

6-1-20

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 4, 2020, 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; 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; Joseph Glynn; Holly Poor; Jen Linberg; and Will Rubinstein.

At 5:34 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Update on School Building Project (Joe Tierney, Ken Jenks, Carol Woodbury)

Joe Tierney: Mr. Tierney gave a report about the progress of the building project. The building committee met remotely on April 30th. There were recent meetings of focus groups; including the athletic fields focus group. The committee voted on the value management; this will be sent to the MSBA by May 7. There will also be a 60% submission as well as a 90% submission. They were able to add a few things in.

Ken Jenks: Mr. Jenks discussed competitive pricing and timing; there is reason for hope. The field group is working and discussing field needs and the best choices.

Carol Woodbury: Mrs. Woodbury discussed the favorable percentage rate on the recent borrowing.

Jeni Landers asked what things were added in; irrigation and window film for security purposes on the first floor were two examples. Brian Carey said that the Town of Yarmouth has not yet voted to fund their part of the school; he feels the school committee should deliver a message as a board. Joe Tierney added that the

school committee must submit a formal request to the selectmen to waive the \$170,000 permit fee.

Mrs. Woodbury has invited the Owners Project Manager and Project Manager to the May 19 Yarmouth Selectmen meeting.

After further discussion, on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Brian Carey, and carried unanimously it was

VOTED: To send a letter to the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen requesting a waiver of permit fees for the construction of the new school in the amount of \$170,000.

Mr. Tierney screen shared the most recent artist rendering of the proposed new school.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

Statement of Interest for M.E. Small Elementary School: Mr. Jenks gave a PowerPoint presentation on the M.E. Small Statement of Interest. He said that it usually takes 5 or 6 years to be accepted by the MSBA for a project. He reviewed the Capital Needs Timeline. He reiterated that the building is safe. The loading dock needs work, the roof leaks, there are some internal issues. Andrea St. Germain is concerned about the loading dock and would like to discuss how to pay for repairs if the MSBA does not vote to fund the project. After further brief discussion, on a motion by Joe Tierney, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: Move the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Committee, vote to authorize the submission of a Statement of Interest for the M.E. Small Elementary School using the MSBA required language of:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on May 4, 2020, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Committee of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District 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 dated May 5, 2020 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: Priority 5: Replacement of the roof, windows and heating and ventilation systems, and Priority 7: replacement of obsolete buildings to provide for a full range of programs; 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.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Jeni Landers	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Andrea St. Germain	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Mrs. Woodbury updated the Committee on the Dolphin Drive-Thru, the school lunch program. The need has increased. As of today there have been 84,200 meals distributed. The district has also received \$2700 worth of gift cards from various donors for distribution to families. May 1st was School Lunch Hero Day; Mrs. Woodbury read the Governor's Proclamation. The school lunch staff has done a wonderful job.

Mrs. Woodbury updated the Committee on the Dolphin Learning Plan. Third graders now have iPads to use at home. The school social workers are working with families to help them with Comcast Essentials for internet access. IEP meetings have to be held in a virtual environment which can be challenging for parents.

Other recent events include a Virtual Dolphin Dash. The senior sign pickup took place recently; each senior was able to pick up a yard sign individualized with their name. Ladder trucks from Dennis and Yarmouth Fire Departments hung an American Flag for families to drive under. The board of health was contacted and all safety and social distance protocols were followed. Mrs. Woodbury gave acknowledgment to Senior Class Advisor Tamara Endich and Principal Paul Funk for their excellent work. July 18 is a possible date for a graduation ceremony.

Brian Carey stated that no unnecessary money is being spent at this time; Mr. Jenks agreed. There is a posting up for a potential summer program just in case the program is able to go on.

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda

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

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

Donations:

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of school supplies to the students of Station Avenue Elementary School from Ms. Mercedes Hennessey of Princeton, New Jersey.

Move to accept with gratitude a \$450 donation to the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School Food Pantry from the Apple Festival Committee of the Dennis Union Church.

Move to accept with gratitude a Drive Medical Cruiser III adult size wheel chair and a Drive Medical battery powered patient lift with a rechargeable removable battery which includes two patient slings from the Estate of Ann Berard of Harwich Port.

Minutes:

February 24, 2020

March 9, 2020

April 15, 2020

Public Comment Period

Joseph Glynn asked about the name of the new school; it has not been named as of yet. He also asked about educational software to help students study for the MCAS. Emily Gould asked about mold at M.E. Small.

Executive Session

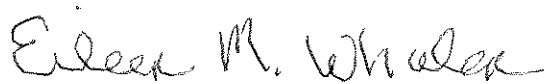
At 6:37, on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was:

VOTED: That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee enter into Executive Session, not to 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 (DYE Remote Learning MOA)

Jeni Landers	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Andrea St. Germain	yes
Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Phillip Morris	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eileen M. Whalen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary