

**DANVERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

June 24, 2024

School Committee Members Present:

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

VOTED: Hard of Hearing Program: Mr. Crane moved to approve the Hard of Hearing Program as presented. Mr. Shannon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: HRMS Program of Studies: Mr. Crane moved to approve the HRMS Program of Studies for a first reading. Mr. Doherty seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: 2024-2025 Revised School Calendar: Mr. Kepnes moved to approve the revised 2024-2025 School Calendar.. Mr. Shannon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED: Minutes - Mr. Crane moved to approve and release the minutes from the June 10 and June 14 regular meetings and approve but not release the minutes from the June 14th Executive Session. Mr. Kepnes seconded. The vote was unanimous.

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

VOTED: Adjournment – Mr. Kepnes moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Shannon 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

Superintendent Bauer advised the end of the school year has closed with great success. He would like to thank everyone for their hard work throughout the year.

V. INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A.** Student Services Update - Superintendent Bauer updated the Committee on the progress of the audit and then introduced Christina Ryan, Director of Student Services. Ms. Ryan introduced the two new Assistant Directors, Derrek Munyon who will be overseeing the elementary schools and Marla De La Cruz who will be overseeing the middle and high schools. Ms. Ryan also introduced the new Out of District Coordinator, Angelique DeCoste. Mr. Kepnes and Mr. Lopes welcomed the new employees to the district.
- B.** Administrative Council Retreat: Superintendent Bauer advised that the Administrative Retreat will be held on June 26 & 27 at Endicott College. Administrators will be working toward the district plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Hard of Hearing Program: Superintendent Bauer introduced Katelyn Monahan who was present to give an overview of the program to the Committee. The goal of the program is to keep or bring back Danvers students into their home schools and build a sense of community. The Committee asked if there was a specific school in mind. Mr. Bauer has one in mind but nothing is 100%. Mr. Crane moved to approve the Hard of Hearing Program as presented. Mr. Shannon seconded. As voted.
- B. Superintendent Evaluation Update: Mr. Lopes presented to the public the Superintendent's evaluation as conducted by the three Committee members. Superintendent Bauer's overall rating is Proficient. As the members agreed the tool used to perform the evaluation is not the best. Mr. Crane commented that in Mr. Bauer's first year he has knocked it out of the park. His commitment to the district is evident. Mr. Doherty commented that being a parent and seeing how the student recognize and know who the Superintendent is is a great accomplishment. Mr. Bauer appreciated the feedback from the Committee and looks forward to a productive year two.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Monthly Budget Report: Ms. Crum presented the monthly budget to the Committee. It has been quite a year with out of district and transportation costs. There have been some reimbursement for MV and EA students from the state. The district has applied and received relief from Circuit Breaker revenue. The Committee thanked Ms. Crum for doing a great job throughout the year.
- B. School Committee 2024-2025 Dates: The Committee was presented with a draft of dates for next school year's meetings. Mr. Lopes asked if the dates could be discussed at the summer retreat.
- C. HRMS Program of Studies: The Superintendent recommends the approval of the HRMS Program of Studies for a first reading. Mr. Bauer introduced Ellyn Feerick who presented a summary of changes. Ms. Feerick highlighted the change to the WIN block curriculum, the removal of the DARE program and changes to the ELA curriculum. Mr. Crane asked about the removal of the DARE program. Ms. Feerick explained the curriculum was moved to the grade 5 level. Mr. Crane motioned to approve the HRMS Program of Studies for a first reading. Mr. Doherty seconded. As voted.
- D. School Calendar Revision: The Superintendent recommends the approval of the 2024-2025 School Calendar. Superintendent Bauer explained that due to negotiations with the DTA there has been a change in the start of the school year as well as a move of the third early release day usually held the first week of school. The District will work with families who currently have travel plans for the new start date. Mr. Kepnes motion to approve the revised 2024-2025 School Calendar. Mr. Shannon seconded. As voted

VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Minutes - Mr. Crane moved to approve and release the minutes from the June 10th and June 14th regular meetings and approve but not release the minutes from the June 10th Executive Session. Mr. Kepnes seconded. As voted
- B. Consent Agenda: Mr. Crane moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Kepnes 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 - Superintendent Bauer will reach out mid summer to set up meeting

DHRIC - No update

The next meeting will be held on August 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Virtual

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