

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2019

APPROVED

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A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 28, 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 Sullivan, and Phillip Morris.

Members Absent: Brian Carey, Treasurer; James Dykeman, Jr.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent; Tyler Macro, substituting for Jack Carder as Student Representative to the School Committee; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM Instruction; Sherry Santini, Director of Humanities & the Arts; Maria Lopes, Director of Pupil Services; Tony Morrison, D-YRHS Principal; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Sheryl McMahon, Dennis Board of Selectmen; Mary Loebig, Judson Graham, DYEA; Vida Morris, Curt Sears.

At 6:00 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 5-0, it was:

VOTED: To move the School Committee Student Representative report from the Reports section of the meeting to the beginning of the meeting.

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative Tyler Macro: Tyler Macro reported that online Virtual High School classes are now offered to 8th and 9th graders. The boys' basketball team made the playoffs. The German club held their annual Schnitzel fest dinner which was well received and well attended. Winter guard performed in Salem.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried by roll call vote 5-0, it was VOTED: To enter into Executive Session and return to Public Session, to discuss 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. (DYEA Contract).

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

At 7:15 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, reopened the public session.

Reports

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

Dennis – No report; Mr. Carey was absent.

Yarmouth–No report.

DYRSD Building Committee Update: Chairman Joseph Tierney reported that there have been no recent meetings of the building committee. There is currently an impasse with the Town of Yarmouth; if there is a

threat of litigation then the MSBA commitment letter cannot be signed. The letter must be signed by April 11th or the funding will be lost.

Assistant Superintendent Report - Ken Jenks:

FY20 Budget: Mr. Jenks reviewed the budget timeline, enrollment shifts, foundation enrollment, choice and charter, and reviewed a decade of budgets. He proposed two options; Option A would be a 3.01% increase; Option B would be a 2.53% increase with the caveat of no increase in rates by the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group.

A discussion followed regarding the costs of choice/charter; foundation enrollment; and the regional agreement. Joe Tierney commented that he applauds teachers for applying for grants but that grant money cannot be relied upon year to year. Andrea St. Germain wanted assurance that the budget will not impact the education of the students and that the health and safety of staff and students is foremost. Carol Woodbury explained the different types of grants, one year grants vs. entitlement grants.

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Phil Morris, and carried 5-0 by roll call vote, it was VOTED: To adopt Option A, a tentative budget of \$62,291.093.

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

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury: No report.

School Committee Business

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 5-0, it was:
VOTED: To approve the following items included in the consent agenda:

Donations:

Move to accept a donation of books and puzzles to the Station Avenue Elementary School from Ms. Brittney Thomas

Move to accept six hours of ice time valued at \$1,680 from the Tony Kent Arena to the SEA2 Program at D-YRHS

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Regional Agreement: Jeni Landers asked for members to email her if they wish to serve on a 3 member subcommittee; Brian Carey has already volunteered for the committee. Joe Tierney would like this to be a priority item.

Jeni Landers announced that a one-year contract with the Dennis-Yarmouth Educator's Association has been ratified.

Public Comment Period

Judson Graham spoke on behalf of the Dennis-Yarmouth Educator's Association; a one-year contract has been ratified. He said that the collaboration and cooperation of all involved were hopeful signs of future good faith negotiations.

Vida Morris inquired about zero sum budgeting as well as 39 new students enrolled from the Town of Yarmouth.

Curt Sears inquired about the funding for a building near the football track, a capital budget item regarding a software package, and a Dennis green community initiative.

Items Distributed at the Meeting

DLS at A Glance Report for Yarmouth and Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District

FY20 Tentative Budget Presentation

Budget by Function (1)

Budget by Function (2)

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendar


The next school committee meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Station Avenue Elementary School.

Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m., on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 5-0, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary