

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

June 10, 2024

School Committee Members Present:

Gabe Lopes, Chair
Eric Crane, Secretary
Sean Doherty
Michael Shannon

VOTED: Security Camera Policy: Mr. Crane moved to approve the Security Camera Policy for a second reading. Mr. Shannon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan: Mr. Doherty moved to approve the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan for a second reading. Mr. Shannon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Hewlett Packard Chromebook Lease: Mr. Crane moved to approve the Hewlett Packard Chromebook lease. Mr. Doherty seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Instructional Assistant Contract: Mr. Crane moved to approve the Instructional Assistant 2024 - 2027 contract as negotiated. Mr. Shannon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Minutes - Mr. Crane moved to approve and release the minutes from the April 29th May 3rd, May 13th, and May 24th regular meetings and approve but not release the minutes from the April 29th Executive Session. Mr. Doherty seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Consent Agenda: Mr. Shannon moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Doherty seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Adjournment – Mr. Shannon moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Doherty seconded. The vote was unanimous.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lopes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Danvers Public Schools Mission statement were recited. Mr. Lopes inquired whether the meeting was being recorded by audience members and announced that the meeting was being broadcast on DCAT.

II. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Crane acknowledged the passing of Eddie More, long time Danvers resident and athletic supporter. Mr. Shannon gave a shout out to the recent graduates and to everyone who participated. It was a wonderful event. Mr. Lopes thanked everyone involved in negotiating the bargaining units on a job well done.

V. INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A.** Recognition of Retirees - Superintendent Bauer thanked all of the district employees who recently retired. DEEP held a breakfast in honor of them and it was a great way to recognize each person.
- B.** Danvers Kiwanis Club Donations: Gayla Bartlett and Linda Swinnerton were present to recognize the 2 schools which recently received donations from Kiwanis. They thanked the

Committee for the opportunity to help the students of Danvers.

- C. Final DPS Achievements: Superintendent Bauer introduced Mary Wermers who presented updates on the 3 goals. DHS data will not be available until the fall. A big part of the goals is to have more families attend events for the school who do not normally attend. Mr. Crane commented that he liked to see the progress in the reading and math hopefully will not be far behind.
- D. Special Education Audit: Superintendent Bauer advised that the process has begun. This is great timing with a new Director coming aboard as well as support personnel. The findings and recommendations will be presented in September. Mr. Crane acknowledged that we have received great feedback in the past.
- E. Strategic Plan Update: Superintendent Bauer introduced Mr. Gallagher and Ms. Furlong from Newburyport. They presented to the School Committee the concept of Portrait of a Graduate. They will be working with Danvers to create a model that will work best for the district

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Security Camera Policy for a second reading. Mr Crane moved to approve the Security Camera Policy for a second reading. Mr. Shannon seconded. As voted
- B. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Updated Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan for a second reading. Mr. Bauer advised that updates on the policy should be done every 2 years. Mr. Doherty motioned to approve the updated Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan for a second reading. Mr. Shannon seconded. Discussion - Mr. Lopes inquired as to notification to families for closure, it seems that some do not always know the outcome. Mr. Bauer advised that yes there is notification to families that follows the guidelines. Specific information cannot be given, but they can be told the issue has been resolved. The vote as voted.
- C. Superintendent Evaluation Update: Superintendent Bauer appreciated the patience of the School Committee. All information has been disseminated to the Committee and will be presented at the June 24th meeting.
- D. Entry Plan Findings: Superintendent Bauer presented his findings to the Committee. He has taken his time and visited with multiple stakeholders. In the six themes there no surprises in the findings. Work still needs to be done on student achievement and a sense of belonging. There has been a lot of hard work being done but there still needs to be more. Mr. Lopes commented that for Mr. Bauer only being here a year his presence in the district has been tremendous. Mr. Bauer acknowledged that he has no idea how Ms. Wermers did it by herself last year.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the Hewlett Packard Chromebook lease agreement. Superintendent Bauer introduced Mr. Sullivan who provided the Committee with the particulars of the lease agreement. There were multiple quotes and Hewlett Packard would be the best for the district. Mr. Crane moved to approve the Hewlett Packard Chromebook lease. Mr. Doherty seconded. As voted.
- B. Hard of Hearing Program: Superintendent Bauer advised the Committee that this would be a provider that would come to the district to service our students and would help to bring back students from placement facilities. Potentially this could lead to future growth of the program.
- C. Instructional Assistant Contract: Mr. Crane motioned to approve the Instructional Assistant 2024 - 2027 contract as negotiated. Mr. Shannon seconded. As voted.

VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Minutes - Mr. Crane moved to approve and release the minutes from the April 29th May 3rd,

May 13th, and May 24th regular meetings and approve but not release the minutes from the April 29th Executive Session. Mr. Doherty seconded. As voted

B. Consent Agenda: Mr. Shannon moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Doherty seconded the motion. As voted.

C. Legislation - No update

D. Subcommittee/Liaison Update -

Curriculum & Assessment - No update

Policy - No update

Safety - Had final meeting in early June.

DEEP – Breakfast of Champions was held on Thursday, May 30th

DanversCARES – Had end of year meeting. Health & Safety guide is out

SEPAC - No update

DHRIC - Dave McKenna is appointed interim chair

The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Virtual

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Eric Crane, Secretary
Danvers School Committee