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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Minutes

Monday, August 13, 2018

Non-public session: 6:00 p.m.

Public Session: 6:30 p.m.

Location: LMC- Newfound Regional High School

I. Call to Order by Jeff Levesque at 6:05 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Record Roll:

Sue Cheney, Alexandria	present
Vincent Paul Migliore, Bridgewater	present
Heidi Milbrand, Bristol	present
Jeff Levesque, Groton	present
Jason Robert, Hebron	present
Christine Davol, New Hampton	present
Sharon Klapyk, Danbury	present

IV. Jeff Levesque made a motion to enter Non-public session at 6:06 p.m. under 91-A (3) (a) 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 meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted and

(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to 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.

Vincent Migliore seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Alexandria –yes; Bridgewater-yes; Groton-yes; Hebron-yes; Bristol-yes; New Hampton-yes; Danbury-yes Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

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Non-public minutes:

Present in non-public: Jeff Levesque, Jason Robert, Sue Cheney, Sharon Klapyk, Vincent Migliore, Heidi Milbrand, Christine Davol, Stacy Buckley (Superintendent)

The board discussed a leave request, and three parent requests.

Jeff Levesque made a motion that we not approve three students transfer requests to B-HVS so that we can remain in compliance with the Village District contract. Sharon Klapyk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Bristol-yes; Bridgewater- yes; Hebron- yes; Danbury-yes; Groton- yes; New Hampton- yes; Alexandria- yes. ***Motion Passed***

Jason Robert made a motion to allow a Danbury Elementary School student to enroll at Danbury Elementary School prior to closing on their house, scheduled for September 7, 2018. Sue Cheney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Bristol-yes; Bridgewater- yes; Hebron- yes; Danbury-yes; Groton- yes; New Hampton- yes; Alexandria- yes. ***Motion Passed***

Sharon Klapyk made a motion to approve the leave request for Alyson Delong. Christine Davol seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Bristol-yes; Bridgewater- yes; Hebron- yes; Danbury-yes; Groton- yes; New Hampton- yes; Alexandria- yes. ***Motion Passed***

Jeff Levesque made a motion giving the Superintendent permission to hire a guidance counselor for NRHS prior to the next meeting. Jason Robert seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Bristol-yes; Bridgewater- yes; Hebron- yes; Danbury-yes; Groton- yes; New Hampton- yes; Alexandria- yes. ***Motion Passed***

Jeff Levesque made a motion to leave non-public session at 6:44 p.m. Sharon Klapyk seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Bristol-yes; Bridgewater- yes; Hebron- yes; Danbury-yes; Groton- yes; New Hampton- yes; Alexandria- yes. ***Motion Passed***

Board returned from Non-public at 6:50 p.m.

Jeff Levesque called the Public meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

- V. Approval or Modification of Agenda
None
- VI. Public Hearing: To accept and expend up to \$26,400 to be received from the NH Department of Education Infrastructure fund for district wide security improvements. We have been approved for additional funding through the State of NH's infrastructure fund for security improvements. The funds will replace all door

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handles/locks at BES, NHCS and DES. The State Fund will pay 80%, (\$26,400) and the district will pay the remainder at 20% (\$6,600).

No public comment. Jeff Levesque closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m. and opened up the Public meeting.

VII. Approval of Minutes

a. May 29, 2018

Page 6, XV last Motion on Individual Agenda Items should have a second.

Christine Davol seconded the motion to accept the May 14, 2018 meeting minutes as amended.

b. June 11, 2018

Page 3, VIII. a. Should include that at the May 29, 2018 meeting Vincent Migliore asked about an error in the roof proposal for \$24,000 of winterization work, since the work is being done in the summer.

Page 5, Section XIII. i. FY 2019 Federal Funds General Assurances

In the past, the Superintendent has signed off but now the school board has to sign off as well per request of the Commissioner of the Department of Education.

Vincent Migliore asked why the Commissioner wants that. Stacy noted that she was unsure, but that she recommends the board approving the signing off so that we do not take a chance of losing federal funding.

c. June 22, 2018

Vincent Migliore commented that at the June 22 meeting proper procedure was not followed regarding reconsideration of a motion at a prior meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

Archie Auger, Bristol thanked the superintendent for including in the board packet a letter by Neal. During further dialogue, Neal was identified as Neal Kurk, a State Representative from around the Weare area. Archie Auger says Neal's opinion is that \$800,000 for the new roof should not be in the default budget. Mr. Auger asked the board members to read the letter.

Vincent Migliore replied to Archie Auger's comments and thinks that Neal Kurk is not identified by name in the correspondence.

Archie Auger was disappointed in the survey results of a recent school board evaluation he saw on the website. He worked 33 years for the district and this is the worst report he has seen.

IX. Correspondence

Stacy Buckley noted that there was a letter included from Neal. Stacy noted that Neal did not contact anyone at the SAU office for additional information. His opinion is

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based solely on an article that was in the newspaper. Vincent Migliore thinks Neal is knowledgeable and Stacy agrees, however, she does not think Neal had all the facts when he wrote this.

Jeff Levesque acknowledged letters of correspondence from John Sellers and Erin Camire that are included in the board packet.

Vincent Migliore referred to an inquiry from Skip Reilly that Heidi Milbrand asked to see. Vincent Migliore said Skip Reilly had called him and spoke with him and that Vincent had responded to the phone call with a letter contained in the board packet.

