

Notice: These minutes are in D R A F T format, and shall remain as such as the legal record in compliance with RSA 91:A in their written archival form. They are likely to contain errors and may be in need of correction which can only be done in public in a properly-posted, subsequent meeting of the School Board. Accordingly, you are referred to the minutes of a subsequent (i.e. future -- but not necessarily the next sequential) meeting of the Board to identify what may have been changed as an approved and properly modified record in compliance with law.

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Minutes
 For
 Monday, October 26, 2015
 6:30 p.m. Public Session
 Location: LMC- Newfound Regional High School

- I. Call to Order by Jeff Levesque at 6:33 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Record Roll:
 - Sue Cheney, Alexandria arrived at 6:38 p.m.
 - Vincent Paul Migliore, Bridgewater Present
 - Benjamin LaRoche, Bristol Present
 - Jeff Levesque, Groton Present
 - Don Franklin, Hebron Absent
 - Christine Davol, New Hampton Present
 - Sharon Klapyk, Danbury Present
- IV. Approval or Modification of Agenda

Christine Davol asked for Public Comment only after the a. and b. presentations. Jeff Levesque assented to this and asked if Christine Davol wanted to insert action as well. Christine Davol replied that she is fine with making decisions later.
- V. Public Comment none
 - Megan Guldner, Staff Representative reported on recent high school field trips including one to Hubbard Research in Thornton by Mr. Dumont's horticulture and ecology classes.
 - Joshua MacLean, Student Representative reported on field trips, senior play and sports wrap up.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Approval of New Hampton Community School New Sign (paid for by NHCS PTO)

Stacy Buckley was invited to speak on the new sign which will be paid for with donations of \$2000 and which the Town of New Hampton has approved. The new sign has a reader board and facilities will install it. Christine Davol began a discussion of putting a paw print on the sign as a familiar icon. Ann Holloran spoke about the fundraising that went into the sign and will look into sprucing it up if the budget will allow. Stacy Buckley said maybe the board could help find the money should there not be enough to do the paw prints. The benefit of good

advertising was addressed and Jeff Levesque agreed information for parents is important as well as beneficial.

b. Girls Soccer team at NMMS and NRHS presentation

Stacy Buckley said she was approached by a parent of a female soccer player about starting an all girls soccer team at the high school and middle school so Ms. Buckley met with Shane Tucker and Pete Cofran and gave a presentation the Board on the proposal. Concerns were the impact on numbers of participants in other sports, sustainability of the all girls soccer team and the cost which is about \$22,000 at the final stage of implementation. The advantage is that it expands opportunities for playing sports.

- The Board discussed the proposal, including the pro's and con's. The Board requested additional information including the number of sports comparison districts have for the fall and the number of girls who have played soccer at both schools. Stacy will work with the AD's to gather this information for their next meeting.
- Jeff Levesque provided an opportunity for Karri Peterson, high school field hockey coach, to speak. Karri Peterson said we do not have enough kids in the school to meet the requirement of 25-30 team players. There have been injuries. Please don't deplete our state renowned field hockey team. We've never had all girls' soccer at our school. What about lacrosse? What about any other sport?

Public comment on agenda items A and B only:

- Christine Bassett, the parent who began the request for the all girls' soccer team, said she understands the concerns but noted that numbers won't be depleted. We need 16-17 kids to support a team.
- Annie Learned from Bristol and parent of a former high school soccer player said because of increased academic demands they were recruiting members to support a team. Girls are welcomed on the team. She continued to say there are a lot of co-ed soccer teams out there.
- Kenny Braley from Alexandria said he just came from a soccer game. The numbers of girl players are coming up. Players were really excited to learn they may play middle school soccer and right up through high school. His three girls play soccer and parents will support the team.
- Karri Peterson said some reduction in numbers is because driver's education is now given elsewhere. After school jobs are also a priority which draws kids. The numbers are okay now but that fluctuates.
- Josh MacLean said he knows two female soccer players and both of them prefer a co-ed soccer team.
- Vincent Migliore asked how did this request begin? Christine Bassett responded that she did this at the request of her daughter who plays soccer.
- Stacy Buckley summed up the pros and cons of addition the sport: costs, participation, sustainability, wear and tear on fields, are all issues to be considered. Administration will gather additional information and bring it to the next meeting.

- c. Budget timeline information (handout)
This is for Board information only. No action required. Stacy did not the information and dates provided if the Board wanted to continue to put out an information document. The board discussed whether this would be good to do for either Deliberative Session or for Voting day.
 - d. Grant Budget
Stacy Buckley noted that the Grant budget is included in the handout. The grant budget is proposed at \$963,000, which is \$53,164 less than this year's budget. This is mainly due to the reduction of the NHCS 21st Learning Grant (Project Promise)
 - e. Food Service Budget: The food service budget was presented to the Board. The budget is proposed at \$647,605, which is \$11,062 less than this year's budget.
 - f. Revenue: Mike Limanni reviewed the Revenues as provided in the handout. There is an increase in revenue projections due to the inclusion of the Hill Tuition. The revenues will be adjusted one more time to include the additional costs billed to Hill, such as 1:1 assistants.
 - g. Tax Cap information
Michael Limanni explained the tax cap process. The current budget, as presented is \$33,641 below the tax cap.
 - h. Default Budget
Stacy Buckley stated the default budget is \$441,000 more than our current proposed budget.
 - i. Warrant articles
 - Stacy Buckley said we currently would now have three articles. Article one is to choose school district officials and the second article is the expendable trust fund which Ms. Buckley recommended the board consider increasing to more than \$60,000 because of the influx of additional revenues from the Hill tuition agreement. The third article will be the budget.
 - Vincent Migliore asked for the current balance? Michael Limanni said \$120,000.
 - There was discussion over replacing the roof at NRHS. Mike Limanni explained that it is a challenge with the tax cap as the roof would put us over the tax cap. He further explained how the use of a capital reserve fund for this project could assist us in getting it done without going over the tax cap.
- VII. Old Business
- a. Review and discussion of 2016-2017 Budget
 - Stacy Buckley passed out the MS 25 for the board to sign and Michael Limanni said these are the final audited numbers.
 - Ms. Buckley opened up the discussion for questions on the budget.
 - Stacy discussed the fact that we just got our GMR for Insurance and the costs are \$90,000 more now. We budgeted a 9% increase, but the GMR is coming out at between 11 and 12%.
 - The board asked a variety of questions regarding health insurance, the line that the phones are included in, and Hill revenue.

- Benjamin LaRoche referred to the request for technology on the wish list of schools (during the facilities committee presentation.) Doesn't the tech plan cover the need? Why do the schools ask every year for technology like laptop chrome carts?
- The Board also discussed the tech plan and the need to continue to increase technology in our schools. We continue to replace and increase technology. We would love to do more, but we need to make choices in the budget to stay within the tax cap.
- Jeff Levesque said the issue is we need to start getting people to understand the budget doesn't cover what we want it to cover. We need to be proactive in planning.
- Stacy Buckley said we will need to add \$90,000 to the budget for the insurance increases, but we can offset our revenue numbers with the adjustments to be made (Hill tuition).
- Stacy and Mike suggested that the board continue to review the budget. The board will need to approve a budget at their next meeting so that the Budget Committee can start to do their part.

VIII. Public Comment on agenda items only per policy BDDH, 5-minute limit)

- Fred Robinson from Danbury asked if the SAU budget was included in the full budget. Stacy noted that Yes it is included.

IX. Motion on Consent Agenda
None

X. Motion on Individual Agenda Items

Sue Cheney made a motion to approve purchase of a sign for New Hampton Community School with paw prints if possible if not the board may pay. Christine Davol Seconded.

The board discussed the size and use of paw prints on the sign. After much discussion, the Board believes that they are micromanaging this motion and activity. Christine Davol will withdrawal her second if Sue withdrawals her motion. Both agree and motion is withdrawn.

Vincent Migliore wants to move to approve the sign as proposed.

Jeff Levesque says the school board supports the PTO and their sign project and blesses it to go forward. If there are any changes needed, the administration can work to accomplish them. Christine Davol seconded.

Vote 6-0-0-1 Hebron absent

Motion Passed

XI. Other Business

Vincent Migliore commented on a comment by the Business Administrator in that Mr. Migliore perceived Michael Limanni had referred to getting around the tax cap. Mr. Limanni and Ms. Buckley both noted that getting around the tax cap was not

stated, it was stated that we have to live within the tax cap which can be challenging. Mike Limanni noted that he was referencing ways in which you can budget bigger items within a tax cap community. Christine Davol wished to acknowledge Matt Seaver's retirement after thirty years as a school bus driver.

XII. Adjournment

Sue Cheney made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. seconded by Christine Davol.
Vote 5-0-0-2 Hebron and Danbury absent

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier

Staff Present: Stacy Buckley, Superintendent
Michael Limanni, Business Administrator
Anne Holton, Student Services Administrator
Therese Wetherington, Curriculum Coordinator
Megan Guldner, Staff Representative
Joshua MacLean, Student Representative
Fred Robinson, Videographer

Public Present: Ann Holloran, Alexandria and Administration
Tom Caldwell, Bristol
Pete Cofran, Ashland
Karri Peterson, Bristol
Shane Tucker, Bristol
Christine Bassett, New Hampton
Heather Gosson, Bristol
Michelle Costigan, Bristol
Annie Learned, Bristol