a 15 day extension from the commissioner and a 1/12 interim budget. Discussion followed regarding a possible interim meeting, what is the alternative if it is not granted. All were in agreement that a 15 day extension would be prudent.
- B. Regional Agreement: The revised Regional Agreement did not pass in Dennis; there are decisions to be made, a timeline, and meetings of the subcommittee. Brian Carey said we should look to the future, listen to both towns, perhaps get together with the Finance Committees and Select Boards of both towns; Joe Tierney was in agreement. Jeni Landers felt that the regional agreement would not pass in Dennis. Discussion followed including avoiding a special town meeting, what is the impact of foundation enrollment on both towns; the regional agreement subcommittee; the Yarmouth lawsuit. Jeni Landers said they have been working on the regional agreement. Brian Carey asked that Carol Woodbury ask any prudent questions to give clear direction to the Committee.

On a motion by Jim Dykeman, seconded by Brian Carey, and carried 7-0, it was

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

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4/8/19

4/29/19

Information Items

Jeni Landers read the superintendent's letter to Mr. Anthony Marzulli thanking him for his exceptionally generous gift of \$10,000 to be used for the deferment of school meal expenses for district families. Ms. Landers then read the names of the 2019 Law Day Essay Contest Winners from Dennis-Yarmouth High School; Maria Swiatkowski, Sophia Slingerland, Timothy Curran, Emma Marks, and Haley Poole. Ms. Landers then read the thank you letter from the D-Y German Exchange and asked student representative Tainan Nunes to describe his experience traveling to Germany. He found it to be a very welcoming culture and said it was a wonderful experience.

Brian Carey brought up the recent vote on the plastic bottle ban; he thought that this is a subject which should be further investigated as to its effect on public schools.

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendar

The calendar was reviewed.

Items Distributed at the Meeting

Recommendations and Suggestions for Improvements in Accounting Procedures and Internal Controls June 30, 2018

Report Pursuant to OMB Uniform Guidance for the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis with Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Cape and Islands Workforce Board Art Works Program May 8, 2019

4th Annual Y Achievers Benefit Program May 15, 2019

Mass. School to Career Connecting Activities Annual Report FY2018

Public Comment Period

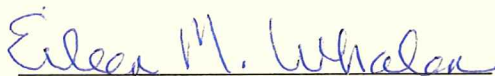
Michelle Dunn spoke about Fund Our Future and mentioned that the Dennis-Yarmouth School Committee was one of the first Committees in the state to vote to support this. Vida Morris inquired about the West Dennis Beach cleanup day which appeared on the calendar for May 11th.

Adjournment

At 8:20 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0, it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary