

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

March 14, 2022

School Committee Members Present:

Eric Crane, Chair
Arthur Skarmeeas, Secretary
Alice Campbell
Robin Doherty
Jeffrey Kay

Regular Meeting Call to Order

Mr. Crane called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

VOTED: At 6:07 p.m., Mr. Skarmeeas moved to leave the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a strategy session for preparation for negotiation with non-union personnel: Superintendent and School Accountant. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Roseann DiPeitro, the School Committee's Counsel, presented the Committee with the proposed buy-out settlement for Dr. Dana. She informed the Committee that she would like to make a change in language releasing the school from liability. The proposal was accepted by Dr. Dana's counsel and it was agreed to move forward with the settlement to public meeting. It was decided that rather than a joint public statement between the Committee and Dr. Dana, a statement directly from the Committee regarding her retirement would be released and read during open session.

The Committee touched base on the interviews for the Human Resource position and agreed that the business manager position needed to be posted as soon as possible. There was discussion on Central Office reorganization, creating a search committee for the Superintendent position and offering Pamela Crum, Business Office Accountant, a stipend to oversee the financial portion of the Business Manager position beginning June 1, 2022 until that position was filled. Mrs. Crum was later asked to join the meeting and accepted the position of Interim Director of Finance.

Mrs. Wermers was asked to join the meeting. The Committee asked that she take the role of Interim Superintendent for the following school year while the hiring process was completed. Mrs. Wermers accepted the position. There was discussion of resources Mrs. Wermers would need and Mr. Kay offered to take part in the Business Manager hiring process.

VOTED: At 7:05 p.m., Mr. Skarmeeas moved to adjourn Executive Session. Dr. Doherty seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Thibault, Clerk
Danvers School Committee