

SANDWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Sandwich High School

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Members Present: Mr. Cahill, Mrs. Sundermeyer, Mr. Catalini, Mrs. Linehan, Mrs. Kangas, Mrs. Crossman

Members Absent: Mrs. Killion

Administrators Present: Dr. Canfield, Ms. Austin, Mrs. Booras, Mr. Bridges, Dr. Joseph, Mr. Daniels, Mrs. Lima

At 7:00 PM, Mr. Cahill, Chair, called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC FORUM: (Mrs. Linehan left the table.)

Debra Stanton, resident and 6th grade Wing English teacher, asked the School Committee to honor their commitment by settling the teachers' contract.

Mersh Lubel Kanis, Special Education teacher at Forestdale, asked for nothing less than a fair and equitable contract.

(Mrs. Linehan returned to the table.)

RECOGNITIONS:

Dr. Canfield suggested looking around the High School Library to see the talent exhibited by students. He recognized the leadership and students in the DECA program for their District I Competition results.

Mrs. Crossman recognized the 27 students who presented their Senior projects last week. She said it was simply amazing to see the kids present what they are passionate about. She also spoke about the boys' swim team victory over Nauset this afternoon and the new records set.

PTA/PTSA/SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC/SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:

Linda Saffle, Co-Chair, Special Education PAC, spoke of ongoing and upcoming activities.

ACT ON MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2012:

Mrs. Crossman moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Kangas. *VOTE: In Favor: Mrs. Crossman, Mrs. Kangas, Mrs. Sundermeyer, Mrs. Linehan, Mr. Catalini; Abstained: Mr. Cahill.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Administrator of Pupil Personnel Services and School Nurses-Appointment Approvals:

1. Matthew Bridges, Administrator of Pupil Personnel Services:

Mrs. Crossman moved to accept the continued services of Matthew Bridges as Administrator of Pupil Personnel Services, seconded by Mrs. Kangas. *VOTE: Unanimous*

2. School Nurses, by Assignment:

Mrs. Crossman moved the recommendation of the Superintendent to continue the services of the nine K-12 school nurses, seconded by Mrs. Kangas. *VOTE: Unanimous*

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B. District Web Update-Technology Integration Specialists:

Diana Ganju, Trish Hill and Anne Costa introduced the district website's tools, the new image, and spoke of the time frame. Their goal is to present a professional face, unified framework, and ease of use. It's a very involved process and the timeline is ambitious but appropriate. They hope to have the district and school sites up and running by the end of the school year.

C. Department Chairs:

Dr. Canfield announced the new Department Chairs: Science, Gil Newton; ELA, Martha Martin; Technology and Business, Karen McGrath; Mathematics, David Aycock; Foreign Language, Alison Nelson; Director of Guidance, Nicole Baumgartner. The position of Social Studies/History Department Head remains unfilled at this time.

D. FY13 Budget:

- 1. K-8:** Principals Tom Daniels, Ruth Joseph and Sheila Lima presented their recommended FY13 budget. While each school is unique, they all focus on providing quality education for PK-8 students. 21st century learning expectations were reviewed along with an overview of their staffing goals consisting of maintaining current class size and level of programming, and making appropriate adjustments based on student enrollment. Budget line items for FY13 represent a total decrease, K-8, of \$24,307 from FY12. Discussion included the comparison of the expenses for athletics materials vs. supplies for K-8, not providing the bare essentials, and not having the K-8 principals come back next week with more cuts. Dr. Canfield commented that it is a matter of setting priorities.
- 2. Special Education:** Presentation postponed until next meeting.
- 3. Facilities:** Alan Hall, Director of Facilities, has assessed all facilities, with a total of almost 700,000 square feet. He spoke of the number of employees and ages of buildings. He will focus on centralized purchasing and working on the master plan for the school system. He gave kudos to his staff and the work they do.
- 4. Enrollment and School Choice:** Dr. Canfield referenced NESDEC's enrollment projections. He noted that Sandwich is not unlike many communities in New England and throughout the country. Whether or not the declining trends will continue 10 years is unknown.

Dr. Canfield reviewed budget Options A and B. Option A is a level service budget for his 2020 Vision as presented on January 4th. Option B, which bridges the gap, can be done two different ways: 1) includes revenue and aid to offset the FY13 budget. Total from increasing student extracurricular fees 20 dollars per student amounts to \$4,000; K-8 after school sports program (to become self supporting) amounts to \$60,000; school choice revenue for FY11 and FY12 totals \$268,00, bringing the total to bridge the gap to \$332,000. 2) includes revenue and fees plus reductions in programs and staff. The School Committee's recommended budget has a timeframe of February 1st to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: None given

LIAISON/ADVISORY/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Sundermeyer reported on the recent Wellness committee meeting. At the last Tri-Board Sub Committee meeting it was asked if School Committee agenda packets could be made available to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen prior to the meetings.

Mrs. Crossman reported on the Pool Task Force committee which met this date. They hope to do a presentation to the School Committee on February 15th of the designs for the next phase.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Marketing Sub-Committee Update:** Mr. Catalini reported that a couple of the members will be meeting with him January 19th to finalize the survey. It will be presented to the School Committee on January 31st.

NEW BUSINESS: None

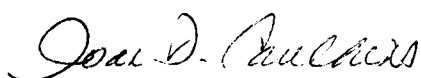
OTHER:

- A. Warrants:** Mrs. Kangas moved to accept all the warrants submitted and signed with the exception of the Community School payroll, seconded by Mrs. Crossman. *VOTE: Unanimous.* Mrs. Kangas moved to accept the Community School payroll warrant as signed, seconded by Mrs. Sundermeyer. *Vote: In Favor: Mr. Cahill, Mrs. Linehan, Mrs. Kangas, Mr. Catalini, Mrs. Sundermeyer; Abstained: Mrs. Crossman.*

PUBLIC FORUM: No one wished to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:08 PM, Mrs. Kangas moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Crossman. *Unanimous Roll Call Vote*

Respectfully submitted,



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DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING

DECA Competitors
Minutes of January 4, 2012
FY13 PK-8 Recommended Budget
Superintendent's Recommended Budget
Enrollment Projections