

Newfound Area School District

Hill Sub Committee Meeting

Minutes

SAU Office

December 3, 2014

5:00 PM

Attendance: Ruby Hill, Don Franklin, Ben LaRoche, Stacy Buckley (Superintendent), Michael Limanni (Business Administrator)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by Chairperson Hill with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes from the 8/11/2014 meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Ruby Hill, second by Don Franklin. Motion Passed with Ben LaRoche abstaining.

The calculation of the tuition rate to be proposed to Hill was reviewed. The calculations were based on the formula that the School board had approved to appear in the proposal.

The group remained mindful of the formula that was previously approved by the School board, but worked to identify other expenses and revenues that could be removed from the calculation of the tuition rate.

Prior to the arrival of the Hill School board delegation there was discussion on how to proceed with those discussions, and talking points.

At 6:52 PM the Hill School board delegation arrived. Representing the Hill School board were Chairwoman Shelly Henry, Business Administrator Amanda Bergquist, and Consultant Mike O'Neil.

Ruby Hill presented the proposed tuition rates (\$16,471 for Middle School and \$17,530 for High School), as calculated without the Hill students and based on the current formula. It was added that the subcommittee has identified other costs that may be able to be removed, upon School board approval, that could lower the cost by upwards of \$2,000.

Mrs. Henry responded to the proposed rates by saying that she would anticipate these numbers to be significantly less, as they are not looking to buy into the Cooperative.

Stacy Buckley spoke to the benefits and programs that Newfound Area School District can offer to the Hill students.

The Hill delegation discussed how the other competing districts calculated their tuitions, and provided the subcommittee with the numbers from Winnisquam: \$11.100 for Middle School, and \$9,000 for High School.

After continued discussion on rates, and benefits to the Hill district tuitioning their students into Newfound Area School District, Ruby Hill asked the Hill delegation to allow until Tuesday, December 9, 2014 to provide a proposed tuition rate. This request was granted, and the Hill delegation left the meeting.

The subcommittee continued to meet and discuss how to adjust the formula, to produce a tuition rate that was understandable, a fair representation of the services that Hill students would receive, and to make this recommendation to the School board for approval.

Motion to direct the Superintendent and Business Administrator to develop one or two new models that get the tuition rate to at or about \$13,000 per pupil. Motion by Ruby Hill, second by Don Franklin. Motion Passed

Scheduled the next meeting for 5:00 PM at NRHS (prior to the Board meeting) to discuss any new formulas.

Motion to adjourn by Ben LaRoche, second by Ruby Hill. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben LaRoche