

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

November 19, 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 review of sections B and C 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 D and E 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 trips from DHS to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands and DHS Politics & Government Club to the Junior State Fall Conference in Providence, RI. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mr. Crane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Fundraising Requests– The Superintendent recommended the approval of fundraising events for DHS Class of 2020, the Environmental Club, DHS Girls Basketball and the Service Learning Class. Mr. Thompson moved to approve. Mrs. Verry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Minutes – Mr. Crane moved to accept and release the minutes from the October 15, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Adjournment – Mr. Skarmeas moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Skarmeas called the meeting to order at 7:04 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. NONE

III. INFORMATION FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

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

IV. INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Danvers Pride- Thorpe School** - Kindergarten teacher Annie Tricca and fifth grade teacher Lorraine Errico, along with students gave a presentation on the new science curriculum being taught at Thorpe Elementary School. Kindergarten students Lux Mahan and Hunter Weir shared their role of pinball engineers to explore how pinball machines allow people to control the direction and strength of forces on a ball, which serves as the anchor phenomenon of the unit. Fifth graders Anish Patel, Madeline Hillier and Katie Kee showed their work as “food scientist” inventing new foods. Mrs. Errico shared the benefits of technology with this project. The Committee gave accolades to both the students and teachers for their work and creativity.
- B. MASC Update** - Dr. Dana acknowledged Michael Gilbert’s work with MASC and shared his plans to retire. Mr. Gilbert then introduced his predecessor Dorothy Presser and together they gave an overview on the MASC’s work to update policies. Discussion with the Committee regarding changes made in policies followed.
- C. DanversCARES Update-** Lyle Harrod presented an update on DanversCARES for the Committee. Mr. Harrod touched base on the current strategic plan and working on SEL and developmental assets. He shared details on programs such as the summer job program, the explorer’s program for outdoor skills, Project adventure and Parents’ University noting that DanversCARES has run over 10 workshops this year. Mr. Harrod also gave a summary of upcoming events.
- D. Curriculum Update** – Mrs. Wermers gave a presentation on the FAR(Formative Assessment for Results) Cycle. She asked teachers from all levels to assist in the presentation. Elementary and Middle School teachers, Rebecca Wait, Laurie Ioso, Maggie Chace, Eric Dugan and Kelly Barry, shared work completed by their students. They showed slides on meeting layout and data collection, stressing the importance of taking firm action(feedback, investigation, re-engage, move on & extension) to address data results, putting in place “recipes for success”. Teachers said middle school work parallels the work being done at the elementary level. DHS teachers Tofer Carlson and Todd Butterworth explained the structure used to support work at the high school level. The Committee felt the teachers to be very enthusiastic and the work being done beneficial to the students.
- E. Smith School Project/MSBA Update** - Mr. Taverna gave the Committee and update on the progress on the Smith School Project sharing meeting a date for a community information forum of December 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Holten Richmond Multi-purpose Room. He shared the timeline on Construction manager firm selection and the project funding scope agreement to take place over the next months. Mr. Crane asked that the community be kept well informed of informational meetings.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- B. MASC Resolutions and conference updates- Mrs. Verry all MASC resolutions other than number 4 passed and have been updated on the MASC website. She shared her experience at the November MASC conference, stating that the presentation given by Dr. Dana and herself was well attended and focused on strengthening relational trust. Mrs. Verry also gave a brief summary of the DESE update session and presentation by Mark Brackett that she attended and found beneficial.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Policy – The Superintendent recommended the approval of review of Sections D and E for a first reading. Discussion was had that the only changes would be language not content and Mr. Crane asked for clarification on section E-C. As voted.
- B. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip – The Superintendent recommended the approval of the out of state field trip from DHS to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands and DHS Politics & Government Club to the Junior State Fall Conference in Providence, RI. As voted
- C. Fundraising Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of fundraising events for DHS Class of 2020, the Environmental Club, DHS Girls Basketball and the Service Learning Class. As voted.

VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Communications – Dr. Dana shared the NEC website link and said the audit review would take place in November and the next project would be the annual review slotted.
- B. Legislation – Mr. Crane noted Bill 2631 was passed in the Senate and would be implemented in 2020-2021.
- C. Subcommittee/Liaison Update
DEEP – Mrs. Verry shared the next meeting is November 14th at the First Ipswich Bank at 7:45 a.m. She also thanked everyone for their hard work making the annual Wine & Food Tasting event a success again this year raising over \$18,000.00 She reminded everyone to attend the Downtown Holiday Festival taking place on December 1st this year.

DanversCARES – Mr. Kay had nothing more to share in light of Mr. Harrod's update earlier in the evening.

SEPAC – No update was given.

DHIRC - Mr. Kay had no updates for DHIRC.

VII. MINUTES – As voted

VIII. BUDGET

Mr. Taverna spoke on the October budget report sharing the school is on budget.

IX. PERSONNEL

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

The next regular meeting will be held on December 17, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Francis Mills
Communication Center at Danvers High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Thomson, Secretary
Danvers School Committee