

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, October 22, 2018

APPROVED

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A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 22, 2018, at Mattacheese Middle School in West Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Joseph Tierney, Vice Chairperson; Andrea St. Germain, Secretary; James Dykeman, Jr., Brian Sullivan (arrived at 6:25); and Phillip Morris

Members Absent: Brian Carey, Treasurer

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; Ann Knell, Mattacheese Middle School Principal; Mike Bovino, Mattacheese Middle School Assistant Principal; Tim Blake, Nathaniel Wixon School Principal; Sandy Cashen, Facilities Manager; Sheryl McMahon, Dennis Board of Selectmen; Bob Mezzadri, Dennis Board of Selectmen; Tracy Post, Yarmouth Board of Selectmen; Billy Terranova; Vida Morris; Cleon Turner; Susan Colgan; Haley Wells; Jim Driscoll; Ruth Driscoll; Spyro Mitrokostas; and Megan Delman; Walter Hartley, OPM, PMA Consultants; Jana Silsby, Architect, Perkins Eastman.

At 6:10 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Walter Hartley, the Owner's Project Manager, PMA Consultants; and Jana Silsby, Architect, Perkins Eastman, were introduced and gave a brief presentation. This was followed by a question/answer/comment session:

Vida Morris from Yarmouth asked about potential ineligibles for reimbursement from the MSBA; Walter Hartley said that would be the auditorium, the IT office, and the USDA food storage area.

Megan Delman had several questions:

Q. Would there still be a dental clinic?

A. Carol Woodbury said there would not be a dedicated dental clinic but that there would be an exam room area and the dental clinic would be set up when they are providing services there.

Q. What about the playground, etc.?

A. Mrs. Woodbury said that the programs won't change; they will be enhanced. Outdoor time is encouraged.

Q. Would occupational and physical therapy have their own space?

Q. Jana Silsby said they would use the adaptive PE area for this purpose. There are multiple resource rooms sprinkled throughout the space; allowing for as much inclusion as possible. There will be project areas in informal settings; this will foster independence.

Q. What about buses? Staggered start times?

A. Mrs. Woodbury said the schedule is not finalized and that they would seek input from parents.

Billy Terranova commended everyone's hard work on the project. He asked about renovation costs to bring the buildings up to code. Jana Silsby discussed several options; the figure arrived at was 83 million dollars with no reimbursement.

Carol Woodbury said that having the two schools combined would allow for collaboration; also, the location of the school would allow for collaboration with both Station Avenue Elementary and the high school.

DYRSD

Jana Silsby said the central hall connects all community spaces, multiple functions, logical, safe, makes sense. Visitors must come in through the airlock; there are good sightlines from the offices; the plan puts adults throughout the building; it has been found that kids tend to behave better when they think they are being watched. Students like to feel safe and included.

Sheryl McMahon asked about the solar panel array. Jana Silsby said we are not actually buying the solar panels, we are buying the energy. The new school will be very energy efficient, it has a much more flexible system, ventilation is separate from heating and conditioning. There will be all LED lighting; she discussed recycling and trash composting. Sheryl asked about artificial turf, cost per year, etc. Jana said the multi-use turf field will need to be maintained; it would need replenishing at the 10 to 12 year mark, but the cost of mowing, fertilizing, irrigation are all eliminated. Artificial turf fields can be heavily scheduled resulting in the best use of the area.

Ruth Driscoll asked what will happen to the existing buildings; Carol Woodbury said it would be up to the leadership of the town as those buildings belong to the town where they exist.

Jeni Landers asked for questions from the school committee:

Mr. Tierney said that the location of the school would not impact any possible future addition to the Station Avenue Elementary School.

Reports

DYRSD School Committee Student Representative Jack Carder – The field hockey team are ACL champions; clubs are up and running.

School Committee Liaisons – B. Carey, Dennis; J. Tierney, Yarmouth

Dennis – No report; Mr. Carey was absent.

Yarmouth – No report.

Building Committee Update – J. Tierney, Chair

Mr. Tierney reported that there will be another public forum on November 5th at the Wixon school auditorium.

Assistant Superintendent Report - Ken Jenks

Mr. Jenks reported that the capital subcommittee met recently. He reported that there was a good discussion about prioritizing repairs; the focus is safety.

Superintendent's Report – Carol Woodbury

Mrs. Woodbury asked the committee to consider establishing a capital stabilization account; money could be set aside for capital projects, it would be a mechanism for future capital needs. She also informed the committee that she and Mr. Jenks delivered the election warrants and ballot materials to the offices of both the Yarmouth and Dennis selectmen and town clerk.

Jeni Landers announced that the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee has come to an agreement with the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional Secretaries and Assistants Association.

School Committee Business

On a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by James Dykeman, and carried 6-0, it was:

VOTED: To approve the following items included in the consent agenda:

Donations:

DYRSD

Move to accept a donation of paint from Steve Hubbard of Hubbard Paint and Wallpaper in the amount of \$119.92 for the WIN Room at the Ezra Baker School.

Field Trip Approval:

Move to approve a D-Y Winter Guard trip to the WGI Regional Competition in February, 2019.

Personnel List

No items were included in the packet.

Information Items**Items Distributed at the Meeting**

Dennis-Yarmouth School Project Community Outreach PowerPoint Presentation

Bills, Requisitions, and Payroll

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

Calendar

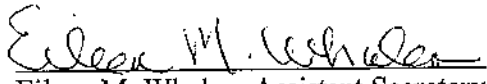
The next school committee meeting will take place on Monday, November 5th, at the Nathaniel Wixon School Auditorium and will include a public forum.

Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m., on a motion by James Dykeman, seconded by Joseph Tierney, and carried 6-0, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,


Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary