

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

October 7, 2019

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: 2019-2020 Danvers Public Schools (Strategic Plan) Strategic Plan Year 2 Goals – The Superintendent recommended the approval of the proposed 2019-2020 Danvers Public Schools Strategic Plan for a 2nd reading. Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: 2019-2020 Pre- K-12 School Improvement Plans - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the proposed 2019-2020 K-12 School Improvement Plans for a 2nd reading. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Smith School Building Project - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following policy for the Smith School Building Project Collaborative for High Performing School (CHPS) for a 2nd reading.
- OM 11.0 Energy Star Appliances & Equipment- Mr. Skarmeas moved to approve . Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of Overnight/Out of State Field Trip requests from DHS to Central Amazon, Brazil, April 10th - 24st, 2021 and DHS Model UN to Providence, RI, November 23rd and 24th, 2019.
Mr.
Thomson moved to approve. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Fundraising Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of fundraising request for DHS Cross Country, the Class of 2022 and “Falcon’s Finest” for DECA. Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Northshore Education Consortium - The School Committee voted for superintendent to serve on the board of directors. Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Minutes – Mr. Crane moved to accept and release the minutes from the September 9, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Verry called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 introduced Mrs. Rita Ward, Principal of Thorpe Elementary School, who wanted to recognize teacher aide Marcia Colbert for administering assistance when student, Connor Dembrowski was choking during his lunch period. Chief Pyburn was also present.
- B.** After Chief Pyburn took a moment to speak on fire prevention in the schools.
- C. Dr. Dana** mentioned that the Citizens Academy program being run through the Town this Fall is a great opportunity and several teachers have participated.

III. INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A.** Danvers Pride - Mrs. Jancaitis introduced 5th grade students Agnes Osminkin, Victoria Schofield, Kaila McKinnon, Alexis Smith, Chase Richmond, Dimitri Spyropoulos and Marcus Klingler, who shared their project of creating quilt squares that told about themselves, their culture and what makes them unique. The quilt will be hung in the 5th grade hallway to share with all. The Committee thanked the students for the great presentation.
- B.** Dr. Dana and Dr. Colombino presented Nikki Bao Thu Lam with the MASS Academic Excellence Award. Dr. Colombino shared Nikki's accomplishments throughout her scholastic career saying Nikki makes hard work look effortless. The Committee congratulated Nikki and pictures were taken.
- C.** Annual Overview of Student Achievement- The Administrative Team gave a presentation on the student achievement and test scores. The presentation showed MCAS, SAT scores, Goals and the fine vision statement. Mrs. Wermers went over the slides showing student achievement data showing all test scores are comparable or above the State results for the high school. Holten Richmond Middle School has shown progress from 2017 to 2019. She then shared and explained the accountability system and ratings. The Team answered questions and discussed challenges, goals and next steps.
- D.** Dr. Dana explained the October 1 student enrollment sharing the District total of 3514. She said enrollment is down but the preschool enrollment has increased. The Committee and parent Ted Blake asked questions on the number of students that have transferred to the Tech and preschool enrollment numbers.
- E.** Facilities Update - Mr. Taverna updated the Committee on the Smith School Projected noting Phase I is complete and there will be a lull now until December. He also announced the ground breaking ceremony would be held on Wednesday, October 16th at 9:00.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.** 2019-2020 Danvers Public Schools (Strategic Plan) Strategic Plan Year 2 Goals – The Superintendent recommended the approval of the proposed 2019-2020 Danvers Public Schools Strategic Plan for a 2nd reading. As Voted
- B.** 2019-2020 Pre- K-12 School Improvement Plans - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the proposed 2019-2020 K-12 School Improvement Plans for a 2nd reading. As Voted

- C. Smith School Building Project - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following policy for the Smith School Building Project Collaborative for High Performing School (CHPS) for a 2nd reading. As Voted

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MASC Resolutions - Mrs. Verry will be attending the November meeting. Discussion from the Committee took place on resolutions 1 and 2.
- B. Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Request - The Superintendent recommends the approval of the overnight/out of state field trip request from DHS to Central Amazon, Brazil, April 10th - 24th, 2021 and DHS Model UN to Providence, RI, November 23rd and 24th, 2019. As voted
- G. Fundraising Requests –The Superintendent recommends the approval of fundraising events for DHS Cross Country, the Class of 2022 and “Falcon’s Finest” for DECA. As Voted

VIII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Communications – Dr. Dana shared the NEC website link and the upcoming Audit.
- B. Legislation – Mr. Crane shared the House and Senate passed the Education Reform bill.
- C. Subcommittee/Liaison Update

DEEP – Mrs. Verry announced the next meeting to be Wednesday, October 16th at 7:45 a.m. at the First Ipswich Bank and the annual wine tasting to be on October 24th at Danversport. She shared that tickets are on sale and thanked all the vendors for their generosity.

DanversCARES – Mr. Kay said the next meeting is November 4th at 9:00 at DHS. DanversCARES’ past meeting held discussion on the vaping ban. He also informed the Community of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey taking place in the Spring.

SEPAC - The announcement was made that the November meeting will be about Basic Rights for Special Education Students/Parents.

Policy - Mr. Thomson had nothing to share this meeting.

DHRIC - Mr. Crane informed the Committee of the work continuing to be done for the MLK Day events and would like to support and focus on SEL throughout the District.

IX. MINUTES – As voted

X. BUDGET and DONATIONS

Mr. Taverna provided the Committee with the final budget report for FY19 , explanation of transfers and restructuring and the September monthly budget report.

XI. PERSONNEL

Announcement of Resignations, Leaves of Absence and Appointments – Mr. Taverna presented

his memo dated September 2019.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 11, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Francis Mills
Communication Center at Danvers High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Crane, Secretary
Danvers School Committee