

*Newfound Area School District*  
**Budget Committee**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**January 8, 2015**  
**Newfound Regional High School - Room 106**

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Budget Committee Members Present: Simon Barnett, Danbury  
Harold "Skip" Reilly, Alexandria  
John Jenness, New Hampton  
Sharon Nelson, Groton (arrived 6:11pm)  
Stan Newton, Hebron (arrived 6:35 pm)

Jeff Bird, Bridgewater  
Chris Dolloff, Bristol

Staff Members present: Stacy Buckley, Superintendent; Mike Limanni, Business Administrator

Public Present: None

Meeting Called to order by Simon Barnett at 6:03 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of the December 17, 2014 minutes**

Simon Barnett noted that the votes on motions were showed as "so voted" and requested that they show yes, no, abstained and absent. Ex: 5-2-0-0

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Harold "Skip" Reilly; Seconded by Simon Barnett  
*Vote 5-0-1-1 Motion Passed*

**Preparation for Budget Hearing Presentation (Friday, January 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm)**

Stacy Buckley handed out the Budget Hearing Booklet and a copy of the slide presentation to be used at the hearing.

After reviewing committee members asked for clarification on some of the figures in the documents. Mike Limanni and Stacy Buckley explained what data was used to complete the budget pages. Harold "Skip" Reilly wanted to know why the Default Budget was higher than it should be. Stacy Buckley said any contractual obligations can increase or decrease in the Default Budget; for example New Hampshire Retirement and Health Insurance.

Simon Barnett asked the members how they thought the warrants should be presented. Should each member read a warrant or one person reads all the warrants. Also should all the warrants be read and have public input at the end or ask for public input after reading each warrant. All members agreed to have Chair, Simon Barnett read the warrants and ask for public input after each.

Simon Barnett asked Stacy Buckley to speak about the Hill Agreement. Stacy Buckley shared the School Board will be approving the warrant regarding the Hill Agreement at their January 12, 2015 meeting. Therefore the Hill Agreement wasn't on the warrant in the Budget Hearing Booklet.

John Jenness question placement of the staffing changes slide in the presentation and asked for a clearer explanation of the changes. Stacy Buckley gave the members a "Notes on Staffing slides" document. The document gave more detail to the information on the slide. After reviewing the members felt it would be proactive to have such a document added to the Budget Hearing booklet and to alter the slide a bit for a better flow.

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Simon Barnet suggested they may want to meet one more time before the Deliberative Session.

**Public Input**

None

Harold "Skip" Reilly asked if the district still had a snow plow pick-up truck. Mike Limanni shared that the district does not own a plow truck. Snow plowing is contracted out.

Motion to adjourn made by skip Reilly seconded by Sharon Nelson at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Cross  
Substitute Budget Committee Clerk