

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

October 15, 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:** Policy - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the removal of sections and Section A as per MASC requests for a second reading. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mrs. Verry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VOTED:** Policy - The Superintendent recommended the approval of review of Sections B and C for a first reading. Mr. Thompson moved to approve. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VOTED:** Out of State/Overnight Field Trip – The Superintendent recommended the approval of the out of state field trip from DHS DECA to Baltimore, November 15th -18th, 2018, DHS Ice Hockey to Burrillville, RI and UNH in Durham, NH. 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 Class of 2020, DECA , Class of 2019, Girl’s Tennis, DHS Chorus, DHS Ice Hockey. Mr. Thompson moved to approve. Mrs. Verry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VOTED:** Minutes – Ms. Verry moved to accept and release the minutes from the September 10, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Crane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VOTED:** Adjournment – Mr. Skarmeas moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Skarmeas called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 and the Danvers Herald.

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

- A. Dr. Dana introduced Alicia Coady as the new SEPAC president. Ms. Coady gave a brief summary on her plans to move forward with SEPAC.

### III. INFORMATION FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Clea Matt presented news and events of the seven district schools.

### IV. INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Danvers Pride- Great Oak School - Fifth graders Mia Zimmerman, Isabella Markiwiecz, Dailin Martinez, Christian Malone, Ben Toerne, Briena Boudreau assisted in the presentation on Project Adventure and Leading Together. The students shared their projects and what they felt made Great Oak “great”. They shared dragons they decorated and what they meant to them. They worked on communication, trust and team building. They ending their presentation sharing a game they learned called “itchy, minny, OY”.
- B. Arson Watch Reward Program Poster Contest 2018 winners - Captain P. James Brooks, Jr. acknowledged Brendan Whalen and Kailey Bettencourt as the winners of the 2018 poster contest, sharing that this is the 6th year in a row that Danvers students have won a spot in the Arson Awareness calendar. Calendars were available for the community to take home and view the artwork.
- C. Annual Overview of Student Achievement - The Administrative Team gave a presentation on student achievement. Dr. Dana opened the presentation highlighting the strategic plan and spoke on continued improvement plans for student achievement. Dr. Colombino, Mr. Federico and Mrs. Wermers went over MCAS, PSAT and SAT scores/results. Discussion took place on supporting the students, looking at individual learning styles and needs as well as the challenges, improvements and actions that would be put into place. The Team fielded questions and concerns from the Committee as well listening to suggestions from community members Andrea Dailey and Bill Nicholson.
- D. October 1, 2018 Student Enrollment Report – Dr. Dana present the October 1 Student Enrollment Report showing the district enrollment for this school year to be 3555. Enrollment is higher than the previous year partially due to increased enrollment in kindergarten classes.
- E. Smith School Project - Mr. Taverna gave the Committee and update on the progress on the Smith School Project sharing meeting dates in December and February for design development and a November 1st date for a community information forum.

### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Policy - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the removal of sections and Section A as per MASC requests for a second reading. As voted

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Policy – The Superintendent recommended the approval of review of Sections B and C for a first reading. Discussion was had that the only changes would be language not content. As voted.
- B. MASC Resolutions - Mrs. Verry spoke on MASC resolutions that were approved over the summer months. Mr. Skarmeeas voiced his approval and support.

- C. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip – The Superintendent recommended the approval of the out of state field trip from DHS DECA to Baltimore, November 15th -18th, 2018, DHS Ice Hockey to Burrillville, RI and UNH in Durham, NH. As voted.
  
- C. Fundraising Requests –The Superintendent recommended the approval of fundraising events for DHS Class of 2020, DECA , Class of 2019, Girl’s Tennis, DHS Chorus, DHS Ice Hockey. As voted.

**VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. Communications – Dr. Dana shared the NEC website link and said an audit is scheduled for the end of October
  
- B. Legislation – Mr. Crane noted he had no news for legislation this meeting.
  
- C. Subcommittee/Liaison Update  
DEEP – Mrs. Verry shared the next meeting is October 26th at the First Ipswich Bank at 7:45 a.m. and reminded all of the October 25th date for the Food/Wine Tasting.

DanversCARES – Mr. Kay reminded the community of the Parent University date as November 3rd.

SEPAC– Ms. Coady gave a summary at the start of the meeting.

DHIRC - Mr. Kay had no updates for DHIRC. Review of the website for improvement is taking place.

**VII. MINUTES** – As voted

**VIII. BUDGET**

Mr. Taverna gave budget updates on the FY18 Final Budget Report, noting that the district turned money back to assist with Fire Department overages, the 2018-2019 Budget Transfers and the September 2018 Budget Report .

**IX. PERSONNEL**

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

The next regular meeting will be held on November 19, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Francis Mills Communication Center at Danvers High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Thomson, Secretary  
Danvers School Committee