

## DEEP

Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership  
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**Mission Statement:** To enrich Danvers Public Schools' educational process through a unique partnership comprised of schools, community volunteers and businesses.

**2020/2021 Officers:** Co-President: Mary Beth Verry  
Co-President: Mari Matt  
Treasurer: Michele Keith  
Secretary: Angela Tsiumis

**2020/2021 Board Members:** Glenn Boutchie, Mark Strout, Kevin Dillon, Richard Stoney, Donna Hopkins and Jill Michaud.

**Time to renew your membership!** Send your check, payable to *DEEP*, to P.O. BOX 387, Danvers, MA 01923, or sign up online at [www.supportdeep.org/contribute](http://www.supportdeep.org/contribute).

**Teacher/Individual Membership:** \$10 per year

**Family Membership:** \$20 per year

**Community Partner Membership:** \$100 per year

**Corporate Membership:** \$250 minimum level

**2021 Meeting Dates:**

January 13, 2021	April 14, 2021
February 10, 2021	May 19, 2021
March 10, 2021	June 16, 2021

**Meeting Location:** Our meetings will be held virtually until further notice. A link will be sent out before the meeting. All meetings will start at 8:00 a.m.

**Stay Up-to-Date:** For the latest DEEP info, visit our website at [www.supportdeep.org](http://www.supportdeep.org); Facebook at: [Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership](https://www.facebook.com/DanversEducationalEnrichmentPartnership); Twitter at: [DEEPDanvers](https://twitter.com/DEEPDanvers); and Instagram at: [deepdanvers](https://www.instagram.com/deepdanvers).

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**Members Present:** Mary Wermers, Mark Strout, Mari Matt, Michele Keith, Dr. Lisa Dana, Richard Stoney, Jessie DeVecchio, Sean Emberley, Graham Bacheller and Angela Tsiumis.

**Minutes:** Angela provided November's minutes which were approved by Mark Strout, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele advised that financially we are looking good. It has been a good month and good market value even with our withdrawal. There is currently \$13,180.43 in the DEEP Operating Account; \$202,007.79 in the Morse Investment; and \$99,170.98 in the DEEP Investment, for a total of \$314,359.20 between all accounts. Mark Strout approved the report, it was seconded and passed unanimously. Thank you, Michele!

**Public Relations:** Mari spoke about our Virtual Tree Lighting and how much publicity it gave DEEP. The Tree Lighting was in the *Salem News*, Danvers Patch, local radio station North Shore 104.9 and all over social media.

**Memberships:** Mari advised that the DEEP quarterly newsletter is going out this week and DEEP is very grateful to Maria DiChiara for all her help and hard work getting it together. Thank you, Maria!

Sean spoke at the Faculty Meeting regarding how important it is this year to get a membership and support DEEP.

**Virtual Downtown Tree Lighting:** Thought it went very well and was seen by numerous people. Ben from DCAT did an amazing job! The ornament sales were not as high as we would have liked them to be, but we were still happy with what we did sell given that it was our very first time. Anyone who purchases an ornament will get a DEEP membership. Will have a total at our next meeting of what was sold.

A special thanks to Lyla from DanversCARES; Ben from DCAT; East Boston Savings Bank; all the musical performers; Danvers Light Department; Town Manager, Steve Bartha; Assistant Town Manager, Jen Beaker; Alex Lent from the Peabody Institute Library; the Kernusky Family for their donation of this year's tree; the Danvers Police Department; the Danvers Fire Department; and of course, the guest of honor, Santa Claus.

**HRMS Spelling Bee Update:** The Spelling Bee is going forward as a virtual event. Ellen Feerick is working with the English teachers as we speak. More updates next month

**Old Business:** Mark Strout reminded everyone that on Friday, December 18, Essex North Shore Agricultural Technical School will be holding it's Virtual Gala with an online auction. Senator Joan Lovely will be the keynote speaker, and the event will include musical performances and a presentation honoring Representative Ted Speliotis. Brian Cranney from Cranney Home Services will receive the 2020 Lifetime Award. Also, for the first time ever, Student of the Month awards in Grades 9 to 12 are all going to students from Danvers...kudos! Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be purchased on their website.

DanversCARES sponsored *Minding Your Mind* with speaker Brooke Bridges. The presentation was very well received by students. Lyla did a fabulous job putting this together.

**New Business:** Sean Emberley advised that the DHS Senior Class is holding a Whoopie Pie Fundraiser. Orders can be placed on the high school webpage and pick up will be by alphabetical order at DHS on Wednesday, December 23, from 3 to 6 p.m. The Whoopie Wagon will give the Senior Class 10% of the proceeds.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. via ZOOM. All are welcome to join us.

DEEP would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season, with brighter days in 2021!