

DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
September 29, 2022

School Committee Members Present:

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

VOTED: Extend Interim Superintendent Contract - Mr. Kay moved to extend the Interim Superintendent's contract. Dr. Doherty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

VOTED: Signature of Interim Superintendent Contract – Dr. Doherty moved to allow the Chair to sign the extended contract on behalf of the Committee. Mr. Kay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Policy - The Interim Superintendent recommended the adjustment to policy JFABD as recommended by DESE for a first reading. Mr. Kay moved to approve the policy adjustment for a first reading. Mrs. Campbell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Adjournment – Dr. Doherty moved to adjourn the special meeting at 7:55 a.m. Mrs. Campbell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Crane called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Danvers Public Schools Mission statement were recited.

2. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- A. Mrs. Wermers shared the updating of the Danvers Public Schools website to include a page dedicated to “Improve school culture and climate”. She gave a summary of the new page showing work that has been done, the work in progress and the next steps.
- B. Mrs. Campbell and Dr. Doherty confirmed that they would have a consultant for the Superintendent search committee signed by the end of the week.

3. INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. HRMS 8th Grade Civics Project - The previous week, Mrs. Wermers presented the 8th grade Civic Project at the June 22, 2022 Selectboard meeting. The students included a later start time, improvement on school lunches, the return of the Home Economics program and having a block party in Danvers Square in July with the assistance of the Town government. She noted the hard work the students put into their project and said

the adults were very impressed with their efforts and research. The Committee asked if the 8th grade survey had gone out to an affirmative answer.

- B. Mr. Crane complimented the DPW and staff members on the service held in the auditorium for Wayne Marquis saying the facility was in great condition.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING CENTRAL OFFICE NON-UNION PERSONNEL

Mrs. Wermers shared her plans of building a new Central Office Team. She told the Committee that Kimberley Bevan, the new Human Resources Manager would be starting the upcoming Tuesday and announced Pamela Crum as the Interim Finance Director and Adam Federico as overseeing Operations. Mrs. Wermers said that she and Mr. Federico are looking at space and needs for repairs at the elementary schools.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Policy - The Interim Superintendent recommended the adjustment to policy JFABD as recommended by DESE for a first reading. As voted

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Skarmeas, Secretary
Danvers School Committee