SANDWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
JUNE 17, 2020  
CONFERENCE CALL

Members Present: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Ms. Miller, Mr. Pell,  
Mr. Fisher

Members Absent: 

Administrators Present: Dr. Gould, Ms. Wiklund, Ms. Austin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Mulcahy,  
Mr. Dintino, Mr. Nelson

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 

Mr. DiGiacomo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and stated that this meeting is being held  
through a conference call/google hangouts and is being recorded. You may view the meeting by  
live stream at this time on Sandwich Community TV.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM: None

GRADUATION: 

Chief John Burke and Director of Health, Dave Mason spoke on the Sandwich High School  
Graduation plans for June 29th. We have also added 4 rain dates as well. The preparation for  
the graduation started early in April. The numbers for Covid-19 are in our favour to hold a June  
date for Graduation. Guidelines and Protocols were discussed where only 2 guests per graduate  
may attend and tickets will be needed for parking as well as to enter the DeConto Stadium.  
There will be signage posted and facial coverings will be required. We have been so organized  
to arrange all of this and we need people to follow the rules and to work with us. We feel very  
confident that everything will go well for the graduation on June 29th and glad we have been  
able to make this possible for all the graduating seniors, families and community.  
The school committee members asked about access for individuals with mobility issues and golf  
carts will be available to transport people. As well, there is ground level seating for people who  
need it.  
The graduation will also be recorded and have a live stream, so people will be able to view it.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT: 

Dr. Gould gave an update on the ESY - Summer Program that Mr. McNamara is working on. He  
has communicated with parents to give them the latest information. It will begin on July 6 and  
will have a booster period, 2 more weeks at the end of the session.  
The Re-Entry Task Force will be having their second meeting tomorrow and it consists of 36  
members who represent all areas of the school department. We will be meeting weekly through  
the summer and break out into sub-groups to discuss T&L, Technology, Facilities and Special  
Education. We hope to have further DESE guidance to help with the discussions.  
A discussion on teachers final assessments took place and how is this being communicated to the  
students and parents. End of year assessments are done for all grades and we do them as well in  
the beginning of the new school year as benchmarks.
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:
Chris Dintini, Forestdale Principal: Very unusual year starting with in home learning in March. Morning meeting was very successful with 95% of the students attending. We have done a project with families, rock decoration with kind messages, where these rocks will line the outdoor classroom. We were able to have pick-up days in May for staff and families to retrieve belongings at school. We have participated in recorded meetings, recorded lessons to families, where the students like to watch the videos several times to see their friends that they miss. Various virtual events, breakfast clubs, field day etc. For grading, teachers wrote narratives which are important for the next year's teachers. To help with the social emotional, students will be looped with the same group of kids for the new year. One the last day of school, we had an amazing parade in the bus loop where there were messages on the cars and kids were seen out of the moonroofs, such an amazing experience for all.

Trish Hill, Oak Ridge Principal: The first two weeks of the at home learning was about meeting the needs and making sure everyone had access to what they needed (food, technology, internet, resources and well visits etc.). Created learning grids for google classroom learning, daily morning meetings, daily office hours, etc. We have experimented with tech tools, held spirit days, yearbook club, where a yearbook has been put out, field day etc. We taped the 6th grade step up day and had a farewell parade in the bus loop. So proud of the faculty/staff and students.

Jim Mulcahy, STEM/SHS Principal: First he extended a thank you to Chief Burke and Dave Mason for all the graduation planning.
We jumped right into remote learning on March 13 with Google Classroom and the teachers did great. We made sure the students had their devices they needed for remote learning.
The goal was to keep students involved in their education to the best of our ability. The students were to participate in 80% of the work assigned.
I am very proud of the staff for their hard work and reworking the curriculum. Teachers had a lot to juggle and deserve recognition.
The food distribution: Matt Carney, food director in the cafeteria is making lunches for families daily. An amazing job done by him as well as many volunteers and all the donations are incredible. We appreciate all the efforts.
We just finished grades, credit or no credit. Have filmed many videos and messages sent out to students and parents as well as the community. We held a parade on June 6th which was a great success to support our students/seniors. We also had an 8th grade celebration in the bus loop.
Mr. Mulcahy extended a thank you to all the staff and community.

The school committee thanked the principals for coming to speak and for all their dedication.
Ms. Wiklund gave a shout out to all the food distribution volunteers for their dedication to all the students and community. They are continuing to do this through the summer as well.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:
Mr. DiGiacomo extended a thank you to the teachers for all you have done. We appreciate all your efforts for the students.
Ms. Ames thanked the parents of SHS students for their ownership of the parade celebrating each student.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **SEA Resolution in Support of Education Funding in the Covid-19 Era:**
  Chelsea Craig, SEA President spoke on the SEA Resolution in Support of Education Funding. We are asking you for a commitment to work with us and others as this is a new educational environment. We need to invest in our public schools and seek financial support for our schools.
  Mr. DiGiacomo asked for a motion, Ms. Miller so moved. Second by Mr. Pell.
  Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Pell, Ms. Miller, Mr. Fisher.
  6-0-0 passes

- **School Committee Resolution: Covid-19 State Funding**
  Mr. DiGiacomo mentioned that we will add this to the next School Committee meeting on July 8 and for a vote as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Further Discussion: School Committee Statement Supporting Diversity**
  Mr. DiGiacomo stated that we will continue to work on this statement. Some ideas have been put together by Ms. Miller, Ms. Bader and Ms. Wiklund. A proposed Workshop will be scheduled before our school committee meeting on July 8th to discuss the ideas and how to move forward with the statement. Mr. DiGiacomo will inform the committee of possible dates & times for the workshop.

- **Budget Update:**
  Ms. Austin stated there is no FY20 budget update tonight.
  Dr. Gould mentioned that the FY21 budget was supported by the Town at the Town Meeting. We are still waiting for whether or not we are to pay the remaining amount on the bus contract. Ms. Austin stated that there is no legislation yet that we have to pay them. It will be in our best interest to turn back FY20 remaining funds to the Town. We feel comfortable on the budget for FY21 but FY22 will be a tough year.

WARRANTS:
There was a discussion regarding the Student Activity Warrants.
Ms. Ames made a motion to accept the warrants as presented. Second by Mr. Pell.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Pell, Ms. Miller
Abstain: Mr. Fisher
Discussion with Ms. Miller regarding expenses for bus and lunches.
5-0-1 Passes
ACT ON THE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF 6/3/20:
Mr. Fisher made a motion to accept the School Committee Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2020 as presented. Second by Ms. Bader
Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Pell, Ms. Miller
6-0-0 Unanimous

ACT ON THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF 6/3/20:
Mr. Fisher made a motion to accept the Workshop Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2020 as presented. Second by Ms. Bader.
Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Pell, Ms. Miller
6-0-0 Unanimous

PTA/PTSA/SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC/SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:
Ms. Ames mentioned that the SEPAC Meeting is being held tonight with Mr. McNamara. At the next meeting, we could have an update from Danielle on the ESY program.

LIAISON/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Ms. Bader reported that she attended the Cape Cod Collaborative meeting which had a 13 page agenda. The Modern Teacher Membership has been approved with the Cape Cod Collaborative.

OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:
Mr. DiGiacomo mentioned that it was approved for the open school committee seat to be done by appointment from the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee. There is a process to fill the open seat and he will find that out and report back to the committee. Dr. Gould mentioned that she has had two people interested in the seat reach out to her.

PUBLIC FORUM:
Charlie Holden: Such a productive meeting, sending compliments and regards to all. Be well and safe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS:
At the Town Meeting, it was voted to get rid of the Wing School. Dr. Gould mentioned we have until December 2021 to stay in the building.

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Ames moved to adjourn at 8:58pm. Second by Mr. Fisher.
Vote: 6-0-0 Unanimous

Meeting is adjourned and the next school committee meeting will be held on July 8, 2020 at 6:00pm.
Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Lenk

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School Committee Secretary

**DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING**

June 3, 2020 School Committee Business Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2020 School Committee Workshop Meeting Minutes
SEA Resolution Statement
Sandwich School Committee Resolution Statement
Statement in Support of Diversity

Meeting Minutes Approved 7/8/2020
Holly Lenk