Members Present: Mr. Rausch, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Dever, Ms. Dalpe-Healy
Mr. DiGiacomo

Members Absent:
Administrators Present: Dr. Gould, Ms. Wiklund, Ms. Austin, Mr. McNamara

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
Mr. Rausch called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and stated we are meeting through a conference call/google hangouts and this meeting is being recorded. You may view the meeting by live stream at this time on Sandwich Community TV.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM:
Ms. Ames read aloud a letter extending a thank you to Mr. Rausch and Mr. Dever for their years of service as part of the school committee and all they have accomplished. This letter was from Beth Cummings, a former school committee member and part of the Sandwich community. Ms. Dalpe-Healy echoed the comments made by Ms. Cummings. Dr. Gould mentioned that Mr. Rausch and Mr. Dever have been here from the beginning for me. We do not always agree but they have been very supportive and I wish you both the best of luck in your endeavors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:
Dr. Gould mentioned that she had a call with the Commissioner on Monday and there is not much new to report. We are waiting on guidance on grading and trying to figure out the Special Education summer school. She has a meeting tomorrow with the Town on figuring out Graduation. Teacher Appreciation is this week and she will be sending out videos to the district showing appreciation for the staff. She has received 450 pictures from parents of their children to share in the videos. A shout out to all the teachers and staff for all they do.

Ms. Ames asked about the number of students heading to Sturgis? Dr. Gould mentioned that we lose about 80 in the freshman class but for the next school year it may be only half of this.
Mr. Dever asked about the folks that have been concerned with students on the school fields?
Dr. Gould explained that this was addressed in the message she has sent out to parents.
Ms. Dalpe-Healy also expressed that the athletics staff has been asking students not to congregate on the fields.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:
Ms. Ames mentioned that teachers have done some drive-by visits for students. This is great but please keep this safe.
Ms. Bader gave a shout out to teachers who have young children at home, I have no idea how they are doing everything. Thank you!
Mr. DiGiacomo extended a thank you to Mr. Rausch and Mr. Dever for all your time and efforts during your years on the school committee.
Mr. Dever extended a thank you to the former School Committee Secretaries (Ms. Caulkins and Ms. McIssac) and to the current secretary, Ms. Lenk for all they do to make it all work for us. Mr. Rausch gave a shout out to the SHS Boosters and Butler Sporting for the T-Shirts done for the SHS seniors. A great thing to do for them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Special Education Presentation - Bernard McNamara:**
  
  Mr. McNamara gave an overview on where we are in Special Education and what the coming back from the closure may look like.
  
  - Not much has changed with the number of students we have since he began his role in Sandwich.
  - We have the transition program for students who will be graduating.
  - We are working on increasing our medicaid reimbursement.
  - Covid-19: Phase #1 will be resources for students and Phase #2 will be direct services for students.

I am very proud of the staff for being ready to move along with this and accept the changes in how these services are being handled. IEP meetings are being held remotely and going well. Everyone has been very patient.

DESE has no waiver for evaluation timelines, they will stay like they are. We are in the process of doing this work case by case.

A remote learning plan has been created for students on IEPs and was submitted to all parents with DESE guidance.

Extended School Year (ESY) is a huge question right now. There is no great guidance on this but the indication is we should be ready to hold face to face ESY, which is 6 weeks of service over the summer. This provides social and academic skills. Field trips have also been part of the summer but places are shutting down, therefore it is hard to find social avenues.

The next steps will be to continue as we are doing, prepare progress reports, re-send progress reports once back in the buildings with modifications if necessary. This week we have sent out some IEP’s digitally.

Co-Teaching and inclusion at the Oak Ridge School, we are doing work to see what this will look like.

Additional services are to be determined when we come back such as compensatory services and this will be handled case by case.

Ms. Ames spoke on many questions that had been directed to her from parents on concerns for their child’s special education services. She indicated that the Special Education leadership could have been stronger and parents could have heard from Mr. McNamara sooner. Some of the topics of concern addressed at the meeting:

- ESY (Extended School Year): Ms. Ames mentioned we should have a plan and don’t wait for DESE.
- The ESP’s roles and what they are trained to provide to students.
- Direct Services for students - lots of frustrations going on.
• ABA services - home services not being done. These services will be done virtually to honor the contract but we will not send these professionals into someone’s home during this time.
• Sending out a survey to parents to see where there may be a breakdown in communication has been suggested.
• A remote learning plan for the special education student has already gone out to the parents from Mr. McNamara.
• In order for Mr. McNamara to follow up on the parent concerns sent to Ms. Ames, he would like to hear what they had to say so that he may address all the issues. Ms. Ames will forward the concerns to him. Any further concerns may be directed to Mr. McNamara through email.

OLD BUSINESS:
• Budget Update:
  Ms. Austin indicated that there is nothing new to report on the FY20 budget tonight. However, we will have some savings areas of the FY20 budget such as, transportation, athletics, substitutes etc. We have a meeting with the Town next week to go over the savings.
  Dr. Gould mentioned that the State is working with the DOE on the CARES Act(application process) which is for Covid-19 purchases. It is possible we could receive 80% of the Title I money we receive but we will know more soon as to the actual amount.
  Ms. Ames mentioned that other districts are furloughing staff, are we there yet? Dr. Gould mentioned no not yet until we have more guidance. It is FY22 where we will have to have a bigger discussion on the budget.

WARRANTS: None

ACT ON THE MINUTES OF 4/29/20:
Ms. Ames made a motion to accept the School Committee Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2020 as presented. Second by Mr. Dever.
Vote: Aye: Mr. Rausch, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Dever, Ms. Dalpe-Healy, Mr. DiGiacomo
6-0-0 Unanimous

PTA/PTSA/SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC/SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:
Mr. Dever mentioned the next meeting at the Cape Cod Collaborative and who will attend from the school committee? Mr. Rausch indicated that Mr. Dever may still attend and then report back to us.

LIAISON/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR: None

PUBLIC FORUM: None
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS:
Ms. Ames expressed that it has been great working with Mr. Rausch and Mr. Dever. We will miss you.
Ms. Bader and Ms. Dalpe-Healy extended a thank you to Mr. Rausch and Mr. Dever for all they have done while on the School Committee.
Mr. Dever gave a thank you to everyone from Dr. Canfield to Dr. Gould, I have learned so much during my time on the school committee. Everything is in good hands. Students are impressive, PTA is outstanding, teachers are a great group of people and to the public safety people, thank you for all you do. It is great to see everyone pull together for our schools. Thank you to Mr. Rausch for being an outstanding Chair to work with.

Mr. Rausch mentioned that Mr. Dever and I came into this together and echoed everyone mentioned by Mr. Dever. I know what Blue Knight Pride is and thank you to all. For the new school committee members, the students come first, policy not personal prejudices.

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Ames moved to adjourn at 8:15pm. Second by Mr. Dever.
Vote: 6-0-0 Unanimous

Meeting is adjourned and the next school committee meeting will be held on May 20, 2020

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Lenk

Holly Lenk
School Committee Secretary

DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING
April 29, 2020 School Committee Minutes

Meeting Minutes Approved by School Committee on May 20, 2020

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