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Minutes:		
Location:	Newfound Regional High School Library Media Center	
Date & Time:	Monday, April 29, 2013 6:30PM	
Item:	~~~~~ Draft Minutes ~~~~~	
1.	Call to Order 6:30PM	Actual Time: 6:32 PM
a.	Salute to the Flag & Pledge of Allegiance	
b.	Notice of Posting of Meeting: <i>SAU Office, website (sau4.org), Schools, sent to Town Offices- verified by Dr. Phil McCormack</i>	
c.	<p>Note: Change in recording of Prior Year's Goal Results; Based on Board Survey, changed Goal #2 to "FAILED".</p> <p>Vincent Paul Migliore announced the Tax Cap passed the House this past week with a unanimous recommendation. He also announced Meghan McGrath has put forth an effort to increase parental involvement outlined in the Volunteer flyer that was passed out. The Board supports her efforts which will have a positive impact on student outcome. The final announcement was regarding Kindergarten registration at the Tapply- Thomson Community Center.</p> <p>He also announced this meeting was to receive the report from the K-8 Select Committee in response to its charge.</p>	
2.	<p>Approval or Modification of Agenda</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Modification to move Item #8 after Item #5 for the convenience of the audience in attendance to speak. Item #8 changed to Item #6. Agenda is modified.</p>	
3.	Inter-Communications	
a.	Sign-In by attendees; please Print Name & Town, then return to Clerk for recording.	
b.	To receive regular School Board packets, please record your request on designated sheet or email to: scross@sau4.org	
c.	<p>Public Comment (not limited to agenda items; see footnote below ¹)</p> <p>1) Elected Officials in Attendance: – No comments 2) Members of the Public (5 mins/person) – No comments 3) Faculty/Staff Liaison, Reported by Mimi Freeman, NMMS – Not present 4) Student Council Liaison, Johanna Soule, Class of 2014 – Not present</p>	

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4.	Discussion Items for consideration by the Board
a.	<p>Presentation of K-8 Select Committee Report by the Committee Membership – The Chair thanked the Committee for their efforts on the report and presentation. The meeting was turned over to Ruby Hill, Chair of the K-8 Select Committee.</p> <p>The Committee members: Ruby Hill, Board Representative from Danbury; Sue Cheney, School Board Representative from Alexandria; Angela Davis, Committee Representative NMMS; Jessica Hatch, Committee Representative DES; Julie Hayward, Committee Representative BES; Matt Wright Committee Representative NHCS; Janet F. Cote, Committee Representative at Large, Bristol Resident.</p> <p>Ruby Hill reported that in September 2012, members of the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School (BHVS) PTO requested permission to pilot a model K-8 program at the BHVS. The School Board agreed to study the K-8 program to include not just one school; rather they should include the entire District. She explained there were six items the Committee was charged with investigating. The charges the Committee were responsible to study; Charge #1: Likely educational benefits of a K-8 school versus a regional middle school, including academic outcomes; Charge #2: Parental involvement in a (local) K-8 school versus a regional middle school; Charge #3: Changes in operational costs to the District over a specific period of time; Charge #4: Reasons that interested parties cite for wanting this model; Charge #5: Reasons that interested parties cite for not wanting this model; Charge #6: The implications for the towns and district of remaining “status quo”.</p> <p>The Committee found answers to both sides of every topic. Issues discussed in the report included Special Education, Cost Per Student, NECAP Scores, Dropout Rates, Floor Plans/Facilities Assessment and Demographics. Each Committee member was given three K-8 schools to contact. A review of state population trends was also conducted. Dan Rossner shared data regarding the capacity of the buildings along with forms of use: Curriculum, Schedules and Principals’ input.</p> <p>In the Final Analysis of the report they concluded “Should Bridgewater, Hebron, Groton and Danbury pull out of this District, using current numbers the student enrollment would be considerably reduced causing adjustments to be made at all education levels and facilities within the District.</p>
b.	<p>Review Dates for NRHS Graduation, 8th Grade Class Night and Move Up Day – Last day of School for Students, June 14th and Staff, June 17th. Dr. Philip McCormack stated that all the dates are within reason of what was done in the past. Some dates are determined by law as in the 180th day is the last day for students. Graduating seniors date has been altered to 175 days.</p>
	<p>Enhanced Security within Schools – Dan Rossner presented a request for a budgetary increase for enhanced security in the schools. He performed a cost estimate and viability. He noted we would need to act fairly quickly to use the funds in this current year. He reported an estimated \$500k fund balance for the FY 2012 – 2013 school year. He investigated both video and audio systems. He recommended the video system. Vincent Paul Migliore said it is a very prudent thing to do, given the times we live in. Dan said the students and the staff would feel and would be safer with enhanced security.</p>
z.	Other Business - none

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5.	Public Comment on Agenda Items Only per policy BDDH, 5 minute limit	
<p>Terry Murphy, Bridgewater; stated the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School had never postured to advocate to leave the district. What they tried to do was to convert BHVS to a K-8 School. He described how they could add four more classrooms in that building and it would become a central school in the district. He said their desire was to go to a K-8 for that school only. He said what may be good for their school may not be good for other schools.</p> <p>Tara Pierce, Bridgewater; told the Board her daughter attends BHVS. She said she has obtained 200 signatures from people from the district who do not want to go to a K-8 school. She said she spoke with Vincent Paul Migliore, who said it was the best way to go; she found the opposite is true. Additionally, she has written down her concerns for the board to review. She said you can find a million studies, not one size fits all. She said she would prefer they experiment on their own children not hers.</p> <p>Amy Fairbank, Bristol; stated that parents were concerned with a fear of the unknown. She said she has three children that have made bonds and will have friends throughout school. Socialization is important. If you keep them with the same kids for 9 years, how can they experience diversity? Tolerance is a skill; kids need to develop skills on their own. Also, getting to know different parents of their friends at age 15 is difficult. She concluded communities of kids are getting lost in the desire of a select group of people. We are a community and no town is better than the other.</p> <p>Stephanie Bednez, Bridgewater; said she realized, after attending meetings, and saw tension, no one was happy. If we stay the same, if we keep on same path the results aren't where they should be. She stated we can do better, it is worth a shot. She is not afraid to try; it won't work unless we buy into it. Not all K-8 schools are great, not all are bad.</p> <p>Ann Learned, Bristol; said she is concerned for the future of our district. When she started High School she did not have things figured out she had that opportunity at the Middle School. She is thankful and hopes she will continue to have these opportunities.</p> <p>Susan Colby, Bristol; stated she was a little surprised. She thought it was a feasibility study; come to find out we don't know if is feasible. She thinks it would have been time better spent to fix what we have.</p> <p>Michelle Hutchins, Bridgewater; acknowledged that she presented and made request in September of 2012 for the possibility of a K-8 school. There are a lot a pros and cons on both sides; there is not one magic answer. Their concerns are long term. It was intended as a pilot in Bridgewater. The Committee presented a lot of information on test scores, it is not test scores alone, its culture, relationships and growth. She knows it is not the end all. Whether this committee came to any conclusions, or raised more questions, we painted the picture change is coming. She concluded we have to do something. We do need to make a change.</p> <p>Jillian Gelderman, Bristol; said she does appreciate the fact that change is coming. She cautioned to not give up the good situation at the Middle School with all of their good programs. We need to think it all out.</p>		

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<p>5. (continued)</p>	<p>Terry Murphy, Bridgewater; asked why does it have to be mutually exclusive? He said many parents want to make a change at that school. It is important what parents want. The idea of trying something new is not catastrophic.</p> <p>Bobbie Cryn, New Hampton; said she is concerned with trying the K-8 program. When she heard Bridgewater wanted to leave, she thought 'let them'. She said it feels like our model isn't good enough for you, and you want us to help pay this for you. We need to get together to as a whole. She concluded your experiment is going to cost us money. We could better spend it elsewhere.</p> <p>Jillian Gelderman, Bristol; said we don't know what the program is going to look like. How can we agree to a pilot program?</p> <p>Amy Fairbank, Bristol; prepared a commentary the merits of keeping the Middle School model.</p> <p>Terry Murphy, Bridgewater; said it is not a money issue here. We are not lobbying for everyone; we are lobbying for just one school.</p> <p><i>Lloyd Belbin's statement is located at the end of the minutes.</i></p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Non-Public Session (following discussion) <i>Non public minutes can be viewed as attached at the end of this document.</i></p>	<p>Actual Time: 11:06 PM</p>
	<p>Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RSA 91-A:3, II (a) <i>The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.</i></p> <p>___ RSA 91-A:3, II(b) <i>The hiring of any person as a public employee.</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RSA 91-A:3, II(c) <i>Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.</i></p> <p>___ RSA 91-A:3, II(d) <i>Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.</i></p> <p>___ RSA 91-A:3, II(e) <i>Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled</i></p> <p>___ RSA 91-A:3, II(i) <i>Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.</i></p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Return to Public Session TBD</p>	<p>Actual Time: 11:30 PM</p>

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<p>8.</p>	<p>Action Items if needed</p> <p>a. RE: Presentation of K-8 Select Committee Report by the Committee Membership – There was a discussion by the Board on how to proceed with the K- 8 Report; whether to accept the report at this time. Vincent Paul Migliore said at this point it would be prudent to accept the report with action taken in the future. We should allow the new superintendent to review the report. He reminded the Board the Danbury Elementary School change is under consideration to be discussed at the May 20th meeting; they then have 180 days.</p> <p>a-1 Motion: The implementation of a switch to a K-8 configuration district wide and further action to that end be discontinued permanently.</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Lloyd Belbin</u> Seconded by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended & Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted. RECORDED VOTE: <u>1</u> YES <u>6</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>0</u> ABSENT Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol A-2</p> <p>a-2 Motion: To accept the K-8 Report of K-8 Select committee of April 1st, 2013 and to table any further action to a later date.</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>Jeff Levesque</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended & Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted. RECORDED VOTE: <u>7</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>0</u> ABSENT Minority Votes/Notes:</p> <p>b. RE: Review Dates for NRHS Graduation, 8th Grade Class Night and Move Up Day, Last day of School for Students and Staff.</p> <p>Action: No action necessary Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended & Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted. RECORDED VOTE: _____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTENTIONS _____ ABSENT Minority Votes/Notes:</p> <p>c. RE: Enhanced Security within Schools</p> <p>Action: Motion to instruct the Business Administrator, Mr. Rossner, to improve building security as outlined in his memo to the Board of April 8, 2013. Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>Ruby Hill</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended & Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted. RECORDED VOTE: <u>7</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>0</u> ABSENT Minority Votes/Notes:</p>
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9.	
a.	Announcements – Wednesday May 1st, Curry Clean Up Day at NHCS.
10.	Date of Next School Board Meetings
	Regularly Scheduled: May 13, 2013
	SAU Board Organizational Meeting: May 27, 2013
	SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MTG of the RSA195 Committee: May 20, 2013
	Topic: Danbury Petition for Withdrawal from NASD
11.	Concluding Business for the Posted Meeting Time Time: 11:32 PM
	RE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion to Adjourn -or- <input type="checkbox"/> Recess (for a specified period of time) until the following date & time: _____ Action: Motion to Adjourn Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>Don Franklin</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended & Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated RECORDED VOTE: <u>7</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>0</u> ABSENT
School Board Members Present:	Vincent Paul Migliore, Chair; Bridgewater; Ruby Hill, Danbury; Paul Rheinhardt, New Hampton; Don Franklin, Hebron; Jeff Levesque, Groton; Suzanne Cheney, Alexandria; Lloyd Belbin, Bristol.
Staff Present:	Dr. Phillip McCormack, Superintendent (Interim); Dan Rossner, Business Administrator, Dana Andrews, Principal Bridgewater Hebron Village School; Fred Robinson, Audio, Leah McDevitt, School Board Clerk.
Public Present:	ALEXANDRIA – April Nguy, Martha Kimball; BRIDGEWATER – Henry Woolner, Terry Murphy, Michelle Hutchins, Tara Pierce, Kathryn Bird, Stephanie Bednez, Nancy Dineen, Maryanne King; BRISTOL – Elizabeth Vogler, Vanessa Robert, Suzanne Pfister, Jennifer Simon, Chet Devarney, Becca Boudreau, Betsy Schneider, Shaun Lagueux, Amy Fairbank, Heather Gosson, Susan Colby, Michelle Costigan, Susan Peterson, Barb Rosendahl, Jason North, Tina North, Kimberly Bliss, Ann Learned, Ben Learned, Jeannine Gelderman, Alisha Langill; DANBURY – Gina Brown, Patrick Lavin, Tina Lavin; HEBRON – Kathleen Connor NEW HAMPTON – Megan Magrawth, Erica Willingham, Bibbi Krein
K-8 Committee Members:	Ruby Hill, Committee Chair, Danbury; Suzanne Cheney, Alexandria; Angela Davis, Bristol; Matthew J. Wright, New Hampton; Stephanie Peters, Bridgewater; Janet Cote, Bristol; Jessica Hatch, Danbury; Julie Hayward, Bristol Respectfully submitted, Leah McDevitt
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Bridgewater K-8 and Danbury K-6 Prepared by Lloyd Belbin

These have to be taken together as they are both part of the same problem!

Bridgewater is seeking a K-8. Why? Well, it owns its building, as the name implies, Bridgewater-Hebron Village School! They want a private school of their own but can't afford it. This has been since day one.

If they get a K-8, they can justify kicking out Alexandria and the other towns to make room! The only towns using the building would be Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton (MAYBE). Their School!

They have even used the scare tactic of pulling out of the SAU! They know this is impossible as they could never afford it as they learned at the April 8 meeting with the State School attorney meeting explaining withdrawal!

The motive is not better education for the children, but a true Bridgewater, Hebron Village School of its own. No other town would or could ever get a K-8 in the foreseeable future!

As for Danbury, they are concerned about Danbury Elementary School being closed due to budget cuts and enrollment! Rightly so!

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They felt if they could get more enrolled by way of a K-6 it could justify staying open! (They knew they had no room for a K-8 and could never hope to achieve K-8.) They then used the withdrawal plan! The people of Danbury voted for a withdrawal! At the same meeting on April 8, they found out they made a big mistake!

These towns, in the SAU, cannot support an adequate education system on their own and are finally realizing the funding from the larger towns is needed to pay for their children's' education.

If Danbury and Bridgewater vote out, so be it! This is still an SAU and they are part of it. Don't destroy it at your very own expense! And I mean EXPENSE with a dollar sign!

I hope the Board puts the K-8 and K-6 to rest for the near future and gets to work with improving our SAU with a new Superintendent and Special Education Director we have enough work to do without this distraction! Fix what we have. Don't destroy it!

This Board has to serve all the communities of the District, not the wants of any one, at the expense of another! If a temporary, trial of K-8 is set up in Bridgewater, the whole SAU will be put in turmoil. Just for Bridgewater to have its private kingdom!

The rest of the SAU would have to enter a huge building program at a cost of millions of dollars to even consider K-8 in other towns. Temporary trial would be permanent for Bridgewater Village Hebron School. Mission accomplished at the SAU expense.

NEFOUND AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Non-Public Session

<i>Date/Time of Meeting:</i>	04/29/2013	<i>Scheduled Start:</i>	11:06 PM		
<i>Location of Meeting:</i>	Newfound Regional High School Library Media Center				
<i>Videographer:</i>	None	<i>Assistant:</i>	None		
School Board Members:					
			Present	Excused	Absent
Suzanne Cheney	(Alexandria, 2013)	scheney2@myfairpoint.net	✓		
Vincent Paul Migliore, CH	(Bridgewater, 2013)	vpigliore@budgetblinds.com	✓		
Lloyd Belbin	(Bristol, 2014)	lbelbin@juno.com	✓		
Ruby Hill, Vice CH	(Danbury, 2015)	topaztuesday@yahoo.com	✓		
Don Franklin	(Hebron, 2015)	dgbrown@yahoo.com	✓		
Paul Rheinhardt	(New Hampton, 2014)	psrheinhardt@metrocast.net	✓		
Jeff Levesque	(Groton 2015)	imredbeard@gmail.com	✓		
Administration:					
Phillip McCormack	Superintendent	pmccormack@sau4.org	✓		
Other Attendees:					
Paul Hoiriis	Assistant Principal		✓		
<p>At 11:06 PM and pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and RSA 91-A:3, II (c) the Chair entertained a motion to go into Non Public Session remaining in the Newfound Regional High School Library Media Center; made by <u>Ruby Hill</u>, seconded by <u>Sue Cheney</u>. The roll was called and a unanimous vote to do so was recorded.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voted to approve action recommended by Superintendent McCormack to approve a long-term suspension. 2. Superintendent McCormack reported on a staff matter that was also approved by NATA. 3. Superintendent McCormack updated the Board on personnel matter. <p>At 11:30PM <u>Ruby Hill</u> moved, <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> seconded to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Motion passed.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Vincent Paul Migliore Chair</p>					

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