

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

April 13, 2020

Francis Mills Communication Center, E115, Danvers High School

School Committee Members Present:

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

VOTED: April Vacation and Last Day of School

The School Committee voted to use the 4 days from April Vacation on the approved 2019-2020 school calendar for remote learning and have the last day of school for the 2019-2020 be the 181st day - June 18th. Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Adjournment – Mr. Thomson moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 4:41 p.m. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Executive Order on Remote Participation & Remote Conduct for Open Meetings

The Script for Remotely Conducted Open Meetings was read.

B. Regular Meeting Call to Order

Mrs. Verry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Verry informed the audience that the meeting was being recorded and being broadcast on DCAT.

II. INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Update on School Closure and Remote Learning

Dr. Dana went over the student expectations set forth and guided by DESE. She went into detail on physical exercise, reading and learning resources that are posted to the Danvers Public Schools website. She then informed the Committee of the growth of the lunch program and its availability to all that are in need and thanked volunteers for delivering the meals. Dr. Dana shared her concern that the health and wellness of the community is a priority and we can stay connected virtually. The Committee thanked the administrators and staff for the hard work and continued effort with remote learning and asked questions on future learning and specifics of MCAS testing. Dr. Dana addressed concerns from a parent sent via email.

III. VOTE ON April Vacation and Last Day of School

A. School Committee to vote whether to use the 4 days from April Vacation.

Dr. Dana gave background and data on a survey that was sent to both faculty and parents on the use of 4 days from April vacation for remote learning making the last day of school June 18, 2020. She noted that 92% of staff and 86% of parents were overwhelmingly in favor of this proposal. Discuss took place with the Committee sharing their feelings of approval and support. As voted

The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2020 at 4 p.m. - Remote - DCAT

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Crane, Secretary
Danvers School Committee