

SANDWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE EMERGENCY MEETING
March 16, 2020
Henry T. Wing School, 33 Water Street, Sandwich, MA 02563

Members Present: Mr. Rausch, Ms. Bader, Mr. Dever, Ms. Dalpe-Healy, Mr. DiGiacomo,
Ms. Ames remotely through a conference phone call.

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: Dr. Gould

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mr. Rausch called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and the Emergency Meeting is not filmed live or recorded.

DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION OF TWO-WEEK SCHOOL CLOSURE:

Dr. Gould began the discussion with addressing the paying of employees in the Sandwich School District during the Covid-19 emergency. Some school districts are sending this onto their School Committee for a vote. Is this something we should do or if you prefer, I could look for more information?

Further, she indicated that this would be considered administrative leave per the State and employees, (administration, clerical, teachers, esp's etc) will be working remotely.

Mr. Dever would like to see a statement written that all employees will be paid. Ms. Bader together with Dr. Gould will draft a statement.

Mr. Dever made a motion that All Sandwich Public School employees will be paid during the period (March 16 - April 3, 2020) until otherwise directed. Second by Ms. Dalpe-Healy.

Discussion: Ms. Ames questioned who is being paid and what work will be performed remotely? Dr. Gould further explained that those who work regular hours will be paid.

Vote: Aye: Mr. Rausch, Ms. Bader, Ms. Dalpe-Healy, Mr. Dever, Mr. DiGiacomo,

Ms. Ames. 6-0-0 Passes

- Mr. Rausch stated that we are going to take care of our employees.
- Ms. Ames questioned the services for special education students during this period. This was covered in the morning video conference that was held today with the staff, principals and Mr. McNamara, Director of Pupil Services stated Dr. Gould. There is a plan in place for the students, however some special education services OT/PT etc. will not be able to be received as Dr. Gould will not place the staff at risk by going to the student. There is no right solution to this situation.
- The question of MCAS was discussed and Dr. Gould does not have a definite answer yet but will update the school committee with anything further.
- Mr. Rausch asked if cancelling April vacation or moving it up a week would make sense? Dr. Gould was unsure about this but could always send out a survey to staff asking who is going away during April vacation?
- Ms. Bader expressed concerns for the anxiety associated with students, parents, teachers during the time school is closed. She also commented on the packets that have been sent home to the integrated pre-k students, what a great job the teachers put into this for their students.
- Dr. Gould will share with the school committee any legislative information as she receives it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Ames moved to adjourn at 6:50pm. Seconded by Mr. DiGiacomo.

Vote: 6-0-0 Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Lenk
School Committee Secretary

DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING: None

Meeting Minutes Approved by School Committee on 3/25/2020

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