

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019

APPROVED

9-23-19

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 9, 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 (arrived 6:35); James Dykeman, Jr.; Brian Sullivan; and Phillip Morris.

Others Present: Carol Woodbury, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Jenks, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Carole Eichner, Director of Early Education; Leila Maxwell, Director of STEM Instruction; Sherry Santini, Director of Instruction for Humanities and the Arts; Paul Funk, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School; Ann Knell, Principal, MMS Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, NH Wixon School; Chris Flanagan, Dennis Board of Selectmen; Michelle Dunn.

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

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried by roll call vote 6-0, it was VOTED: To enter into Executive Session and 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 litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares. (DYE, Arbitration) and the Superintendent's Contract.

Jeni Landers – yes
Joseph Tierney – yes
Brian Carey – did not vote
James Dykeman, Jr. – yes
Brian Sullivan – yes
Phillip Morris – yes
Andrea St. Germain – yes

At 7:20 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, reopened the public session.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative – Tainan Nunes

The student representative was absent; no report.

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

Brian Carey, Dennis: No report.

Joe Tierney, Yarmouth: No report.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ken Jenks

1. Mileage Reimbursement Rate for 2019-2020

On a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Andrea St. Germain, and carried 6-0 with Mr. Carey abstaining; it was

VOTED: To adopt the Internal Revenue Service mileage rate of \$0.58 for the 2019-2020 school year.

2. Request for Donation of Bookmobile from Sue Gubbins

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0; it was

VOTED: To declare the Early Education bookmobile as surplus and sell or otherwise properly dispose of the vehicle as appropriate.

3. Bus Update

Ken Jenks briefly updated the committee on the first few days of school; it was thought that the bus times are improving. Brian Sullivan thanked Carol Woodbury and Ken Jenks for the improvements over last year.

Jeni Landers asked Ken Jenks to comment on the situation at the high school in the mornings. He described the crowded conditions on the first day in the cafeteria; he related that after some brainstorming solutions were arrived at and by Day 3 the situation was alleviated.

Superintendent Report – Carol Woodbury:

Good News: Mrs. Woodbury related the good news from around the district.

DYRHS In athletic news, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Field Hockey, and Volleyball all won their opening games last week.

EHBi Just the fifth day of school, and already students and staff are getting in full swing. This year, our students are really enjoying the upgrades to our playground, which were funded by our PTAC. Students are excited by the new hopscotch and four square area, and students in every grade are really "digging" our giant sandbox! This week, PTAC holds its first meeting of the year on Thursday, 9/12, and our Open House is on Thursday, 9/19!

MES On August 23, several of our ME Small families participated in our first annual community cleanup day. Families worked for two hours to help spread wood chips in the planting beds, plant flowers, and get the outside of the school looking great for opening day. A special thank-you to the Green Spot in South Yarmouth, Stop and Shop, and the Town of Yarmouth for supporting this effort!

NHW Before the school year kicked off, Wixon held a summer Open House where any family, especially new families, could come in and check out the school again and see where their child's class is located. The PTO hosted this great event and Wixon was packed with families checking out the school. Once school opened, we had a great kick off to the school year. Many families were able to bring their kids to school and see their child's teacher before sending them off to their first day of school. We have also slowly started getting more and more kids into our free breakfast program. Now that the buses are arriving a bit earlier we can get more and more kids through the breakfast lines, if students want a breakfast, before the school day begins. Each day and week we are getting more kids in before the official arrival time of 8:20. Almost half of the school buses enter the cafeteria before 8:20. Otherwise we are looking forward to our first PTO meeting of the year on September 10 at 6:00 at Wixon. We then have our Open House the following week on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00.

SAE SAE had its Open House last Thursday Sept. 5th with an excellent turnout. Students are quickly settling into their routines. Our Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sept. 27th. As always we welcome volunteers to work at SAE in a variety of ways. Please contact our office if you are interested.

MMS Today the Mattacheese athletic teams begin their seasons and our late buses begin to run. It is also time to sign up for our FREE After School Activities. Twenty-three activities are being offered and will begin on September 23rd. Mattacheese is excited to be participating in the Yarmouth Seaside Festival Parade on Sunday October 13th at 12:00 pm. We're very proud that Mattacheese has become an official chapter of Best Buddies! Great job Ms. Guilderson and Ms. Fallon.

School Committee Business

A. Superintendent's Evaluation

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0, it was VOTED: To accept the 2019 Superintendent's Evaluation as written.

B. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 7-0, it was

VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the consent agenda:

Acceptance of Donations

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of a 20" HP flat panel monitor to the technology department from Ms. Shirley Didsbury of Yarmouth Port.

Move to accept with gratitude thirteen donations totaling \$1,405.00 given in memory of Nancy Haddad to be used in the Special Education Department.

Move to accept with gratitude a gift of school supplies from the Masonic Angels to Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

Move to accept with gratitude a donation of ten LL Bean book bags from Mr. Mark Ohrenberger of Yarmouth Port.

Field Trip

Move to approve an April 2020 field trip by D-Y Winter Percussion to the WGI Percussion Finals.

Surplus

Move to declare as surplus an outdated, non-functioning Hyster Forklift NSN#3930012392679.

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June 17, 2019

July 15, 2019

July 29, 2019

August 26, 2019

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Information Items

Thank You Letter to Roby Whitehouse, Yarmouth Town Hall from Sandy Cashen re storm debris containers.

Items Distributed at the Meeting

IRS Recommended Mileage Rate 2019 Memo

Surplus Materials – Bookmobile Memo

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District School Committee Policy EEA-Transportation of Students

DYRSD Choice Out – Trends FY11 to FY19/DYRSD Charter Trends FY10-FY19

Calendar

The next school committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Station Avenue Elementary School.

Public Comment Period

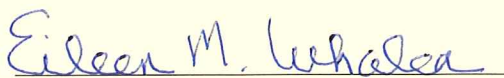
Michelle Dunn commented that a cut by attrition is still a cut.

Adjournment

At 7:45 p.m., on a motion by Phillip Morris, 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