



Board of Selectmen
Executive Session
July 30, 2019

The meeting was opened in public session at 3:52 pm by Chairman Stone. Selectman Tracy Post made the motion to enter into executive session with the intent of returning to open session for the purpose of discussing the current school litigation; seconded by Selectman Norman Holcomb. By a roll call vote, 4-0 voted in favor of entering executive session. In attendance were Chairman Stone; Selectmen Tracy Post; Norm Holcomb; and Erik Tolley. Selectman Mark Forest arrived at 4:00 pm. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Dan Knapik.

Selectman Holcomb began the meeting with a discussion of his understanding of the DY Agreement negotiations on the topic of operational costs to date. This included a discussion of the meeting called by the school committee agreement subcommittee on July 25, 2019.

Much of the discussion centered on the cost difference between rolling foundation enrollment average and just foundation enrollment. The agreement discussed beginning the 5-year average with the FY 2016 year. With every year going forward, the back year comes off the average. This will lessen the severity of enrollment swings for Yarmouth and be more predictable for Dennis and Yarmouth going forward. The delta in percentage, as Mr. Holcomb explained, was 1.773% between the two concepts.

As explained by Mr. Holcomb, present October 1 enrollment from 2018 as a percentage of Dennis students in district (29.585%), the last single year percentage using a single year foundation enrollment (31.3459%) and if using the 5 year rolling average of foundation enrollment the percentage is (33.7%).

At 4:15 pm, Assistant School Superintendent Ken Jenks was asked to participate in the discussion to verify the latest enrollment projections and the cost calculations that were in discussion.

Discussion continued with the capital split for the project and for other school district projects. As presented, the current Mattacheese/Wixon replacement school would be split 65% Yarmouth/35% Dennis for the duration of the proposed 30 year borrowing.

At 4:51 pm, Selectman Post made a motion; seconded by Selectman Mark Forest to sign the settlement agreement. The vote was 3-0 in favor (Selectmen Holcomb, Post, and Forest in favor) and 2 against (Selectmen Tolley and Stone).

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At 4:59 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Selectman Tolley; seconded by Selectman Forest. A 5-0 roll call in favor was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Knapik
Town Administrator