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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:  
Mr. DiGiacomo called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and stated that this meeting is being held through a conference call/google hangouts and is being recorded. You may view the meeting by live stream at this time on Sandwich Community TV.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM: None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:  
- Dr. Gould reported that the Extended School Year (ESY) has begun and started on Monday. Some remote and some face to face learning has been going well. We are learning lessons now from ESY that we will use in the fall.
- She reported on the Re-Entry Task Force that has been meeting for 4 weeks now, with group and sub-group sessions. As we move forward we will break out in building specific sub groups.
  We are continuing to receive some guidance from the DESE but still are waiting for further information to come to us.
  Dr. Gould has started video communication with parents/staff where she will share the information she has to date.
  We are still waiting on transportation guidance and we should have something shortly.
  We would like to create a document or site on the school website that will have specific information for parents/staff.
  Ms. Ames understands that this is such an overwhelming task to wait for information, however, she asked when the 3 plans that the DESE will be requiring will come to the school committee to look over and approve? Dr. Gould will have these to the school committee as soon as she can. Still waiting on guidance from the DESE.
  There was further discussion on the plans and when information may be received from the DESE. The committee commented that we need to get going on these plans or it may delay the start of the school year. Dr. Gould mentioned that she is working on a draft with the other Superintendent’s on the Cape and she could share a draft of what is being worked on with the school committee. She also suggested that a workshop next week may be a good idea to discuss the plans.
  The committee extended a thank you to Dr. Gould and we appreciate all your hard work.
• Dr. Gould reported on the Graduation where she applauded the students and parents, they were all so appreciative after the ceremony. Everything went well and the speeches were fantastic. A thank you to everyone who made it happen.

• A new school website is up and running mentioned by Dr. Gould and this is ½ the cost of the previous website. I like the quick, easy and different way it looks.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

• Ms. Ames extended a thank you to Dr. Gould for the moment of silence at the Graduation for former Superintendent Peter Cannone.

• A thank you to Ms. Ferrick and Ms. Mantenfel for their years of service was expressed by Ms. Ames. She also thanked the ESY staff and how excited the students and teachers were to see each other. Great feeling of joy.

• Mr. DiGiacomo also commented on the Graduation and that he agrees with other members that this is the favorite part of being on the committee. It was a fantastic day and the students/families deserved this. Kudos to everyone.

• Ms. Bader extended a thank you to Sandwich Community TV for the video of Graduation so everyone will have a chance to watch it.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Sandwich Montessori Elementary School Approval - 1st Reading:
  Ms. Jeanine Cambra from the Sandwich Montessori School presented a brief overview of the Elementary School they are asking for permission to open in Sandwich. We are an Early Childhood program and we would like to open an Elementary School. This would be a micro-school which will remain small with less than 30 multi age students. We provide a diverse curriculum with a nature focus. She provided the school committee with a packet of curriculum data and the employee handbook to review. We are approved for the preschool space but we would need the approval of the School Committee for the Elementary School, which has been inspected and is ready to go.

  Ms. Ames made a motion to waive the 2nd reading and approve the Sandwich Montessori School to begin their process. Second by Mr. Fisher.
  Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Pell, Dr. Miller,
  Mr. Fisher
  6-0-0 Passes

• Cape Cod Collaborative Lease:
  Dr. Gould gave some background information on the lease. The Board of Selectmen signed the Wing School over to the Sandwich Public Schools and then the Cape Cod Collaborative will pay rent for their space to us.
  Now they will negotiate with an outside company to purchase the building and we are able to stay in the building until December 2021 and agree to extend the Cape Cod Collaborative lease until July 31, 2020. The town and their attorney have provided steps to be taken.
A discussion on the financial liability and who is responsible for this took place and the committee felt we need further guidance to clarify this concern. We will vote on the extension of the Cape Cod Collaborative Lease to July 31, 2020 now and then move onto the Transfer of the Wing School to the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Ames made a motion that we vote to ratify and confirm the extension of the current Lease between the Town of Sandwich School Committee and the Cape Cod Collaborative for a portion of the premises of the Wing School Property located at 33 Water Street terminating as of June 30, 2020, with said extension being in effect until July 31, 2020 under the same terms and conditions; and to authorize the School Committee to take such action as may be necessary to effect the purpose of this vote.
Second by Dr. Miller
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Pell, Dr. Miller, Mr. Fisher
6-0-0 Passes

- **Wing School Care, Custody and Control to Board of Selectmen:**
  Questions and discussion among the school committee members took place in regards to who is responsible for the financial responsibilities of the Wing School. Budget funds for FY21 have been appropriated for the Wing School expenses, what happens when expenses go over these appropriated funds, who pays? Perhaps there should be a clarifying footnote on the final document.
  Dr. Gould has reached out to the Town to see if someone is available to join in on the meeting to answer the questions.
  Mr. Fisher made a motion to postpone this topic until later in the meeting to be able to find out some answers from the Town.
Second by Ms. Bader.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Pell, Dr. Miller, Mr. Fisher
6-0-0 Passes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **School Committee Resolution: Covid-19 State Funding:**
  Mr. DiGiacomo mentioned that he used the template that was provided by the MASC and did not adjust any wording, just put in names. He then read the statement aloud.
  Ms. Ames made a motion to accept the resolution and send it to the interested parties. Second by Mr. Fisher.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Pell, Dr. Miller, Mr. Fisher
6-0-0 Passes
**School Committee Statement Supporting Diversity**

Mr. DiGiacomo stated that we have been working on a diversity resolution to promote as a school committee. Tonight we have graduates with us, Clare Mulroy, Jacob Swenson and Daniela Gil Veras, who have been involved with speaking to students and what the resolution is to look at.

We are moving forward with the formed document we have. We will hold a workshop in the future to work on putting this document together.

Ms. Mulroy spoke on some proposals such as: strengthening diversity & inclusion, mandatory training for staff which is critical for teachers, anti-racism books to be implemented, update student handbooks, non-discrimination policy. She has a powerful letter she has composed and sent to the school committee and Dr. Gould which has 460 signatures on it. Ms. Mulroy’s letter will be made available to the community.

Ms. Gil Veras spoke on race & power, diversity in learning, most of this is in the AP courses and not in general ed. More history in civil war times other than slavery and not much talk in the classes on slavery either. More elective style classes to cover these topics of diversity.

Mr. Swenson mentioned there should be freshman seminar classes, opportunity for critical discussion and projects, recognize more of privilege & racism, hiring teachers of color, advisory board or committee consisting of parents, teachers, school committee, council etc., greater transparency.

Ms. Bader thanked the 3 graduates from coming and sharing their experiences. Grateful to you and all you brought to us. Racism exists in our community and when you know better, you do better. We need to foster awareness and justice.

Mr. Fisher praised the outstanding students and it was a fantastic presentation. He asked a question of them. Have any of you experienced racism in Sandwich? There was a yes from Jacob and Daniela.

Ms. Ames wished she had known about the racism and if anyone is treated unfairly, you should go to the Administration and then bring it to the school committee.

A discussion took place on how racism has been out there for years but never made it to the school committee. Follow up has not been there, we need to do better with the students and inform the school committee.

Mr. DiGiacomo extended a thank you to the 3 former students, we heard your concerns, we will work this into a policy and it will take some time. Anyone is welcome to reach out to the school committee members at any time.

Mr. Fisher mentioned that whenever we have normal school again, the school committee members should go into the classrooms.

**Budget Update:**

Ms. Austin mentioned that the May Budget Report she provided to the school committee is pretty much the same as April. We are trying to balance with the Town in the next couple of weeks and it looks like we will turn over to the Town about $400-$500,000.
Wing School Care, Custody and Control to Board of Selectmen (continued):
Dr. Gould mentioned that Mr. Dunham, Town Manager, is joining us to clarify the financial responsibilities. Dr. Miller explained that she would like to have clarity on the financial responsibilities and in the final document could there be a footnote or something that states this? Mr. Dunham explained that the SCG Company who will be awarded the bid for the Wing School, has an option agreement that the Board of Selectmen can’t sign until we transfer the Wing School to them. That is the purpose of this vote tonight. Then at a meeting tomorrow night the Board of Selectmen will sign the Option Agreement. At the next Board of Selectmen meeting in a week or 2, we will sign over management control back to the school.
Then the Cape Cod Collaborative lease ending in 2021 may be completed and the rent payments will continue to go to the school, the appropriated budget will pay the Wing expenses and everything will be the same as it has been, nothing changes.

Mr. Ames made a motion that we hereby vote that a portion of a parcel of land located at 33 Water Street, known as the Wing School shown on Assessor’s Map 3 as Parcel 5, and shown on a plan entitled “Henry T. Wing Residences,” dated March 3, 2020, containing 6.2 ± acres, which the Sandwich School Committee currently holds for school purposes, is no longer need for such purposes, and is hereby declared surplus pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 15A; and further vote to transfer the care, custody and control of said above-described land to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of conveyance of the fee or lesser interest in said property for affordable housing purposes and for purposes of historic preservation purposes, pursuant to the terms of the Option Agreement between the Town of Sandwich and SCG Development Partners, LLC, subject to the provisions of a Lease between the Town and the Cape Cod Collaborative, and provided that the School Committee shall be responsible for the operation, maintenance, and management of said leased property and funding of expenses to carry out these obligations pursuant to the terms of said lease; and to authorize the School Committee to take such action as may be necessary to effect the purpose of this vote.
Second by Mr. Fisher.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Pell, Dr. Miller, Mr. Fisher
6-0-0 Passes

WARRANTS:
Ms. Ames made a motion to accept the warrants as presented. Second by Mr. Fisher.
Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Pell, Dr. Miller
Abstain: Mr. Fisher
5-0-1 Passes

ACT ON THE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF 6/17/20:
Mr. Fisher made a motion to accept the School Committee Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2020 as presented. Second by Dr. Miller
Vote: Aye: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Pell, Dr. Miller
6-0-0 Unanimous
PTA/PTSA/SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC/SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:

LIAISON/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- Ms. Ames mentioned that we will need an executive session for the custodian contract and at the next school committee meeting a vote on this.
- Mr. DiGiacomo mentioned that he is on the Re-Entry Task Force and will convey information to you as it is available.
- Ms. Ames asked if paving was going on at the high school parking lot? Mr. DiGiacomo explained that this is the reconfiguring of the bus loop and re-grading. The paving will not be until next summer.

OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:

PUBLIC FORUM:
Charlie Holden: Far reaching meeting and thank you for your efforts and students also.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS:

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Ames moved to adjourn at 8:30pm. Second by Mr. Fisher.
Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiGiacomo, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Pell, Dr. Miller
6-0-0 Unanimous

Meeting is adjourned and the next school committee meeting will be held on July 22, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Lenk
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School Committee Secretary

DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING
June 17, 2020 School Committee Business Meeting Minutes
Sandwich Montessori School Curriculum Packet and Handbook
Motions for Cape Cod Collaborative Lease and Wing School Transfer to BOS
School Committee Resolution - Covid-19 State Funding
Statement in Support of Diversity
May, 2020 Budget Report

Meeting Minutes approved by School Committee 7/22/2020 Holly Lenk