

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2019

APPROVED

7-15-19

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 10, 2019, at the Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Brian Carey, Treasurer; James Dykeman, Jr.; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Andrea St. Germain, Secretary

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Tainan Nunes, Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Leila Maxwell, Director of Stem Instruction; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; Rooney Powers, Director of Food Services; Tony Morrison, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Ann Knell, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, NH Wixon School; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Paul Funk, Assistant Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Michelle Dunn, Erin Porter, DYEA; Virginia Stewart; Mary Loebig; Jessica Francis; Heidi Ames; Elena Schuck; Barbara McWilliams; Alexandria Boudreau; Sandra Bryson; Barbara Drake; Susan Kingston; Patricia Leon-Finan; John Pulit; Catherine Ruffino; Wyatt Crosby; Julian Savini; Bryden Williams; Curt Sears; Tim Whelan; Jeff Morassi; Vida Morris

At 6:34 p.m., Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

2018-2019 Retiree Reception/Recognition

At 6:00 p.m. a reception was held in honor of the Dennis-Yarmouth 2018-2019 employees who are retiring. The reception was also attended by State Representative Timothy Whelan. Following Representative Whelan's and Superintendent Carol Woodbury's presentations to the retirees, Mrs. Woodbury along with the Committee presented each retiree with a token of the district's appreciation. In total, the retirees represent 415 years of teaching experience. The following retiring Dennis-Yarmouth staff members were celebrated:

Alexandria Boudreau	SAE Art Teacher
Stephen Brennan	D-YRHS Social Studies Teacher
Sandra Bryson	D-YRHS ESP1/SpEd Assistant
Ann Couite	Nurse Leader
Joan Damore	Secretary III/Administration
Barbara Drake	SAE Grade 1 Teacher
Margaret Hull	MES Grade 2 Teacher
Susan Kingston	D-YRHS Social Studies Teacher
Christine Lefave-Noon	Special Education Bus Driver
Patricia Leon-Finan	ELE Language Acquisition Coach
Barbara McWilliams	SAE Reading Recovery Teacher
Nina Meyer	MMS Secretary III/Technology
G. Anthony Morrison	D-YRHS Principal

Tammy Neter
John Pulit
Thad Rice
Catherine Ruffino
Marcia Tierney
Susan Timper
Wendy Walker

NHW Elementary Teacher
Special Education Bus Driver
D-YRHS Social Studies Teacher
MES Cook Manager
NHW Special Education Teacher
St. Pius Cook Manager
NHW Grade 4 Teacher

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes

Tainan Nunes reported that both senior week and graduation went very well and that students are studying hard for their upcoming finals.

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

Brian Carey, Dennis: No report. Mr. Carey expressed his thanks to Mr. Morrison and Ms. Endich for their assistance in making senior week at the high school such a success.

Joe Tierney, Yarmouth: No report.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury: Mrs. Woodbury announced that there will be free breakfast and lunch at the M.E. Small Elementary School next year through the Community Eligibility Provision. M.E. Small is eligible because 40% of the students who receive free lunch qualify directly through the state. Mattacheese Middle School, NH Wixon School, and the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School all qualify for universal free breakfast. Mrs. Woodbury praised Ms. Rooney Powers, Food Service Director, and her staff for all their hard work on behalf of our students. The superintendent then outlined the hiring process for the high school principal. Staff, students, and parents were surveyed regarding the high school principal search; there were 490 respondents. There were thirty applicants of which eight were chosen for an initial interview. Six of those applicants then participated in round-robin style interviews with teachers, staff and students. Feedback from those interviews facilitated a decision to narrow the candidate pool down to the final three. Mrs. Woodbury then announced that Paul Funk will be the new high school principal. Dr. Funk thanked the students and teachers and said he was excited and proud. Several members of the Committee extended their congratulations. Student Representative Tainan Nunes asked Dr. Funk what his main focus will be; it will be student achievement.

School Committee Business

FY20 Budget: Mr. Jenks gave a PowerPoint presentation on the budget. He reiterated that the two towns adopted different assessments. The senate budget update was discussed. It has not yet passed. There are no easy answers. A discussion followed regarding excess and deficiency, foundation enrollment, and the governor's budget.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 5-0, it was

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

Donations

Move to accept a \$600 donation from Hot Stove, Inc. to the Tom Dilley Memorial Gift Fund. This generous donation will be used towards the purchase of adaptive PE equipment or handicap accessible recess equipment at the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School.

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Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendar

The calendar was reviewed.

Items Distributed at the Meeting

Dennis-Yarmouth FY20 Budget PowerPoint Presentation (6/10/2019)

FY20 Chapter 70 Governor's Budget

Public Comment Period

Tracy Post congratulated the graduates and retirees; she shared that there will be a meeting of two members each of the Dennis and Yarmouth Select Boards at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on Thursday, June 13th. Vida Morris said that the new school is a separate issue from the budget.

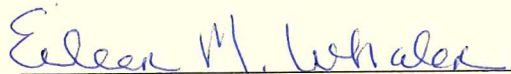
Executive Session

At 7:38 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 5-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To 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 litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares (DYSAA Contract, Yarmouth lawsuit).

Joseph Tierney	yes
Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Phillip Morris	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary