

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Minutes of a School Committee Meeting Monday, June 7, 2021

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 7, 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; Tomas Tolentino; Marilyn Bemis.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent; 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; Michelle Dunn; Representative Tim Whelan; Representative Kip Diggs; Chris Flanagan, Dennis Board of Selectmen; David Flynn; and the Dennis-Yarmouth Retirees from 2019-2021 and 2020-2021.

At 6:32 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call Attendance:

Joe Glynn	yes	Tomas Tolentino	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes	Joseph Tierney	yes
Phillip Morris	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes		

School Committee Reorganization

Superintendent Carol Woodbury

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee began its reorganization process for school year 2021-2022 with the Superintendent presiding. Mr. Joseph Tierney nominated Ms. Jeni Landers for the position of school committee chairperson. Ms. Landers accepted and was elected unanimously by roll call vote 7-0.

Joseph Tierney	yes	Tomas Tolentino	yes
Joe Glynn	yes	Marilyn Bemis	yes
Phillip Morris	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes		

Chairperson Landers then called for nominations for the position of vice chairperson. Mr. Phillip Morris nominated Mr. Joseph Tierney. Mr. Tierney accepted and was elected unanimously, 7-0, by roll call vote.

Phil Morris	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes	Joseph Tierney	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes		

Chair Landers then called for nominations for the position of treasurer. Mr. Joe Glynn nominated Mr. Phillip Morris. Mr. Morris accepted and was elected unanimously, 7-0, by roll call vote.

Joseph Tierney	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes	Phil Morris	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes		

Chair Landers then called for nominations for the position of secretary. Mr. Joseph Tierney nominated Ms. Jennifer Rose. Ms. Rose accepted and was elected unanimously, 7-0, by roll call vote.

Joseph Tierney	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes	Jennifer Rose	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes		

School Committee Acknowledgment of our D-Y Retirees

Representative Tim Whelan

Representative Kip Diggs

A recognition ceremony was held in honor of the Dennis-Yarmouth 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 employees who are retiring. The reception was also attended by Representative Tim Whelan and Representative Kip Diggs. Following Representative Whelan's, Representative Diggs' and Superintendent Carol Woodbury's presentations to the retirees, Mrs. Woodbury announced the retiree's names. The following retiring Dennis-Yarmouth staff members were celebrated:

2019-2020

Anarino, Susan	Kindergarten Teacher
Anderson, Patricia	Music Teacher
Bellerose, Priscilla	Social Worker
Cain, Patricia	ESP1A/SpEd Assistant
Cousins, Christine	Math Teacher
DeGross, Jacqueline	Health Teacher
Downing, Kathleen	School Nurse
Dunn, Nancy	Science Teacher
Ellis, Katherine	ESP1A/Library/Media
Howard, Sharon	Reading Recovery Teacher
Knell, Ann	Principal
Lefave-Noon, Christine	SpEd Bus Driver
MacArthur, Patricia	Elementary School Teacher
McGee, Penny	Health Teacher
Neter, Tammy	Elementary School Teacher
Reeves, Kim	ESP1A/SpEd Assistant
Totten, Barbara	ESP1A/SpEd Assistant

2020-2021

Anagnostakos, Deborah	School Secretary
Beach, John	School Psychologist
Campbell, Bernadette	Speech/Language Pathologist
Colton-Mund, Dawn	Foreign Language Teacher
Crafts, Robin	ESP II/CABA
Donnelly, Virginia	ELA/SS Teacher
Falco, Eileen	Cook/Manager
Folan, Alice	MS SS Teacher
Freeman, Mary	Principal's Secretary
Gunning, Thomas	Social Worker
Horton, Lynne	Social Studies Teacher
Johnson, Patricia	Special Education Teacher
Kelley, Dianne	Data Specialist
Lyon, Jennifer	ELL Teacher
Machado, Chris	Director of Technology
Martins, Eileen	ESP1A/SPED
Mauro, Karen	Out of School Time Coordinator
Maxwell, Leila	Director of STEM
Mitchell, James	Science Teacher
Nelson, Susan	Assistant Treasurer
Quink, Diane	ESP IA/Sped Assistant
Reed, Karen	Instructional Support Teacher
Reeves-Rowles, Kim	Instructional Support Teacher
Sigalovsky, Julia	Science Teacher
Skala, Renee	Computer Systems Operator
Stewart, Virginia	Title I Coordinator
Watson, Patty	Physical Education Teacher

Following the reading of the names; the superintendent shared an Order signed by Senator Julian Cyr in honor of Assistant Superintendent Ken Jenks.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representatives – Tainan Nunes; Grace LePain

Tainan was not present for the meeting due to the band banquet. Grace congratulated the retirees; noting especially Dr. Sigalovsky's impact on her education. SATs were held recently; graduation is this Saturday.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Chair Landers reported that there were no school items on the recent Dennis agenda.

Yarmouth: Joe Glynn reported that there no school items on the recent Yarmouth agenda.

Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney: Mr. Tierney reported that everything is moving along on schedule. There is a new traffic pattern for drop-off at Station Avenue Elementary; and that there are artist renderings on the D-Y website for those interested. The superintendent added that there are

progress meetings taking place weekly on Thursday morning. Tomas Tolentino added that the drop-off/pick-up at Station Avenue is going very smoothly.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury:

a. High School Music Program Revolving Account

Superintendent Woodbury referenced the memo included in the packet: Establishment of Revolving Account for High School Music Program. The high school music program has relied upon Bingo as well as other traditional forms of fund raising. Due to the Bingo program closing and Covid protocols eliminating other forms of fund raising the music program is in need of funds to operate. As noted in the memo, sports user fees and music user fees would be combined.

Phil Morris moved to approve the establishment of a revolving account to fund the high school music program. The account would be supported by user fees of \$25.00 per activity capped at \$50.00 per student, per school year. The motion was seconded by Joe Glynn and discussion followed. The superintendent invited Principal Paul Funk to comment. Paul said that the music program is critical to the success of the high school. Chair Landers asked for clarification about the user fees. Other members voiced their favorable opinions. Upon no further discussion, Chair Landers asked for a roll vote. The motion passes unanimously, 7-0, by roll call vote.

Joseph Tierney	yes	Marilyn Bemis	yes
Phillip Morris	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes		

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

VOTED: To approve the transfer of \$43,955.35 to the high school music program revolving account from Account 150.90.70.400.9999.7200.0001.0910.

Joseph Tierney	yes	Marilyn Bemis	yes
Phillip Morris	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes		

b. Statement of Interest - M.E. Small Elementary School

Mrs. Woodbury referenced the memo which was included in the packet. The superintendent noted that the date for submission is no later than June 25, 2021, not June 7, 2021 as stated in the memo.

Phillip Morris moved that 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 no later than June 25, 2021, 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 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. The Marguerite E. Small Elementary School needs significant renovation work in all major systems. The building exterior components, including roofs, doors, windows, and masonry have been cited as high-priority issues. The updated study in February 2020 by Bureau Veritas identified the same issues along with possible structural settlement of the loading dock, interior air quality issues, leaking sanitary and heat piping, and the building lacks fire suppression and ADA requirement issues.

Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. Current capacity and utilization is reasonable, however classroom layouts/floor plans and a size of about 900 square feet limits the kinds of educational activities that would reflect best practices for the grades and specialized services that must be provided within this school; 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 Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

The motion was seconded by Joseph Tierney and discussion followed. Mr. Glynn asked if this SOI has been submitted before; Mrs. Woodbury said that yes, we must be persistent. Chair Landers said that M.E. Small is safe; day to day repairs are being kept up with. Mr. Tierney agreed. Upon seeing no further discussion, Chair Landers asked for a roll call vote. The motion passes unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote.

