Members Present: Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Miller, Mr. Pell,
Mr. Fisher
Members Absent:
Administrators Present: Dr. Gould, Ms. Wiklund, Ms. Austin

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
Dr. Gould 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

REORGANIZATION:
Dr. Gould welcomed the new school committee members, Susan Miller, Michael Pell and
Burton Fisher. This is the one meeting of the year that I have the pleasure of opening up and
asking for nominations for Chair of the School Committee.
Ms. Bader made a nomination of Mr. DiGiacomo as School Committee Chair.
Second by Ms. Miller.
Dr. Gould asked if there are any further nominations for Chair. Seeing none, then a roll
call vote is required.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Ms. Miller, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Pell,
Mr. DiGiacomo
6-0-0 Passes

The new Chair of the School Committee is Mr. DiGiacomo and the meeting is now turned over
to him.

Mr. DiGiacomo asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the School Committee.
Ms. Bader made a nomination for Ms. Ames as Vice Chair.
Second by Mr. Fisher.
Mr. DiGiacomo asked for any further Vice Chair nominations. Seeing none, then a roll call
vote is required.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Ms. Bader, Ms. Ames, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Pell, Ms. Miller,
Mr. DiGiacomo
6-0-0 Passes

The Vice Chair of the School Committee is Ms. Ames.

Nominations for the Secretary position were asked for by Mr. DiGiacomo.
Ms. Ames nominated Ms. Bader as Secretary.
Seconded by Mr. DiGiacomo.
No further nominations were presented.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Ms. Ames, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Pell, Ms. Miller, Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Bader.
6-0-0 Passes

Ms. Bader has been voted Secretary.

**SANDWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE HANDBOOK AND OPERATING PROTOCOLS:**
Mr. DiGiacomo mentioned that the handbook and protocols have been provided to the members in the agenda packet to look over and become familiar with.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**
Dr. Gould gave an update on Covid-19 where the lunches we have been serving daily have been increasing. She extended a thank you to the Abbey Group, Mr. Carney, all the volunteers and Mr. Dowick for all their hard work.

The custodians are in their 2nd week of working in full force and have been starting/doing lots of summer work in the schools. They have the necessary equipment and temperatures are being taken.

Discussions began today in regards to re-entry for the Central Office. Tomorrow we have a town meeting to discuss this as well. The concern of course, is making sure we have all the PPE necessary. The Administration building would be closed to the public but staff could be back to work.

The Sandwich High School seniors are out on Friday and we are planning the logistics for Graduation on June 29th. The classes end on June 16th which is the close of the school year.

School committee members are all welcome to graduation. Ms. Bader suggested that perhaps just the School Committee Chair and the Superintendent attend graduation and not all members to limit the number of people attending.

Ms. Ames asked about the day on the school calendar for Kindergarten Screening, this will not be taking place. Is this now a day for them to go to school, parents are asking? Dr. Gould will look into this and reach out to Mr. Dintino.

Mr. DiGiacomo asked if there was any news on having Prom in the summer? Dr. Gould explained that she will be thinking about this but she is working on the senior awards, senior banquet and prom unfortunately will be last but she will find out and talk about this at the next meeting.

Dr. Gould mentioned that we are still waiting to hear about the summer classes and to get some answers from the State. We will work on deciding on the programming due to the timing right now. Ms. Ames was thankful to hear we are not waiting for the DESE direction, we need to do
what is best for our kids and have a virtual plan in place. Parents are thankful for this and perhaps Mr. McNamara could meet with parents before he rolls out the plan.

For next year we would like to send out a survey on the new normal to parents, asking if they plan on sending their child back to school. We are not sure if masks will be mandated to wear but we would like to gather input from staff and parents. Parents are frustrated and we are trying to find a middle spot for them.

We have a meeting with the Town on June 15th on the budget.

Dr. Gould revisited School Choice from the last meeting, where the question was raised about eliminating School Choice. She gave an overview of the School Choice numbers by grade level as well as the funds brought in and sent out for the students. Dr. Gould mentioned that she does not think School Choice should be eliminated but not taking in any new students is a possibility. Perhaps a Workshop on this would be a good idea to go over everything.

The numbers are lower for FY21 for 9th grade students going to Stugis, this helps us financially. Ms. Bader expressed that this is a big victory for us.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:
Ms. Ames mentioned that she voted yesterday and she extended a thank you to Taylor White for a great job done on preparing the buildings to be safe for everyone voting. The workers and all involved in the Town did a great job.

Mr. DiGiacomo welcomed the three new school committee members and thank you for joining. He also gave a shout out to the teachers and their dedication for all they have put into it during these crazy times.

Ms. Bader expressed a thank you to Dr. Gould for the Teacher Appreciation videos sent out. Dr. Gould said this was a team effort on the video’s and sent a thank you to Ms. Wiklund and Mr. Riley and staff for everything they did.

Ms. Bader mentioned that at the last meeting tough questions were asked by Ms. Ames to Mr. McNamara. These are stressful times and Mr. McNamara is answering and addressing the concerns. They are both doing their jobs with care and compassion.

NEW BUSINESS:
- **July 1, 2020 and beyond - What will the Governor’s Guidelines look like?**
  Dr. Gould mentioned that she has nothing more to report yet on this but will report back to you once she learns more.

OLD BUSINESS:
- **Budget Update:**
  Ms. Austin indicated that there is nothing new to report on the FY20 budget tonight.
Dr. Gould mentioned we will see where we are with the FY20 budget once the school year ends.

WARRANTS:
Ms. Ames made a motion to accept the warrants as presented. Second by Ms. Bader.
Discussion: Ms. Ames extended a thank you to Ms. Austin for answering her questions on the warrants. We are not seeing the backup currently, just the tally sheets.
Mr. Fisher asked what the warrants were? Mr. DiGiacomo explained the process now which is a digital copy of the warrant report emailed to the school committee for approval by the members. Under normal circumstances the backup would be available for us to view.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. DiGiacomo, (Mr. Dever, Mr. Rausch)
Abstain: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Pell, Ms. Ames
Discussion: Ms. Ames mentioned that this vote will fail, however Ms. Lenk sent out the warrants electronically earlier in the week to the school committee for approvals and Mr. Dever and Mr. Rausch approved the warrants. Therefore, we may count their votes as they were still officially on the committee for these warrants.
Vote: Passes

ACT ON THE MINUTES OF 5/6/20:
Mr. Fisher made a motion to accept the School Committee Meeting Minutes of May 6, 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:

LIAISON/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Ms. Ames mentioned that a contract proposal has been given to the custodians to review and we may need an executive session moving forward. The secretaries have settled and are waiting on the MOA, ESP’s we are still working on and Assistant Principals we will be looking at soon.

Ms. Ames mentioned the CPAC meeting last night that was over 2 hours long. This was a great meeting with so much information for parents.

Dr. Gould mentioned to the new school committee members that information on “Charting the Course” will come out to you soon. We are not sure if this will be an online course but we will keep you posted. Ms. Ames gave a quick overview of what the course goes into for new members.

Ms. Miller asked about the AP Exams where there were some issues that happened. Dr. Gould mentioned that this was a nationwide issue and they are fixing the problem. She will need to check with Ms. Lucas in Guidance to see if she has more information and whether or not the exams will have to be taken again.
OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR: None

PUBLIC FORUM: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS:
Mr. DiGiacomo stated that he appreciated the nomination and vote for being the Chair and is looking forward to this.

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Ames moved to adjourn at 8:35pm. Second by Mr. Fisher.
Vote: 6-0-0 Unanimous

Meeting is adjourned and the next school committee meeting will be held on June 3, 2020

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Lenk

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School Committee Secretary

DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING
May 6, 2020 School Committee Minutes
Sandwich School Committee Handbook
Operating Protocols

Meeting Minutes Approved by School Committee on June 3, 2020

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