

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2020

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 13, 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; Brian Carey, Treasurer; James Dykeman, Jr.; Brian Sullivan; Phillip Morris; and Joe Glynn.

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; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities and the Arts; JoAnna Watson, Assistant Director of Digital Learning and Library Services; Rooney Powers, Director of Food Services; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Learning; Mike Bovino, Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Wixon School; Elijah Switzer, Assistant Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Nick Pasquarosa, School Resource Officer; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Walter Hartley; Dan Colli; Mark Aldrean; Andy Hazelton; Mitchell Miller; Chris Legere; Michelle Dunn; Denise Presswood; Eileen Martins; Shannon Danne Feeney; Karen Beauchemin; Jen Linberg; K. Stone; R. Higgins; Susan Curley; Mary Taylor; Tammy McCarthy; Dan Broyles.

At 5:36 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

School Committee Reorganization

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee began its reorganization process for school year 2020-2021 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 7-0 by roll call vote.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Chairperson Landers then called for nominations for the position of secretary. Mr. Brian Carey nominated Mr. James Dykeman. Mr. Dykeman accepted and was elected unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Chairperson Landers then called for nominations for the position of treasurer. Ms. Jeni Landers nominated Mr. Brian Carey. Mr. Carey accepted and was elected unanimously 7-0 by roll call vote.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Reports

Update on School Building Project: Joe Tierney

Presentation by Perkins Eastman and PMA

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Perkins Eastman and PMA regarding the new school building. The site plan, exterior development, exterior materials update, updated floor plans, interior finishes, classroom renderings, along with the project schedule update, key dates/next steps, the 60% CD work plan, and cash flow were all discussed. It was noted that there has been great participation and input from all involved.

Phil Morris asked whether the notes from the focus committee meetings would be available. Carol Woodbury said that the safety and security focus committee was attended by safety personnel from Dennis and Yarmouth including the police and fire departments. Joe Glynn asked for clarification regarding the athletic fields and whether they would be grass or AstroTurf. Walter Hartley said that to stay on budget the fields are currently grass. At the end of the current

phase in about 2 months there will be a value management exercise regarding the fields. Joe Tierney asked about the reimbursement process. Brian Carey asked how much adaptability there will be in technology and security. The project manager said that it is a building for the future with more capability and room to grow. Jeni Landers asked how much flexibility there would be in the way the students are housed in the building by grades. The spaces could be flexible. Jeni Landers thanked them for their presentation.

School Committee Liaisons to Boards of Selectmen

B. Carey, Dennis: No report

J. Tierney, Yarmouth: No report

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

Bid Awards: Mr. Jenks reviewed the various bids that were listed on the agenda. After a brief discussion, the following bids were awarded:

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

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Robert B. Our, Inc., to provide septic services for the three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and Robert B. Our, Inc. bid response of June 18, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to George T. Wilkinson, Inc., to provide preventative maintenance for oil burners and boilers for a three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and George T. Wilkinson, Inc. bid response of June 12, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Cape Cod Alarm Co., Inc. located in South Yarmouth, Mass. to provide alarm monitoring and repair services for the three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and Cape Cod Alarm Co., Inc. bid response of June 12, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to BBE Corporation dba Buckley Elevator, located in Salem, Mass. to provide elevator inspections and maintenance services for the three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and BBE Corporation dba Buckley Elevator bid response of June 10, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Cavossa Disposal Corporation, located in Falmouth, MA to provide Refuse Collection and Disposal and Recycling for the three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, with two (2) one (1) year options as per our specifications and Cavossa Disposal Corporation bid response of June 25, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

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

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Weston & Sampson Services, Inc. of Reading, MA to provide wastewater treatment facility engineering consulting, operation and maintenance for the period from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021, with an option to renew for two years through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and Weston & Sampson Services, Inc. of Reading, MA bid response of June 18, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Phil Morris and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Gannon Fire Sprinkler, to provide sprinkler maintenance services for the three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as per our specifications and Gannon Fire Sprinkler bid response of June 18, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Joe Glynn and carried 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: That the School Committee award a contract to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. located in Beachwood, OH to provide Roof Inspections, Condition-Assessment Reports/Database Development, and Preventive Maintenance Services & Emergency Leak Response Program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, twelve (12) additional months with an option for the owner to renew the agreement for two (2) additional/consecutive twelve (12) month periods, to a maximum of (36) months, as per our specifications and Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. bid response of July 2, 2020.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Mr. Jenks made mention of the helpful assistance that Sandy Cashen, Facilities Manager, gave throughout the bid process. Jeni Landers asked that he thank her on behalf of the Committee.

Jeni Landers announced that Brian Carey and Phil Morris have been re-elected to the School Committee and welcomed Joe Glynn as the newest member. She also wished to thank Andrea St. Germain for her 10 years on the committee; Brian Carey also thanked Andrea.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury

Mrs. Woodbury reminded the Committee about the July 25 graduation date. The high school team has done a great job with senior week activities.

Mrs. Woodbury would like to appoint Mike Bovino, Principal of Mattacheese Middle School, to the building committee and have Ann Knell, former Principal, continue as an at large member of the committee. On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and passed 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: To appoint Mike Bovino, Principal of Mattacheese Middle School, to the school building committee and appoint Ann Knell, former Principal, as an at large member of the school building committee.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Mrs. Woodbury then spoke about the reopening of school. There have been many virtual meetings. She read highlights from a letter from the Commissioner of Education. Districts are required to submit preliminary reopening plans by Friday, July 31st. Social distancing, number of classrooms, and classroom capacity were all outlined. Summer programs at Ezra Baker Elementary and the high school will start on Monday, July 20th. These programs will help show how things may work in the fall. Gowns, personal protective equipment, and an on-site nurse are all part of the summer programs. A survey has gone out and results are being compiled. It is expected that students will have to wear masks. The goal is for a safe return to school. The DESE feels that there is no substitution for in person learning. Face masks, hand washing, social distancing, and staying home when sick are the safety measures. Mr. Jenks said that masks, gloves, and thermometers are all ordered. CARES covers reasonable costs; the state set up a list of vendors; he feels we are in a reasonably good place. Mrs. Woodbury reminded the committee that the state budget is still not settled.

A question and answer session followed.

Jeni Landers would like to hold off on further discussion. Brian Carey agreed; saying that some off Cape districts are cutting programs and he would like more solid information. Joe Glynn

agreed; he does not want to create anxiety unnecessarily. Is this local control or is it the governor's decision. Carol said it is the governor's decision to close schools. Ms. Landers asked Mr. Jenks how much money was allotted to the district; he will get her this figure.

School Committee Business

School Committee Resolution: COVID-19 State Funding:

Jeni Landers read a resolution regarding COVID-19 State Funding into the record:

WHEREAS, if schools are to re-open this fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the responsibility of each school district to do so safely and responsibly; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure that each school district is able to pay for the enormous additional staffing, transportation and material expenses required to do this; and

WHEREAS, the state cannot expect mandatory COVID-19 safety guidelines to be followed without also ensuring that each school district has the funds required to implement these guidelines; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED: that the state must guarantee every school district full reimbursement for whatever COVID-19 expenses are required to follow state mandates.

We must ensure a statewide school re-opening that is safe, responsible and equitable.

There can be no unfunded mandates for COVID-19.

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

VOTED: To support the School Committee Resolution: COVID-19 State Funding as read into the record.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

School Resource Officers – Recent MTA Vote

After a brief discussion regarding School Resource Officers in Dennis-Yarmouth schools, on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Brian Sullivan, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote it was

VOTED: That the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District School Resource Officers shall maintain their positions in the schools.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

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

Donations:

Move to accept a donation of safety vests from the Town of Yarmouth Waste Management to the D-YRSD Maintenance and Grounds Department.

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Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Items Distributed at Meeting

School Building Committee Membership Memo

Bills, Requisitions and Payroll

Bills, requisitions and payroll were signed off-site.

Calendars

The calendars were reviewed.

Public Comment Period

Michelle Dunn discussed the School Resource Officers as well as the reopening of school. Pace of preparation is a concern; she also felt that there has been little focus overall on what adults need.

Will Rubinstein mentioned 3 factors he felt are necessary for school reopening; commitment; flexibility; and focus on staff.

Adjourn

At 7:33 p.m., on a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Brian Carey, and carried 7-0 by roll call vote, it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Brian Carey	yes
James Dykeman	yes
Joe Glynn	yes
Phillip Morris	yes
Brian Sullivan	yes
Joseph Tierney	yes
Jeni Landers	yes

Minutes recorded and prepared by,



Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary