

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2019

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 4, 2019, at the Station Avenue Elementary School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Andrea St. Germain, Secretary; Brian Carey, Treasurer; James Dykeman, Jr.; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent; Jack Carder, Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Learning; Tony Morrison, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Mike Bovino, Acting Principal, Mattacheese Middle School; Patrick Riley, Principal, ME Small School; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Sheryl McMahon, Dennis Board of Selectmen; James Plath, Dennis Finance Committee; Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Vida Morris; Curt Sears; Jack Tierney.

At 6:30 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Open the Meeting and Recognition

Jeni Landers called on Mr. Morrison to present the American Red Cross Hero Honorary Mention to Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School senior Jack Tierney for his life saving efforts this past summer. Jack will be honored at the American Red Cross Heroes Breakfast on April 5th. Joe Tierney credited Jack's teachers, the Work Based Learning program; and the training that he has received.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Jack Carder

Jack Carder reported that the basketball and hockey teams had great seasons despite losses in the playoffs. The International Food Festival was fun and educational and the volleyball tournament will take place this week.

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

Brian Carey reported that the FY20 budget will be presented to the Dennis Board of Selectmen on March 5th. Joseph Tierney reported that the FY20 budget will be presented to the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen on March 19th.

DYRSD Building Committee Update – Joseph Tierney

Joseph Tierney reports that the Building Committee has not met; they are still in waiting mode.

Regional Agreement Subcommittee Update – Brian Carey

Brian Carey reported that the Regional Agreement Subcommittee has met 3 times thus far; each meeting about 1 ½ hours in length. They are trying to speed up the process; would like to fast track minor issues and resolve the major ones. Jeni Landers prefers that the changes all get done at once; remove the outdated language for instance. Carol Woodbury said that has been accomplished and that the document is now gender-neutral. Discussion followed regarding 5 year rolling average, capital costs, specialized programs, school choice. The school district's attorney has reviewed the document and the language is accurate. Jeni Landers asked about #14, date of amendments, and asked to have the attorney check this. Brian Carey said that the subcommittee is not looking for a vote at this meeting; they are looking for recommendations, dialogue and direction. An extended discussion followed touching on appointment of school committee members, foundation enrollment, operating costs, bond rates, recalling committee members, maintenance of buildings. Carol Woodbury said it

is valuable to be able to plan and predict. Jeni Landers thanked the subcommittee for their continued hard work.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

FY20 Budget: Ken Jenks presented a PowerPoint on the FY20 Budget including the timeline, key dates, enrollment, revenue projections, and choice/charter. A proposed 2.53% budget was discussed. He said that this is a financially sound option. After a brief discussion, on a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and passed 7-0 by roll call vote it was:

VOTED: To adopt an FY20 budget totaling \$62,001.508.

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

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

No report.

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendar

Jeni Landers proposed that a school committee meeting be held on March 11th; everyone was in agreement. Brian Carey made particular mention of the progress and success of the girls' ice hockey team.

Information Items

Fund Our Future Forum – March 14th

Jeni Landers invited Michelle Dunn to speak about the upcoming Fund Our Future Forum to take place at Cape Cod Community College on March 14th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dolphin Dash – April 27th

Brian Carey mentioned that this is the 4th annual Dolphin Dash; sponsors are needed and participants may walk as well as run.

Public Comment Period

Vida Morris said that the regional agreement has always been the responsibility of the school committee and that the school building vote should have gone before town meeting. Jim Plath said that Dennis support will wane and that varying from the present agreement would be at the committee's own peril. Tracy Post thanked the committee for their work and said that the regional agreement is the first item on the warrant.

Items Distributed at the Meeting

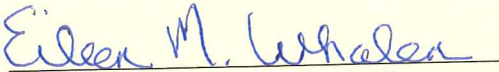
DYRSD FY 20 Budget PowerPoint Presentation
Proposed Regional Agreement with Tracked Changes
Proposed Regional Agreement Draft

Adjournment

At 9:20 p.m., on a motion by Brian Carey, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary