

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

June 10, 2019

Francis Mills Communication Center, E115, Danvers High School

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

**VOTED:** Bullying Prevention Plan -The Superintendent recommends the approval of review of the bullying prevention plan for a second reading. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

**VOTED:** 2019-2020 Pre-K - 12 Student/Parent Handbooks – The Superintendent recommends the approval of the proposed 2019-2020 Pre-K-12 Student/Parent Handbooks for a first reading. Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VOTED:** Fundraising Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of fundraising requests DHS Volleyball. Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VOTED:** Minutes – Mr. Crane moved to accept and release the minutes from the May 13, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VOTED:** Adjournment – Mr. Thomson moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Verry called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and DPS Mission statement were recited. Mrs. Verry 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.** Dr. Dana announced the Central Office’s new hire, Whitney Hatfield explaining her responsibilities and informing all that Danvers now has an instagram account created by Whitney.
- B.** Mr. Crane congratulated the class of 2019 and acknowledged the administration, staff and DPW for a terrific ceremony.
- C.** Mr. Thomson thanked the committee for condolences on his brother’s passing and thanked Michaud Mitsubishi for the Keys to success and agreed that the graduation ceremony was wonderful.
- D.** Mrs. Verry shared that she attended a “visual literacy” conference held on June 4th, presented by Pointnoid Institute Mediawise Project. On June 6th, Lt. Governor Karyn Politio presented Danvers with a \$150,000.00 grant and said she was impressed with the Lead the Way program. Clea Matt and Skaina Pierre presented the Why you matter campaign to the Lt. Governor. Mrs. Verry also thanked all who helped in organizing graduation night.

**III. INFORMATION FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

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

#### IV. INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. DEEP Teacher Grant Presentation - DEEP representatives Angela Tsiumis and Mari Matt presented over \$15,000.00 in teachers grants. They thanked the Danvers business who support DEEP and announced a second teachers grant with applications being accepted in the fall.
- B. Highlight of FY19 District Wide Goals and Final School Council Accomplishments - Dr. Dana gave a summary of school accomplishments. She stated that each school continues work with SEL and the Elementary schools are focusing on math, amplified science and logic models. HRMS is working with the FAR Cycle, student & family engagement, attendance and SEL with Project Hawk. DHS, as well, is working with the FAR Cycle, student engagement, SEL and the TLC program, NSEC PASS program as well as the Why you matter project. Mrs. Wermers announced the unveiling of the 3 strategic objectives. She noted the priorities being set as Safe & Supportive Learning, Coherent Curriculum & Instruction Assessments and Student Engagement which all line up with the ECLC grant. She was thankful for the ECLC grant, it's timing and the opportunity it provided. The Committee commented on the great work being done in the schools.
- C. Strategic Plan Update - Mrs. Wermers gave an update on the Strategic Plan. She explained the creation of High Impact Teaching. Teams of 5 teachers are established as trained school data teams to facilitate the FAR Cycle throughout the district. Professional development and workshop dates to assist in the implementation of project based learning and the Standards will be organized through PBL. Mrs. Wermers, Mr. Colombino, Mr. Federico and Dr. Dana answered questions from the Committee.
- D. Facilities Update - Dr. Dana said the breakfast held in May and made a reminder for the June 20th Community Forum for the Smith School project being held at 7:00 pm.

#### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Bullying Prevention Plan - The Superintendent recommends the approval of review of the bullying prevention plan for a second reading. As Voted
- B. FY20 School Committee -Subcommittees/Liaisons - The updated Subcommittees/Liaisons list was reviewed and approved.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2019-2020 Pre-K - 12 Student/Parent HandbooksThe Superintendent recommends the approval of the proposed 2019-2020 Pre-K-12 Student/Parent Handbooks for a first reading. As Vote
- B. Fundraising Requests – The Superintendent recommends the approval of fundraising events for DHS Volley. As Voted

#### VIII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Communications – Dr. Dana stated they have learned more about the PASS program and they have hired a new treasurer who will be introduced next year.

B. Legislation – Mr. Crane said there was nothing new to share this month.

C. Subcommittee/Liaison Update

DEEP – Mrs. Verry shared the Breakfast of Champions would be held the following Wednesday, June 12th at 8:30 am in the DHS Atrium and thanked Michuad Mitshubshi for once again participating in the Keys to Success program.

DanversCARES – Mr. Kay spoke on the annual “wrap up” meeting held the previous week at the Senior Center. He announced Rev. Pam Cochrane as Chair and Judith Ryan as Co-Chair.

SEPAC - Dr. Dana said work with Alicia Cody will continue and thanked her for her assistance in rebuilding SEPAC. Mrs. Verry shared the facebook page information.

Policy - Dr. Dana noted there was no news to share.

DHRIC - Mr. Kay thanked all that attended of the Gay Flag Raising at Town Hall and announced the July 4th reading of the Declaration of Independence to be held at the Library.

**VII. MINUTES** – As voted

**IX. BUDGET and DONATIONS**

Dr. Dana, in Mr. Taverna’s stead, shared the May budget showing a surplus that will be transferred back to the Town to assist in any shortfalls.

**X. PERSONNEL**

Announcement of Resignations, Leaves of Absence and Appointments – Dr. Dana, in Mr. Taverna’s stead, presented his memo dated May 2019.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 19, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Francis Mills Communication Center at Danvers High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Crane, Secretary  
Danvers School Committee