

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

June 11, 2018

Francis Mills Communication Center, E115, Danvers High School

School Committee Members Present:

- Arthur Skarmeas , Chair
- David Thomson, Secretary
- Mary Beth Verry
- Eric Crane
- Jeffrey Kay

VOTED: Pre-K-12 Student/Parent Handbooks – The Superintendent recommended the approval of the proposed 2018-2019 Pre- K-12 Student/Parent Handbooks for a first reading. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: AFSCME Contracts –The School Committee approved and signed the AFSCME contracts. Mr. Skarmeas moved to approve. Mrs. Verry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Request – The Superintendent recommended the approval of the out of state field trip from DHS Falconize to Pamplona & Madrid, Spain, June 16 thru 23, 2019 ,DHS World Language to Madrid, Spain & Paris, France, April vacation 2019(specific dates TBD) and DHS Golf Team to South Hampton, NY, June 14, 2018 Mr. Kay moved to approve. Mr. Crane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous..

VOTED: Fundraising Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of fund raising events from DHS Danvers Choral Collaborative for Falconize. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Minutes – Ms. Verry moved to accept and release the minutes from the May 14, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Adjournment – Mr. Skarmeas moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SUPERINTENDENT, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY

- A. Mr. Taverna gave a facilities update sharing the progress for the Smith School Building Project with MSBA and the timeline that we will be looking at. He also updated the Committee on the Highlands School roof project.
- B. Mr. Thomson congratulated Daisy Powers for her achievements being mentioned in the Salem News while Mr. Crane added that she is a great example for upcoming students.

- C. Mrs. Verry shared the success of Project Graduation which was held at the Marblehead YMCA this year.

III. INFORMATION FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Daisy Powers presented news and events from the seven schools and thanked the Committee for allowing her to present for the past 2 years.

IV. INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. DEEP Teacher Grants – Mary Beth Verry, as a representative for DEEP, introduced DEEP vice president Mari Matt and DEEP secretary Angela Tsiumis who presented teachers awarded the DEEP grants. The Committee thanked DEEP and the teachers for their great work.

- B. FY18 District Wide Goals – In Dr. Dana reviewed accomplishments related to FY18 District Wide Goals. She spoke on Theme III - Leading Together and her work with Wellesley College. Team building - Adults working together will take place on August 9th and will continue on October 11th for all schools. Mrs. Feerick summarized Themes I & 2, Student Reflection and Parent, Community Engagement. She noted that 558 students participated in the Celebration of Learning Day at Holten-Richmond Middle School. Mrs. Wermers reviewed goals and achievements associated with Theme I and spoke on data sources used for implementation. Mrs. Powers and Kim Silva, a social worker for Riverside School, spoke on the use and benefits of therapy dogs in the classroom.
Mr. Crane said he sees a well thought out plan and applauded the TEAM. Dr. Dana noted that speeches from the students at graduation held core values of the Vision Statement, showing the meaningfulness of it in their daily learning experience.

- C. Perspective on the District Survey Results - Dr. Dana reviewed the District Survey results. She stated the results were consistent and supportive of the work that is being done surrounding the District's core values and the strategic plan. She shared that more focus around social emotional learning will be shown in the draft of the new strategic plan in August. The Committee felt the survey showed students to be engaged and this paints a good picture that focuses on achievement.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. FY19 School Committee - Subcommittee/Liaisons- The Committee perused the new Subcommittee/Liaison list and agreed to any changes.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pre-K-12 Student/Parent Handbooks –The Superintendent recommended the approval of the proposed 2018-2019 Pre- K-12 Student/Parent Handbooks for a first reading. Mr. Kay asked that addresses and positions be updated. As voted

- B. AFSCME Contracts –The School Committee approved and signed the AFSCME contracts. Discussion was held in Executive Session. As voted

- C. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Request – The Superintendent recommended the approval of

the out of state field trip from DHS Falconize to Pamplona & Madrid, Spain, June 16 thru 23, 2019 ,DHS World Language to Madrid, Spain & Paris, France, April vacation 2019(specific dates TBD) and DHS Golf Team to South Hampton, NY, June 14, 2018 As voted.

- D. Fundraising Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of fund raising events from DHS Danvers Choral Collaborative for Falconize. As voted

VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Communications – Dr. Dana shared the NEC website link.

- B. Legislation – Mr. Crane spoke about the FY19 budget and Chapter 70.

- C. Subcommittee/Liaison Update

DEEP – Mrs. Verry thanked all the teachers who applied for the DEEP grants sharing they totaled over \$18,000.00. She also shared the October 25th date for the Food/Wine Tasting and said the Breakfast of Champions was a success.

DanversCARES – Mr. Kay said DanversCARES held a celebration for youth and community volunteers on June 4th that was a great success.

SEPAC – Mr. Savage thanked Mr. Taverna and the staff for their help in making “Desert Night” a success. He also gave his resignation, thanking everyone for their support. Dr. Dana stated Alicia Cote to be Tom’s successor and said the Resource fair would continue to be held in the fall.

DHIRC - Mr. Kay announced the July 4th reading of the Declaration of Independence and congratulated Daisy Powers on her scholarship.

VII. MINUTES – As voted

X. BUDGET

Mr. Taverna presented the May 2018 budget report stating we are on budget.

XI. PERSONNEL

Announcement of Resignations, Leaves of Absence and Appointments – Mr. Taverna presented his memo dated June 2018.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Francis Mills Communication Center at Danvers High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Thomson, Secretary
Danvers School Committee