X. Announcements and Recognition

a. Student Liaison Report

Tuan Ngugen arrived to the meeting just in time to deliver a brief update on fall sports. Tryouts are underway for soccer and field hockey while practice and conditioning are happening in football. Prognosis is good for the upcoming year.

b. Staff Liaison Report

None

c. Superintendent Report

Stacy Buckley reminded the board the first day of school for students is August 29. Fall sports is reporting high numbers. We have only three job openings to fill: paraprofessional, part time elementary music teacher and guidance counselor. The schools are clean and furnished. Roof work at the high school is on schedule and finishing up. Bridge Academy starts August 14 with record numbers. Summer trips to Acadia, Presidency and the Press, California Westward Bound are all ways our students enriched their education.

d. Other

None

XI. Old Business

a. 2017-2018 School Board evaluation- follow up with comments

- Jeff Levesque said the community response to the survey was the highest ever received but the timing of the survey was bad and the comments reflect that.
- Stacy Buckley interpreted the results as being a negative moment in time but thinks we may be on the upswing now.
- Sharon Klapyk pointed out many positive comments from people and some who want us to continue with the current plan.
- Christine Davol said she does not think the community knows who the school board members are as people.
- Jeff Levesque regretted that people have to be begged to serve on the budget committee, yet many people don't understand what's really involved and they are quick to criticize.
- Sue Cheney wondered if people just wanted to comment and hadn't read the question in some instances.

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- Vincent Migliore wants to take a proactive approach, justified by these comments, to have a dialogue meeting to let the people know what our responsibilities are.
- Christine Davol wants to inform on all the good things like Eureka Math.
- Jeff Levesque says Newfound is proud of its sports teams, our teachers are recruited by other schools, students go overseas.
- Archie Auger, Bristol was given permission to comment. He agrees with many things Jeff Levesque said but he didn't hear the issue that needs to be corrected that is stated in the survey. The public's perception needs to be addressed, it is the board members responsibility to get out there, and that would be helpful.
- Sharon Klapyk says she is an active board member and tries to attend as many community events as possible.
- Stacy Buckley introduced an idea she has to hold a Citizen Academy from October through January, a way for the community members to learn about the curriculum and student programs.
- Jeff Levesque said we are starting the budget process for next year. We want parents, grandparents, and guardians to give us feedback on sports, academics, bussing, etc. This is an important time of year. Budget committee meetings are open to the public and held in the different schools.
- Stacy Buckley has put together the Strategic Plan including the data that is an outgrowth of parent and community feedback.
- Sue Cheney says it's an ongoing process.
- Vincent Migliore wants to communicate what we're doing in as many ways as possible.

XII. New Business

a. Confirmation of Nominations

Jason Frekot NMMS 8th grade ELA

Brett Branscombe NMMS General Music/Chorus

Sheila Carita NRHS Special Education

b. Field trip requests

David Harlow, requests to take the eleventh grade (80 students) to Salem, MA to view "Cry Innocent" and visit House of Gables on 10/26/18. Total cost is \$2810 and each student pays \$5.

Coach Ray Kershaw requests to take 20 plus high school football players for overnight trip to Vermont Academy, Sexton's River, VT for football camp and team building from 8/21/18 to 8/25/18. Total cost is \$249 per person. Friends of Newfound Football pays the majority and each student pays very little.

c. Change in Title 1 staffing structure

Changes to the Title 1 grant allocations and eligibility impact current structure of our staffing. A major factor is NHCS is not eligible for Title 1 funding, but B-HVS does qualify this year. A second major factor is current Title 1 teacher at

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NHCS has been hired for preschool position at B-HVS so district needed to adjust the staffing to meet Title 1 requirements. Given the current structure and proposed changes, the overall plan involves the elimination of one teacher position and replacing it with one full time and one part time para positions.

- d. Exit Interview overview
 - Stacy Buckley held four exit interviews over the course of the year and the responses to questions are in the board packet.
 - Christine Davol pointed out that responses in the past have been negative and that has changed for the better.
- e. NH School Board Association professional development
 - Stacy Buckley says there is a new program they are implementing to pay for workshops and wants the board to consider whether they would like to do this.
 - Heidi Milbrand asked if the superintendent recommends board member attendance. Stacy said Vincent Migliore and Mike Limanni have asked to attend one on default budget. Vincent Migliore said the meetings are valuable and not that expensive but the problem is finding the time to attend.
- f. School Board meeting August 27, 2018?
The board did not have any pressing issues to address so Jeff Levesque announced that there will be no August 27 meeting.

XIII. Public Comment (on agenda items only per policy BDDH, 5 minute limit)
None

XIV. Motion on Consent Agenda
None

XV. Motion on Individual Agenda Items
Sue Cheney moved to accept and expend up to \$26,400 to be received from the NH Department of Education Infrastructure fund for district wide security improvements, and to expend up to \$6,600 in district funds. Heidi Milbrand seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0
Motion Passed

Jeff Levesque made a motion to approve minutes for May 29, June 11 and June 22, 2018 as further amended. Jason Robert seconded. Vote 6-0-1-0 (New Hampton abstained) ***Motion Passed***

Sue Cheney made a motion to approve confirmation of nominations as presented by the superintendent. Sharon Klapyk seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

Christine Davol made a motion to accept the requests for field trips by the football players to VT Academy and the English department to Salem, MA. Vincent Migliore seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

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Jeff Levesque made a motion to accept the change in Title 1 staffing structure. Jason Robert seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

XVI. Financial

a. Approval of Manifest(s)

Sue Cheney made a motion to approve manifests for May, June and July 2018.

Sharon Klapyk seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

XVII. Adjournment

Sharon Klapyk made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Jeff Levesque seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

The next school board meeting is September 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District Staff present: Stacy Buckley, Superintendent; Paul Ciotti, Tech Director

Public present: Archie Auger, Bristol

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