Phillip Morris	yes	Marilyn Bemis	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes		

c. Food Service Pizza Procurement

Superintendent Woodbury referenced the memo included in the packet. On a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Lupoli Companies - Sal's Production, LLC of Salem, New Hampshire to supply pizza to the Food Service Department for the 2021-2022 school year at the rates specified in the June 7, 2021 memo from Rooney Powers, Director of Food Service.

Joseph Tierney	yes	Marilyn Bemis	yes
Phillip Morris	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes		

d. Bass River Estuary Challenge

Mrs. Woodbury referenced the memo from the Friends of Bass River regarding the Estuary Challenge. Wixom Principal Tim Blake was instrumental in facilitating a challenge that the Friends of Bass River offered to all fourth and fifth graders during April vacation. The superintendent read the names of the winners.

e. Staffing Update

Mrs. Woodbury referenced the memo which was distributed electronically prior to the meeting regarding the Candidate for Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, David Flynn. Mr. Flynn was invited to say a few words; he has an accounting background, he began his school career at Old Rochester and has now been with the North Attleboro school system for the past 22 years. He feels with his experience that he will be a great fit for the position. The Committee followed up with questions. Chair Landers asked about his experience with building projects; Mr. Flynn has been involved with 5 MSBA projects and is familiar with the Pro Pay system. Mr. Morris asked about his philosophy of communicating; Mr. Flynn said he tailors his style of communicating dependent upon the audience. Finance Committees, for instance, seek more detailed responses. Mrs. Woodbury summarized the references she checked on Mr. Flynn; there was high praise for his skills; he has mentored others, he is the full package. On a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: To appoint David Flynn as the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations.

Joseph Tierney	yes	Marilyn Bemis	yes
Phillip Morris	yes	Joe Glynn	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes		

Mrs. Woodbury then referenced the memo distributed electronically prior to the meeting, Recommending Staffing Changes for FY22. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To accept the Superintendent's recommendations for staffing changes and/or adjustments and the use of ESSER funds to fund said changes and/or adjustments as outlined in the June 5, 2021 memo to the school committee.

Phil Morris	yes	Marilyn Bemis	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes	Joseph Tierney	yes
Joe Glynn	yes	Jeni Landers	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes		

School Committee Business

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Joe Glynn, 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 a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from the Nathaniel Wixon School Sunshine Fund to the Bradford Hemeon Memorial Scholarship Fund. This donation is in memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Hemeon.

Surplus

Move to declare as surplus at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Art Department:

One Kodak Carousel 4600 Slide Projector;

One 3M Overhead Projector;

Three Slide Carousels and slides for Kodak 4600 Slide Projector;

One Laser Disc Laservision Player by Pioneer LO-V2200

Minutes

May 17, 2021

Joseph Tierney yes

Marilyn Bemis yes

Phillip Morris yes

Joe Glynn yes

Tomas Tolentino yes

Jeni Landers yes

Jennifer Rose yes

Calendars

The upcoming calendar was 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

Massachusetts School Building Authority FY 2021 Statement of Interest – Marguerite E. Small Elementary School;

Superintendent's Memo to the School Committee – Candidate for Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations and accompanying documents;

Superintendent's Memo to the School Committee – Recommended Staffing Changes for FY22

Public Comment

Several members of the public shared their thoughts about the Anti-Racism Resolution. Michelle Dunn congratulated the retirees and said that scholarship donations are being collected in Mr. Jenks' name. Ms. Dunn also had questions about the staffing memo. Dennis Selectman Chris Flanagan congratulated the retirees as well as the new members of the school committee.

Executive Session

At 9:01 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee will 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 (DYEA, DYRSAA)

Joseph Tierney	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Tomas Tolentino	yes
Marilyn Bemis	yes
Jennifer Rose	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen M. Whalen
Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary