School Committee Members Present: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Dr. Miller, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Pell, Mr. Sareault
Members Absent: none
Administration Present: Dr. Gould, Ms. Wiklund, Ms. Austin
Others: Charlie Holden, Liaison

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
Mr. DiGiacomo called the meeting to order at 6:00pm he also stated that you may view the meeting by live stream at this time on Sandwich Community TV and that this is being recorded.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) PUBLIC FORUM:
Agenda packets can be found here for review:

Crystal Patsavos/Madison Dr.

4) FY 23 Budget Update:
   One update..adjust all $2,300 in Forestdale. Adjustment in supply line. This doesn’t change the overall percentage.
   Nothing else has changed since the last meeting. We are in good shape.

5) Superintendent’s Update:
   Dr. Gould reviewed the numbers and we are in much better shape than last week. Staff went down. Students are edging better. We are definitely slowing down. Mr. Mason confirmed that we are still at the 300 positive for the town, but the numbers are not moving up. In a week or two we will be in a MUCH better place.
   Mr. Sareault is curious to know what the absentee rate was this time of year last year compared to now. Dr. Gould answered 90% attendance rate. that we are getting a little bit incrementally better.

New Testing Protocols:
   The reality is that we are adjusting to the continuously changing situation. Dr. Gould says that we have to think about post COVID. Dr. Gould believes the masks do work. The test and stay proves that the kids are not getting COVID in the schools. Kids are coming into the school knowing that they are most likely positive just so the nurses can test them because there is a shortage of tests.
   We can stay with symptomatic testing. No more test and stay. No contact tracing any more. We can’t force it on families. Just focusing on the lunches. Mr. Mason agrees that this is the right move along with Ms. Bordelon. We will stick with symptomatic testing. Students will get a test to take home with them. We need to start thinking, “Post Covid”.
different groups. The goal is to have them out by the end of the month.

7) New Business:
   A. Approval of Field Trip: Ski Trip to Waterville Valley, NH in February Vote Required
      Ms. Ames spoke about the trip and contingencies. Ms. Ames says that given the
      pandemic Ms. Ames motions to accept the proposal for the ski trip for NH and for January
      February and March. Motion passes 7-0

8) Old Business:
   A. FY23 Budget Discussion Vote Required
      Dr. Miller complimented the board on how they came in below the 3%.
      Ms. Ames motions to accept the FY23 budget as presented/Seconded by Dr. Miller
      Passes 7-0 There was discussion amongst the board in regards to supporting the budget
      at the Town Meeting.
   B. Superintendent Search assisted by MASC
      Mr. DiGiacomo spoke about the process. Ultimately the 7 of them will vote to hire
      the next Superintendent. One of the things they should finalize would be what the
      Search Committee will look like. Maintain 3 school committee members, 2
      administrators (central, one other building) 2 SEA members, 2 parents (OR and Fdale)
      from the other two buildings that Administrators don’t come from. 1 board of selectmen 1
      parent from C-PAC (Mr. Sareault’s suggestion). There was discussion amongst the board as
      to the commitment that is required to be on the search committee. No vote necessary.
   C. School Committee Members appointed to Search Subcommittee Vote Required
      Mr. DiGiacomo took all the names of the people who were interested. Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms.
      Bader and Mr. Sareault will be on the search committee.
      Ms. Ames motions to accept Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Bader and Mr. Sareault as the search
      committee/Seconded by Mr. Fisher. Dr. Miller is happy with the committee selection.
      passes 7-0
      Ms. Ames thinks it would be helpful if Taylor White or Bud to use the town distribution
      list. Mr. DiGiacomo thinks it would be beneficial for all “stakeholders” to be involved.
      Mr. Sareault thinks there should be a little more instructions on the survey. “Narrow down
      the focus”

9) Acknowledgements: None

10) Warrants Vote Required
    Ms. Ames motions to approve warrants as presented/Seconded by Ms. Bader
    passes 6-0-1 Mr. Fisher abstained

11) Act on Minutes dated: January 12, 2022 - Regular Business Meeting Vote Required
    Motioned by Ms. Ames/seconded by Ms. Bader pass 7-0

12) PTA/PTSA/Special Education PAC/School Council/Board of Selectmen Report
    nothing

13) Liaison/Advisory Committee Reports- Mr. Sareault states there will be a safety committee
    meeting next Thursday at 11:00.

14) Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: Dr. Gould wanted to touch on
    Mr. Sareaults question about sick time last week. Sick leave for COVID. Fifty staff