

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

September 9, 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: Update Student Activity Accounts Policy - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the updated Student Activity Accounts Policy for a 2nd reading. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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 1st reading. Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Kay 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 1st reading. Mr. Thomson moved to approve. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Smith School Building Project - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the adoption of the following resolutions for the Smith School Building Project Collaborative for High Performing School (CHPS):
-Resolution for Credit II 2.1 District Level Commitment - Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- OM 3.0 Performance Benchmarking - Mr. Crane moved to approve . Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Homeschooling Proposals -The Superintendent recommended approval of the Notice of Intent for Home Education for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Skarmeas 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 Cross Country to Warwick, RI, HRMS to New York City, April 30th - May 1st (this is a date change on the field trip on last month’s agenda). Mr. Skarmeas moved to approve. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Fundraising Requests – The Superintendent recommended the approval of fundraising request for DHS Field Hockey and the Class of 2020. Mr. Crane moved to approve. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Minutes – Mr. Crane moved to accept and release the minutes from the August 19,

2019 regular meeting. Mr. Skarmeas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Adjournment – Mr. Thomson moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:34 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 Alicia Cody, Chair of SEPAC. Ms. Cody reported that the Resource Fair held at Riverside School was very successful this year. She also said SEPAC would be meeting bi-monthly with the November meeting featuring Basic Rights for Students. Mrs. Verry thanked Ms. Cody and shared that SEPAC is now on Facebook.
- B.** Dr. Colombino introduced this year's student representatives, senior Cynthia Boyd and junior Max Lette. He also gave a brief summary of each of their high school careers.
- C.** Mr. Taverna told the community of a benefit event for town employee Donny Yeaton being held on September 15th beginning at 9:00 leaving from the high school.

III. INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A.** School Opening - Updates - Dr. Dana shared pictures and gave a summary of the opening day activities held at the high school. Activities centered around SEL. All agreed it was a wonderful beginning to the school year.
- B.** Introduction of DHS Assistant Principal, Peter DiMauro - Dr. Colombino introduced new assistant principal Peter DiMauro. The Committee welcomed him.
- C.** Strategic Plan - Action Plan - Mrs. Wermer updated the Committee on professional development days and New Teacher Orientation. She shared the SEL Steering Committee was comprised of 25 teachers who decided on activities for opening day and the importance being placed on self care and wellness. The 4 professional development days centering were well attended. Mrs. Wermers answered questions from the Committee regarding.
- D.** Facilities Update - Mr. Taverna updated the Committee on the Town Building Tour thanking the DPW for all their hard work and flexibility throughout the summer. He shared the date of October 7th at 9:00 a.m. for the Smith School groundbreaking ceremony. He gave a summary of the annual safety meeting including the Police and Fire Departments reviewing CPR Training and the Fire and Safety Plan. He ended with welcoming Jeff Smith and Jason Skane as the new D.A.R.E officers. He then answered questions from the Committee regarding the Smith School project.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.** Update Student Activity Accounts Policy - The Superintendent recommended the approval of the updated Student Activity Accounts Policy for a 2nd reading. As Voted

VII. NEW 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 1st reading. Mrs. Wermers shared the 2019-2020 Action Plan showing that the goals are building momentum from last year to this year. She gave details on the 3 goals and the implementation of them. Mr. Federico field questions from the Committee regarding intervention/extension block at the middle school. 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 1st reading. Dr. Dana presented an overview of moving forward with SEL to all school in the way that best suits that schools’ individual needs. She said the elementary team worked well together to bring this to fruition. The Committee asked questions on the progress of the TLC room and communications and attendance at the high school and asked for more detail on the “Zones of Regulation” being used at Great Oak Elementary School. The Committee thanked the team for their hard work.As voted
- C. Smith School Building Project - The Superintendent recommended the approval to adopt the following resolutions for the Smith School Building Project Collaborative for High Performing School (CHPS):
-Resolution for Credit II 2.1 District Level Commitment
- OM 3.0 Performance Benchmarking
- OM 11.0 Energy Star Appliances and Equipment
Mr. Taverna gave an explanation of each resolution. The Committee viewed OM11.0 as a policy and decided to bring it forward to the October school committee meeting for a second reading. As voted
- D. MASC/MASS Conference and delegate - School Committee appointed Marybeth Verry as it’s delegate for the MASC/MASS conference in November.
- E. Homeschooling Proposals -The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Notice of Intent for Home Education for the 2019-2020 school year. As voted
- F. Overnight/Out of State Field Trip Request - The Superintendent recommends the approval of the overnight/out of state field trip request from DHS Cross Country to Warwick, RI, HRMS to New York City, April 30th - May 1st (this is a date change on the field trip on last month’s agenda). As voted
- G. Fundraising Requests –The Superintendent recommends the approval of fundraising events for the Class of 2020 and DHS Field Hockey. As Voted

VIII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Communications – Dr. Dana shared the NEC website link and the coming Wednesday’s date for the next board meeting.
- B. Legislation – Mr. Crane shared Representative Spilitotis comment that the FY19 budget is closed out and the State expects and increase in Circuit Breaker. He shared Dr. Dana and Dr. Colombino would be presenting at the State House the following day.

C. Subcommittee/Liaison Update

DEEP – Mrs. Verry announced the next meeting to be Wednesday, September 11th at 7:45 a.m. at the First Ipswich Bank and the annual wine tasting to be on October 24th at Danversport. Mrs. Verry also shared as a side note that the school received a capital purchases grant for PLT for items such as computers and chop and table saws. Next year’s grant for business and manufacturing will be applied for at that time.

DanversCARES – Mr. Kay said today’s meeting reviewed a summary of last year and shared the success of the summer job program. He also noted that Parent University would be replaced with speakers presenting throughout the year.

SEPAC - Ms. Cody presented earlier in the meeting.

Policy - Mr. Thomson summarized the Policy Committee’s meeting today explaining clarification and simplification of language in the high school handbook.

DHRIC - Mr. Crane informed the Committee of the work being done for the MLK Day events.

IX. MINUTES – As voted

X. BUDGET and DONATIONS

Mr. Taverna provided the balances of student activities accounts from last year and answered questions on procedure from the Committee.

XI. PERSONNEL

Announcement of Resignations, Leaves of Absence and Appointments – Mr. Taverna presented his memo dated August 2019 noting there were only 2 positions still open and expected to be filled shortly.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Crane, Secretary
Danvers School Committee