

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

April 9, 2018

Francis Mills Communication Center, E115, Danvers High School

School Committee Members Present: Jeffrey Kay, Chair
Mary Beth Verry, Secretary
Eric Crane
Arthur Skarmeas
David Thomson

VOTED: Public Hearing and Vote on School Choice – The Superintendent recommended the School Committee vote not to accept School Choice students for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mrs. Verry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: 18-19 School Calendar/Early Release Days – The Superintendent recommended the approval of the 18-19 school calendar/early release days for a final reading. Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: DHS Program of Studies - Addendum - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the addendum to the DHS Program of Studies. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mrs. Verry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Fundraising Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of fundraising events for DHS Football and DHS Spring Track. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mrs. Verry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of an overnight/out of state field trip request from DHS students to Peru, April 12-21, 2019. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mrs. Verry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Minutes – Mrs. Verry moved to accept and release the minutes from the March 12, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Crane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Adjournment – Mr. Crane moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Kay called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and DPS Mission statement were recited. Mr. Kay inquired whether the meeting was being recorded by audience members and announced that the meeting was being broadcast on DCAT.

2. **ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SUPERINTENDENT, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY**
A. Mr. Thomson congratulated Lydia Runnals for receiving the Salem News Student-Athlete Award.

B. Mr. Crane congratulated the DHS music program for their performance at the Meghan Duggan Day Rally.

3. **INTRODUCTION AND INFORMATION FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**
Daisy Powers presented news and events from the seven schools.

4. **INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

A. Danvers Pride Presentation - Holten Richmond Middle School presented on their improvement plan; student reflections. Mr. Federico introduced teachers Mr. McGraw, Ms. Beecher, Ms. Bennett, Ms. Hutchinson, Ms. Uhlig and Ms. Demaino who each shared their perspectives and work with

students reflection. It was said that reflections promote independent learning and responsibility for learning. Teachers gave overviews of their specific areas such as writers workshop and checklists, reflection in public speaking and “thinking like a mathematician”. Mr. Federico summarized the program and told of a celebration of learning will be held in June for students to share and discuss recognition of growth, learning and achievement. He also answered questions from the Committee. Dr. Dana thanked the teachers for their work with the program.

- B. DanversCARES - Dr. Dana, Peg Sallade, Lyle Harrod and Nancy Hathaway, from East Boston Savings Bank, updated the Committee on the progress of the strategic plan. Dr. Dana spoke on the timeline, vision and mission of DanversCARES. Mrs. Sallade spoke on the goals and objectives, stating 3 major goals, while Mr. Harrod gave highlights on positive youth development, health and wellness, social emotional learning and substance use and misuse. Ms. Hathaway shared Light the Night Purple will be held on May 9th this year. Mr. Taverna then gave a summary of the survey’s final feedback and thanked everyone for their hard work. The Committee gave comments and gave accolades to the process DanversCARES has made as an important part of the School District and community.
- C. Facilities Update - Mr. Tavern updated the Committee on a previous meeting with Frank Locker stating the intent to have Mr. Locker for a 2 day conference to assist in bringing the District to the next level in the process. The next school building meeting will be held late April or early May with the MSBA in June.

5. PUBLIC HEATING AND VOTE ON SCHOOL CHOICE

The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote not to accept School Choice students for the 2018-2019 school year. As Voted

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 18-19 School Calendar/Early Release Days –The Superintendent recommended the approval of the 18-19 school calendar/early release days for a final reading. As Voted

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DHS Program of Studies - Addendum - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the addendum to the DHS Program of Studies. Dr. Colombino gave a brief overview of the addendum to the DHS Program of Studies. As voted
- B. Fundraising Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of fundraising events for DHS Football and DHS Spring Track. As voted
- C. Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of an overnight/out of state field trip request from DHS students to Peru, April 12-21, 2019. As voted

7. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Communications – Dr. Dana shared the link to NEC and noted NEC is working on their budget for a final draft at April’s meeting.
- B. Legislation – Mr. Crane stated he learned of a supplemental budget that passed in the house that will increase Circuit Breaker 12.5 million. He may have more in May.
- C. Subcommittee/Liaison Update
DEEP – Mrs. Verry announced the next DEEP meeting will be rescheduled to on April 11th at 7:45 a.m. at the First Ipswich Bank .

will DanversCARES – Mr. Kay said the Teen Safety Guides will be distributed in April, speaker Katie Greer be at HRMS for 2 presentations on April 24th and Light the Night Purple will be held on May 9th. For other events please check the website.

SEPAC – In the absence of Mr. Savage, Mr. Skarmeeas announced the next desert night will be held in June.

Policy - Mr. Thomson had no current policy update.

Diversity - Mr. Kay shared the name of the Diversity Committee has been changed to The Danvers Human Rights and Inclusion Committee.

8. MINUTES – As voted

9. BUDGET

Mr. Taverna reported on the March 2018 budget stating the District is on budget.

10. PERSONNEL

Mr. Taverna presented his memo with Announcement of Resignations, Leaves of Absences and Appointments dated April 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Verry, Secretary
Danvers School Committee