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DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Jennifer Rose, Vice Chairperson; Marilyn Bemis, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Phillip Morris (arrived 7:00 p.m.); Joe Glynn; Student Representative Rose-Anna Joachim; Student Representative Isabella Power.

Members not Present: Joseph Tierney.

Others Present: Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Kevin Depin, Principal, Ezra H. Baker Innovation School; Michael Guidice; Sue Gieraj; Vida Morris.

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

Reports and Discussions

Student Representatives Report – Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella Power

The student representatives reported on the happenings at the high school. There was a great turnout for Open House; seniors are meeting with their guidance counselors; fall sports are very busy.

Town of Dennis – Overview of Wastewater Program

Michael Guidice, CDM Smith

Mr. Guidice distributed a copy of the presentation to the members. He discussed the collection system and a proposed pumping station location at the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School. The Town of Dennis will be responsible for maintaining the site; it is separate from the parking lot area of the school. The area will be fenced in. Mr. Kevin Depin, Principal of the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School, was present at the meeting. He does not feel there will be any impact on the school. A question and answer period followed. Mr. Tolentino asked about the pipes; they will be coming from the Trotting Park Road area and all pipes are in the street. Mr. Tolentino also asked about road closures at student drop-off and pick-up times; Mike said that there will be a traffic management plan and they will cooperate completely with the school's needs. Ms. Bemis asked how the school day might be impacted by the operations of the pumping station. There will be a separate entrance to the station; there will be one daily visit by a town worker; no impact at all on the day-to-day operations of the school. Chair Landers prefers summer construction if at all possible and asked about the feasibility of a fence around the station. Mike said there will be a fence during construction but said that fencing once the building is completed would not be necessary and would draw attention to the building. All of the controls are inside a secure building. Upon seeing no further discussion, on a motion by Joe Glynn, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and passed unanimously 6-0, it was

VOTED: To approve a proposed pumping station location at the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School as presented.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Presentation of Draft Goals

Superintendent Smith shared his Superintendent Evaluation Goals. There are four goals; Professional Practice, Student Learning, District Improvement, and District and School Safety Planning. Under Professional Practice he discussed the New Superintendent Induction Program; outlining Key Actions, Benchmarks, and Intended Outcome. Under the Student Learning Goal he discussed the Math Curriculum Implementation, Learning Walks, and Instructional Rounds. Under District Improvement Goals he discussed Effective Entry and Direction Setting; including key actions, benchmarks, and intended outcomes. Under District and School Safety Planning he shared that he will establish and lead a team made up of staff from Police and Fire from both Yarmouth and Dennis as well as school staff to review and revise safety protocols. He shared key actions, benchmarks, and intended outcomes. Discussion and questions and answers followed Dr. Smith's presentation. Mr. Glynn asked about the New Superintendent Induction Program; Mr. Tolentino asked about the intended outcome of the math proficiency scores increasing by 7% points; Dr. Smith said he would like the outcome to be realistic and rigorous. Chair Landers asked why the focus on math under Student Learning Goal; Dr. Smith explained that it was a perfect opportunity as Betsy Pontius, Director of STEM, had already met with him regarding the leadership teams observing practice and performing instructional rounds.

Dr. Smith said that he will create Google folders for all four of his goals and that the school committee will have access to the folders. He will also communicate weekly with the committee. Chair Landers would like to have interim check-ins as well and suggested a workshop meeting. She will reach out to MASC. Mr. Glynn offered his help as a liaison regarding the safety plan.

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously 6-0 it was

VOTED: To approve the superintendent's goals for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Dave Flynn reported that punch list items are still being finished up. Superintendent Smith will contact PMA to schedule a presentation to the school committee at an upcoming meeting.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Yarmouth: No report.

Dennis: No report.

Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Donations and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Smith thanked the Sean Gannon Memorial Fund and the Max Springer Holocaust Education Fund for their generous donations toward funding the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

trip to Washington, D.C. He also thanked Shaw's Supermarket for their generous donation of school supplies.

Update: Emergency Access Shelter

The superintendent updated the committee; there are approximately 30 school-aged children, most are in the elementary grades. Two teams of D-Y staff members including administrators, nurses, and translators, went to the shelter to help with the registration process. Most of the families have documentation. Transportation is a challenge. There is a Department of Public Health nursing team performing health screenings on site. Students will be starting school this week.

Open House Season

Open Houses have begun and all have been extremely well attended with a lot of family and community support. Chair Landers agreed that the high school open house was wonderful.

Mr. Glynn thanked Dr. Smith for his weekly communications letter; he also asked about the DPH nursing team at the shelter. Dr. Smith said that the school district's nurse director was on site as well. He said that D-Y is well structured to support families and that the addition of these students will not cripple our infrastructure. Mr. Tolentino asked about additional costs for transportation; Mr. Flynn said that no additional buses were necessary to accommodate the new students.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 6-0 it was

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

Donations:

Move to accept a donation of \$675.00 from the Sean Gannon Memorial Fund and a donation of \$566.00 from the Max Springer Holocaust Education Fund to help fund the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School trip to Washington, D.C. as per Ms. Bennett's memo of September 11, 2023.

Move to accept a donation of school supplies from Shaw's Supermarket in South Yarmouth as per Superintendent Smith's letter of September 13, 2023.

Surplus

Move to declare "weeded" library books at the Station Avenue Elementary School as surplus as per Mr. Crowell's memo of September 8, 2023.

Bills and Requisitions

The warrants were signed by the committee.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were reviewed.

Items Distributed at Meeting

Dennis Wastewater Program Presentation

Public Comment

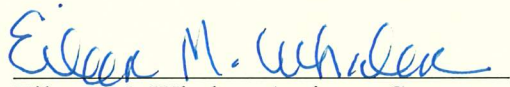
Vida Morris had several questions regarding the emergency shelter. Sue Gierej said that the communication is key.

Adjournment

At 7:31 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Phillip Morris, and carried unanimously 6-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary