

Newfound Area School District
RSA 195 Committee Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2013
Newfound Regional High School
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School Board Present: Ruby Hill, Vice Chair, Danbury; Sue Cheney, Alexandria (arr. 6:45); Lloyd Belbin, Bristol; Don Franklin, Hebron; Jeff Levesque, Groton

School Board Absent: Vincent Paul Migliore, Chair, Bridgewater

Select Board Present: George Tuthill, Alexandria; Joe Denning, Bristol (arr. 6:55); James Phelps, Danbury; Christina Goodwin, Groton; Patrick Moriarty, Hebron; Terry Murphy, Bridgewater; Neil Irvine, New Hampton

Staff Present: Philip McCormack, Superintendent; Dan Rossner, Business Administrator

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hill at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag

Mr. McCormack reported on the posting of the meeting in at least three public places with at least 24 hours notice

Minutes from the previous meeting of May 20, 2013 were read and accepted unanimously (with Cheney and Denning not yet present) upon a motion by Neil Irvine and a second to that motion from Jim Phelps.

Mr. Belbin and financial subcommittee members Hill, Irvine, Phelps and Rossner reported on their meeting held at 5:30 p.m. as follows:

A new financial analysis shows that Danbury would realize a savings of approximately \$210,702 per year if they left NASD and formed a K-5 district but remained within the SAU

New information from the State Board of Education presented two options for withdrawal:

- 1) Danbury remains part of the cooperative district for grades 6-12 with a seat on the cooperative school board but would have its own district and board for grades K-5. State adequacy aid would follow the students with 6/13 going to the Danbury district and 7/13 going to the cooperative district.
- 2) Danbury exits the cooperative school district entirely, elects its own school board, and has no representation on the cooperative school board. All adequacy aid would go to the Town of Danbury to be used to offset the costs of the Danbury school building and the tuition paid out to another district for grades 6-12.

Mr. Phelps reported that the Danbury Board of Selectmen had discussed this withdrawal study and agreed that they wanted to support the Danbury Elementary School remaining open and that they would prefer to remain in the Newfound Area School District.

A motion was made by Mr. Irvine as follows: "I move that on the findings of the financial impact study it is feasible but not suitable for Danbury to pursue separation from the Newfound Area School District at this time." Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention (Hill-Danbury.)

A discussion ensued about the report to be made to the State of New Hampshire Department of Education. Mrs. Hill and Mr. Rossner will create that report.

Public input: Linda Wilson of Danbury asked if there was consensus among the committee that the Danbury Elementary School would remain open as is and was told that it would continue as is at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. following a motion by Paul Rheinhardt and second by Lloyd Belbin.