

Newfound Area School District

Budget Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes

May 1, 2014

6:30 pm

Newfound Regional High School, Room 106

Budget Committee Members: Christen Dolloff, Bristol
Harold "Skip" Reilly, Alexandria
Jeff Levesque, School Board Representative
Sharon Nelson, Groton
Jeff Bird, Bridgewater

Absent: John Jenness, New Hampton
Stan Newton, Hebron
Simon Barnett, Danbury
Stacy Buckley, Superintendent
Michael Limanni, Business Administrator

Members of the Public: Carol Huber, Bristol, John & Joanne Voelbel, Bridgewater

Meeting called to order at 6:38 PM by Harold "Skip" Reilly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers

Election of officer will be put off until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Organizational Meeting for 2015-2016 Budget

Harold "Skip" Reilly provided copies of the NH Municipal Budget Law to all members of the committee.

Sharon Nelson asked school board member Jeff Levesque about bonuses paid out at a recent school board meeting. He explained that the fund for paying those individuals will not go over budget. He explained that the process was incorrect in that employee names and salaries were discussed in public session rather than exclusively in non-public session. He stated that due to confidentiality laws, there is limited information he can provide.

Discussion took place regarding the definitions of expenditures and appropriations in the context of the RSA packet handed out. Harold "Skip" Reilly suggested to Jeff Levesque that the board establish a policy and procedure for dealing with these situations in the future. Further discussion ensued about possible solutions.

Jeff Bird asked if the committee chair should approach the school board about establishing a policy. This will be addressed after committee officers have been elected. He will contact the de facto chair of the committee, Simon Barnett, to reach out to the chairperson of the school board.

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Public Comment

Carol Huber, Bristol, spoke to her displeasure regarding the bonuses awarded. She addressed the staff that worked in Project Promise at B-HVS and how they lost income and were not awarded bonuses. Jeff Bird addressed her concern.

John Voelbel , Bridgewater, spoke to his past experience on the school budget committee and wishing to award teachers for performance, but that the stipends were considered to be improper. He feels that doing the job is what is expected of employees. Jeff Levesque addressed his concern.

Meeting Schedule

The next budget committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30 at NRHS, Room 106.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Bird. Seconded by Sharon Nelson. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Bliss
Budget Committee Clerk