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 SPOTLIGHT:
- **Project Lead the Way STEM/SHS:**
  Students and teachers Ms. Lavelle and Ms. Simmons presented PLTW for 7th & 8th grades at the STEM Academy. This is an incredible program where students work on activities & projects anywhere from engineering, robotics, biomedical science and computer programming & integration of hardware and software. Students work with industries, build & design projects, work in teams to build designs and show projects to various sites such as Boston’s Children’s Hospital. Terrific opportunities for kids. The school committee members commented on how impressed they were with this program and what the students have achieved.

- **Civics - STEM/SHS:**
  Mr. Welch and Mr. Duffany spoke on the civics curriculum along with student Jacob Swenson. Mr. Welch mentioned that the junior class is completing History II and we have many extra curricular activities to participate in such as an action team, debate club, model UN club etc. Mr. Swenson explained that we held a student government day with a candidate forum and mock election. This was a successful event with great media coverage. The next civics project would be the state senate and what they do. Mr. Duffany spoke on the 8th grade civics curriculum: foundations of our democracy, political influences, local government, etc. and a new program generation citizen, which empowers students to be active in the political process. The school committee commented on how amazing it is to see how civics has grown over the years. Great job by all involved, very impressive.
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:
Mr. Burgess presented what is happening at the Sandwich Public Schools: Forestdale: Kindergarten tours, Ms. Crosby has begun a weekly health & wellness session, the first graders were visited by 10 dogs from companion animals of cape cod, 20 first graders completed their 20 week reading recovery program. Oak Ridge: Cape Cod Community Orchestra performed, 5th grade hosted wet fest (learned water facts), 6th grade held all school community meetings, 6th grade student council put together a sock drive, Plymouth Plantation field trip. SHS/STEM: Pep rally, winter sports ended, swim/dive team won, canal cup win for hockey, SHS candidate forum & mock election, Sandwich Soul performed at coffee house, STEM hosted school dance, spring sports sign-up, MCAS, clothing drive.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:
Dr. Gould gave an update on the Coronavirus. She has sent an email to all the staff & parents, giving them accurate information. She is part of the Command Team formed with town officials, fire department, etc. where they receive real time information and then relay it out. Mr. Rausch asked about remote learning for students? Dr. Gould says we can do this for grades 3-12, however there are a few problems, making sure families have internet and students with disabilities, they will be less able to do certain things from home. Supplementing is also a possibility. Still many questions to get answers for. Ms. Ames mentioned to please keep your child home if sick and also asked about trips for the schools that have been cancelled and the reimbursement on these? Still working this through with the companies and we have been given some options explained by Dr. Gould. Ms. Bader asked if Dr. Gould could explain what is happening with cleaning the schools? We are doing more detail cleaning and more often explained by Dr. Gould. Mr. Rausch asked about graduation? Dr. Gould expressed that this is a ways away and holding it outside is helpful. Ms. Ames asked about the prom & stem dance, if these would still be held. For right now yes but we will keep accessing the situation replied Dr. Gould. If we close the district will the employees be paid? At this time I do not have the answers for this question expressed by Dr. Gould. Mr. Dever stated that right now we really have no answers to all these questions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:
Mr. Dever mentioned the following: Shout out to the winter sports team, wrestling team has had great success, hats off to Sandwich Soul and there great performance, hats off to the PTA for all they do for the students.
DONATIONS:
- **Cape Cod Five Donation to Christine Skirvan, Oak Ridge:**
  Ms. Austin presented the Cape Cod Five donation of $377 to Christine Skirvan of the Oak Ridge School.
- **Cape Cod Five Donation to Teri Palombo/Carly Smith, Oak Ridge:**
  Ms. Austin presented the Cape Cod Five donation of $430 to Teri Palombo & Carly Smith of the Oak Ridge Schools.
  **Ms. Ames made a motion to accept both donations as presented with great appreciation. Second by Ms. Bader.**
  **Vote:** Aye: Mr. Rausch, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Dever, Ms. Dalpe-Healy, Mr. DiGiacomo.
  **6-0-0 unanimous**

NEW BUSINESS:
- **Student Opportunities Act:**
  Dr. Gould explained the short form that will need to be completed with the information on what we are using the funds on. We will receive $79,000. This has to be submitted by April 1st. Information was presented to the school committee to look over, ask questions or give comments and we will bring back to the agenda on March 25th for a vote.
- **Job Description - Reading Specialist - 1st Reading:**
  Dr. Gould presented a new job description for a Reading Specialist which is a new position but we are not adding a position. We are taking two positions, one resignation and one retirement and putting it into this one new position.
  Mr. Dever made a motion to waive the 2nd reading and approve the job description for the Reading Specialist. **Second by Ms. Bader.**
  **Discussion:** Ms. Ames felt the SEA should look at this first before approving.
  Mr. Dever stated that he will now withdraw his motion. The job description will now move to the next meeting on March 25th.

OLD BUSINESS:
- **FY20 Budget Update:**
  Ms. Austin presented the January budget report for FY20 and stated that we are doing good. However, we are having a lot of expenses coming in with Special Education and supplies needed for the Coronavirus. Next month we will have budget transfers to deal with these issues.
- **FY21 3.75% Budget:**
  Dr. Gould explained that the School Committee voted on a 3.8% FY21 Budget and the Board of Selectmen voted last week on a 3.75% FY21 budget for the school department. The 3.75% originally came from the Town Manager, Mr. Dunham. Therefore, we will need to take another vote for the 3.75% budget tonight.
  Ms. Ames asked to reconsider and go for a lower budget of 3.25%. I feel we have areas we can cut and we should start this now. Next year we will be in the same position.
  **Ms. Ames made a motion to approve a 3.25% FY21 Budget.**
  **Second by Mr. Rausch.**
Discussion: Ms. Ames stated she is terrified for next year, so cutting now is not so bad. Ms. Bader stated that we have spent so much time on the FY21 budget and we thought it was concluded. We need to rally around our decision as a community. Mr. Dever commented that we should ask for more, we always have to fight for higher and services are cut every year. Go for high not low. Dr. Gould further explained that this is a balanced budget with the Town for the 3.75%. We have cut positions already but I can live with the 3.75% even with having to make cuts. It will be the workload that impacts people. Ms. Bader respectfully asked Ms. Ames to withdraw her motion. Ms. Ames stated that this is our fiscal responsibility and I firmly believe we can cut positions.

Vote: Aye: Ms. Ames, Mr. Rausch Nay: Ms. Bader, Mr. Dever, Ms. Dalpe-Healy, Mr. DiGiacomo
2-4-0 Motion Fails

Mr. DiGiacomo made a motion to approve the 3.75% FY21 Budget.
Second by Ms. Bader

Discussion: Mr. DiGiacomo stated that most everyone is in support of the 3.75% Budget town wide. Mr. Dever, we did know of the 3.75% budget prior to this which was confirmed by Dr. Gould. Mr. Rausch would like to see a leaner budget and more cuts.

Vote: Aye: Mr. Rausch, Ms. Bader, Mr. Dever, Ms. Dalpe-Healy, Mr. DiGiacomo
Nay: Ms. Ames
5-1-0 Motion Passes

WARRANTS:
Mr. Dever made a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Second 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 February 12, 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:
PTA will be holding a Trivia Night.

liaison/Advisory Committee Reports:
Other Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None
Mr. Dever attended the Cape Cod Collaborative meeting tonight and there is a high turnover on their committee. Therefore we should be looking for someone to take over next year so they could have some consistency.
PUBLIC FORUM: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS:
Mr. DiGiacomo wished good luck to all spring sports athletes.

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Ames moved to adjourn at 9:20pm. Second by Mr. Dever..
Vote: 6-0-0 Unanimous

Meeting is adjourned and the next school committee meeting will be held on March 25, 2020

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Lenk
School Committee Secretary

DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING
- PLTW Powerpoint
- Civics Powerpoint
- Cape Cod Five Donation Forms
- Student Opportunities Act handouts
- Reading Specialist Job Description
- January 2020 Budget Report
- February 12, 2020 SC Meeting Minutes

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