

**Newfound Area School District
Budget Committee
September 12, 2017
NRHS Room 106, 6:30 PM**

Present: John Jenness, New Hampton, Harold "Skip" Reilly, Alexandria, Christen Dolloff, Bristol, Jeff Levesque, School Board Representative, Stacy Buckley, Superintendent
Absent: Gina Rescigno, Groton, Ruby Hill, Danbury, Michael Limanni, Business Administrator

Meeting called to order at 6:31 by Superintendent Stacy Buckley, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Nomination/Election of Chair

Jeff Bird nominated John Jenness for position of Chair. Seconded by Christen Dolloff. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

John Jenness then took over conducting the meeting.

Nomination/Election of Vice Chair

Superintendent Buckley informed the committee that Ruby had volunteered to be vice chair via email. Ruby Hill was nominated by Jeff Levesque to be Vice Chair. Seconded by Jeff Bird. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Approval of minutes from last budget season

The minutes had been presented to the committee via email prior to this meeting for their review the following changes were noted:

- December 14, 2016 – no changes made
- January 13, 2017 (Hearing) – "Paste Text Here" was still in the minutes where the warrant article language should have been. The text will be added from each warrant article. A typo was found on page 3 change "spoke" to "speak."
- January 13, 2017 – Skip Reilly requested to be noted as "excused – illness" rather than "absent."
- February 4, 2017 – no changes made

Jeff Levesque made a motion to accept all minutes with the above noted corrections. Seconded by Jeff Bird. Approved 4-0-1 (John Jenness abstained from all).

Meeting Schedule for 2018-2019 Budget

Stacy Buckley stated that the deliberative session is scheduled for February 3, 2018 with a snow date February 5, 2018. The Budget Hearing will take place Friday, January 12, 2018 with a snow date Saturday, January 13, 2018. Last day for submission of petitioned warrant articles is January 9, 2018.

November 13 will be the finalization date for the school board budget, and the budget committee will have from then until January 13 to finalize the budget. Stacy suggested scheduling four meetings, with one for hearing preparation.

Skip Reilly raised a concern that the school board will be preparing the budget. Discussion continued about the budget preparation process. Skip made a motion for Stacy to contact the school district attorney for an opinion on the budget preparation process. No second to the motion was made, motion failed.

Jeff Levesque stated that as chair of the school board he would not support contacting the school district attorney to research the topic to which time Skip indicated he may seek counsel individually.

Following the budget process discussion the following schedule was agreed upon for the budget session:

- Tuesday November 21st, budget presentation 6:30 with school administrator staff at NRHS LMC
- Tuesday December 5th, 6:30 at NMMS
- Tuesday December 12th, 6:30 at DES
- Thursday December 14th, 6:30 at NHCS
- Tuesday December 19th, 6:30 at BES
- Thursday December 21st, 6:30 at BHVS

Stacy will compile an official schedule and email it to all committee members, including those not in attendance this evening.

Public Input

None

Jeff Bird made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff Levesque. Motion passed 5-0-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Bliss
Budget Committee Clerk