

Newfound Area School District
Budget Committee
Draft Minutes
September 16, 2015
Newfound Regional High School - Room 106

Members Present: Harold "Skip" Reilly, Alexandria Christen Dolloff, Bristol
John Jenness, New Hampton Gina Rescigno, Groton
Stan Newton, Hebron (arrived 6:41 pm)
Jeff Levesque, School Board Representative

Members Absent: Ruby Hill, Danbury Jeff Bird, Bridgewater

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

Public Present: None

Meeting Called to order by Stacy Buckley at 6:38 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Nomination/Election of Chair

Superintendent Buckley opened the floor to nominations for Chair of the committee. Skip Reilly made a motion that the committee put off electing the Chair and Vice Chair positions until the next meeting so that all members will be present. Seconded by Jeff Levesque. 5-0-0, motion passed.

Approval of minutes from January 21, 2015

Christen Dolloff asked to have attendance corrected and her name moved from absent to present on the minutes. Sharon Nelson was also corrected to present. Christen Dolloff made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Stan Newton. 6-0-0, motion passed.

Budget Training Needs

Superintendent Buckley moved the discussion to training needs for new committee members. After some discussion, Christen Dolloff and John Jenness agreed that a "refresher" course would be beneficial to seasoned committee members as well as new members.

Set Budget Committee Meeting Schedule

Superintendent Buckley shared that the Deliberative Session has been set for January 30, 2016 at 10:00 am with a postponement date of February 1, 2016 at 6:00pm. The petitioned warrant article deadline is January 12th, so in an effort to avoid a special budget hearing as we had in 2015, she suggested scheduling the budget hearing on January 15, 2015 at 6:00pm with a postponement date of January 16, 2016 at 10:00am. The budget hearing will take place at NRHS in the auditorium.

She further shared that the school board budget presentation is scheduled for October 13th and a workshop will follow on October 26th. November 9th is the anticipated budget finalization date for the school board to submit to the budget committee.

With those anticipated date in mind, the following Budget Committee meeting schedule was developed:

October 20th –Budget Training at NMMS at 6:30pm
November 17th – regular meeting at BES at 6:30pm
November 19th – regular meeting at NHCS at 6:30pm

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December 1st – regular meeting at DES at 6:30pm
December 8th – regular meeting at NRHS, room 106, at 6:30pm
December 15th – regular meeting at BHVS at 6:30pm

January 15th – Budget Hearing at NRHS, auditorium, at 6:30pm
January 16th – Snow Date for Budget Hearing

Jeff Levesque suggested the meetings could take place at NRHS to utilize YouTube streaming capability. Christen stated that she felt it was important to continue to see the schools in the district. John Jenness agreed and the rotating location for meetings was maintained.

The committee agreed that the goal should be to finalize the budget before Christmas break.

Review Agenda Topics for Next Meeting

Superintendent Buckley said she will send out an email with the school board budget dates. She also stated that our next meeting will be the training. Skip Reilly asked if the Principals or administrators could come to a meeting to discuss any challenges or budgetary needs in their respective buildings. Stacy said she will plan on having the Principals come to the November 17th meeting.

Public Input

None.

Adjournment

Skip Reilly made a motion to adjourn at 7:09pm. Seconded by Jeff Levesque. 6-0-0, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Bliss
Budget Committee Clerk