SANDWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
January 8, 2020
SANDWICH TOWN HALL

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

Members Absent:
Administrators Present: Dr. Gould, Ms. Austin, Ms. Wiklund, Mr. McNamara, Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Nelson, Ms. Hill, Mr. Dintino, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Harper

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
Mr. Rausch called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and stated that the meeting is being filmed live
on Sandwich Community TV and video taped.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM: None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:
Mr. Burgess reported on many events for December and January:
Forestdale: 200 toys were collected for Toys for Tots, many holiday activities took place for all
grades, block party, Sandwich Soul and band performances, Red Hawk presentation.
Oak Ridge: Sandwich Soul and band performances, chorus concert, 5th grade class went to
Commonwealth Museum in Boston.
STEM/SHS: STEM basketball sweep against Nauset, the winter teams are doing great, history
mock senate trial, Deca won the stock market challenge, exploration day for STEM, STEM
dance, art show, geography bee.
Mr. Burgess mentioned that the students have had positive remarks on the scheduling. He had
done a little poll with the students on this topic. The knight time and 1 hour release on
Wednesdays has been well received, however a few comments were made: The homework has
been a little challenging with 4 classes moving to 7 classes. The passing time with the new
schedule has some issues with being very close. The early release is challenging for athletes. The
knight time for the future could be a little longer. Feedback to consider when going into the next
school year.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:
Dr. Gould mentioned the results of the calendar survey: 75/25 for parents in support with 60/40
for staff with some good feedback. Dr. Gould feels very comfortable with these results and has
reviewed the calendar with Ms. Ames and met with the SEA representative as well. We will
have the school calendar on the school committee agenda in two weeks for review.
We are returning from a holiday break of 2 weeks which was fantastic. She has received great
feedback from parents/staff on the two week break. Thank you to the school committee for
approving this.
NEW BUSINESS:

- **FY21 Budget Presentation - Dr. Pamela Gould:**
  Dr. Gould gave an overview of where we are at with the FY21 budget and the cost center managers gave a brief talk on their budgets.
  A brief overview on what’s been happening in FY20: STEM/SHS new schedule, Mental Health Grant received, data/differentiation work continuing, new business classes at SHS, parking lot and solar project, contract negotiations to begin with 3 units.
  The K-12 student enrollment numbers are beginning to stabilize when we look at the historical trends and we feel good about this.
  The FY21 proposed budget with the 2% salary increase, bus contract increase and streamlined expenses was discussed. We have no other place to cut in expenses other than from salaries. That would be about 7-9 positions which is the reality we are at now. The cost center managers: Mr. Murphy, Athletics, Mr. Mulcahy, SHS, Mr. Nelson, Facilities, Mr. Harper, Technology, Mr. McNamara, Special Education, Ms. Hill, Oak Ridge, Mr. Dintino, Forestdale, Ms. Wiklund, Curriculum, Ms. Austin, Central/Wing spoke briefly on their budgets. We have made minimal changes in our expense lines, a few examples: the normal increase for our licenses that do increase each fiscal year, we need to absorb this to keep us functioning. Included is what we need for courses/programs within the schools (textbooks/materials). Training/professional development in support of our teachers/staff. Slight increase in contracted services for maintenance to buildings, this is a challenge with our aging buildings. In process of bid results for bus contract with new company which is a savings to us.
  Mr. Dever brought up the question of freshman sports and are we able to sustain freshman sports? Mr. Murphy indicated that yes we are but finding competition is difficult.
  Ms. Ames sent out earlier in the week, questions to the cost center managers on their budget lines, which were answered by each of them. A discussion of these took place with each cost center except for Ms. Wiklund, however Ms. Ames will be sending some questions to her.
  Dr. Gould asked the school committee members to please send any further questions to her and the cost center managers. We will continue our FY21 Proposed Budget discussion at next week’s meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

WARRANTS:
Ms. Ames made a motion to accept the warrants presented. Seconded by Mr. DiGiacomo
Vote: Aye: Mr. Rausch, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Dever, Ms. Dalpe-Healy, Mr. DiGiacomo
6-0-0 Unanimous
ACT ON THE MINUTES:
Ms. Ames made a motion to accept the School Committee Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Ms. Bader.
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:

LIAISON/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Mr. Dever mentioned that he attend the Cape Cod Collaborative meeting tonight and they have signed a program MOU with Bridgewater State for anyone with a bachelor's degree with special education will be able to save with incredible discounts, keep an eye out on this. Also, like everyone else, we are waiting to hear what is going to happen with the Wing School.

OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR: None

PUBLIC FORUM: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS:

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Ames moved to adjourn at 9:30pm. Seconded by Mr. Dever.
Vote: 6-0-0 Unanimous

Meeting is adjourned and the next school committee meeting will be held on January 15, 2020

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Lenk
School Committee Secretary

DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING
FY21 Proposed Budget PowerPoint
December 18, 2019 SC Meeting Minutes