Minutes of the District Data Task Force Committee of the Newfound Area School District (NASD)

Oct. 17, 2013 9:20 a.m. in SAU4 Office

Meeting was called to order by Don Franklin, Committee Chair with a Salute to the Flag and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

District Data Task Force Committee Members present were: Don Franklin - Committee Chair & NASD Board, Vincent Paul Migliore - School Board Chair, and Sharon Nelson, NASD Budget Committee

NASD Staff present were: Stacy Buckley - Superintendent, Mike Limanni - Business Administrator and Anne Holton - Student Services Administrator

Public Comments on the Agenda of Organizational Meeting No public comments

Old business: minutes of May 22, 2013 meeting approved as submitted.

Don had updated the NECAP, High School Completion and Community Economic Data after the last meeting. Need to ensure the date from which the data was obtained is recorded and other data needs to cross referenced to the separate reference spread sheet. Vincent Paul emphasized the data has been, and continues to be used to make decisions by the Board.

Mike will update on a new spreadsheet with 2013 state cohort data, as soon as he has time, using October data from NH DOE. This is annual update time when all district submit their data to DOE. The color-coding on the current spreadsheet only represents numeric high values in red, and low values is green. There are not subjective values intended by the colors. The integrity of the data is critical. A discussion of the effect of demographics on the District was held. We made it clear that the committee is dependent on Mike to maintain the data in the DTF spreadsheet.

Action items:

- 1. Create new spread sheet with action items and 2013 actual NASD and cohort data replacing 2013 projected to actual and adding 2013/2014 budget data, as a high priority for use in budget preparation and NATA negotiations.
- 2. Make a cross reference note for number of buildings explaining why color-coding was not used for this data.
- 3. Mike determine why, from Dan Rossner prior Business Administrator the developer of the DTF spreadsheet, the per student NASD data for 2011 and 2013 are the same, and provide an explanation thru a cross reference.
- 4. Ensure the date of the data is shown on the spread sheet or as a cross reference
- 5. Improve labeling on lines and columns to make them consistent and clear, which allows for hard-copy printing.
- 6. Replace current labeling Oldest with Spent, and Projected with Budgeted

7. Check with other Cohort contacts on whether 504 & IEP data includes 504 costs or only IEP costs to make the data consistent with cohorts; footnote so it is clear what costs are included.

10:45 AM meeting was adjourned.