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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Minutes

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Public Session: 6:30 p.m.

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	present
Vincent Paul Migliore, Bridgewater	excused
Heidi Milbrand, Bristol	present
Jeff Levesque, Groton	present
Jason Robert, Hebron	present
Christine Davol, New Hampton	present
Vacancy, Danbury	
- IV. Approval or Modification of Agenda
None
- V. Public Comment
Archie Auger, Bristol asked if the Department of Revenue Administration rejected the proposal sent to them because of transfer of maintenance fund to another fund for \$230,000.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Review and Revise proposed Revenue for 2019-2020
Jeff Levesque said the DRA rejected the proposed transfer of \$200,766 from the maintenance trust fund to the general budget. The DRA noted that we cannot do it the way we wanted. Michael Limanni clarified the DRA decision. The one way that this could be done is to put the amount into a special warrant article for this purpose. Mike cautioned against this approach, as it could be confusing to the voters and there was discussion about what would happen if the article failed. Mike did note that the DRA allowed the transfer to food service.

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Stacy Buckley said that because of this we need to revise the revenue figure of \$8,377,841 to reflect the decrease of \$200,766.

Jeff Levesque made a motion to rescind the decision from our 12/10/18 board meeting to withdraw \$200,766 from facilities expendable trust fund. Sue Cheney seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-1-1 (New Hampton abstained, Bridgewater excused) ***Motion Passed***

b. Review and Revise proposed Budget for 2019-2020

Jeff Levesque reviewed the budget changes that were made at the last budget committee meeting. The committee added a wage increase for custodians. Jeff Levesque noted that he understands that we need to look at support staff wages, but wants to focus on the teacher contract this year and look at support staff next year.

Jeff noted that the tax cap is making it challenging to budget effectively. Mike noted that the budget could only increase \$232,000 over this year's budget. There was discussion about how revenues (such as loss of adequacy aid) impacts that amount that the board is able to use in the budget process.

Jeff noted that he was bothered by a recent article in the paper from a board member who has a minority opinion. He believes the article has several inaccurate facts. Jeff understands that there are people who don't want to see their taxes go up- no matter the impact on the students.

Jeff noted that he believes the board and public should support the mission of the school district. He challenges parents, grandparents and students to attend meetings, participate and vote to support student needs. Jeff took an oath of office to support the mission of the school district and he is disappointed when one of us stands up to write newspaper articles and works against the children in this district and then insists that they are representing the people of this community. Jeff Levesque believes that the parents, students, grandparents and the school supporters are all people and part of this district that need to be represented.

Christine Davol thinks things have changed this past year and people have called us out on things and decisions made and perhaps we have lost the focus or end. She has been encouraging everyone to attend the Deliberative Session on February 2.

There was discussion about the importance of everyone attending the budget hearing and deliberative session. Mike Limanni noted that the budget is spent based on need. Administration does not spend just because there is money in the budget. This means there may be money left over toward the end of the year that

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hasn't been spent and traditionally some or all of the money goes back to the taxpayer.

Stacy Buckley said an example of that is last year when we had money we didn't spend on health insurance and money that was left over from the roof. That money is given back to the taxpayer. Stacy noted it isn't that we over budget. It was that at the end of the day the health insurance premium came in lower and we got very conservative estimates on the roof and were able to do it much cheaper without sacrificing quality.

Christine Davol agrees you can't always predict the numbers coming back.

Jeff Levesque noted that we need to reduce the budget to make up for the difference in the revenue. Jeff made a motion to cut the NRHS parking lot repavement (\$213,353) to put us under the tax cap by \$12,587. Jason Robert seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0-1 (Bridgewater excused) ***Motion Passed***

Jeff Levesque said in theory we can add \$12,000 back now.
Jason Robert would like to add back in \$12,000 to support the students.

The board reviewed budget items and the reductions that had already been made by the board.

Jason Robert made a motion to add \$12,587 to be distributed among general supplies for all our schools. Heidi Milbrand seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0-1 (Bridgewater excused) ***Motion Passed***

c. Review and Revise proposed warrant articles for 2019-2020

Jeff Levesque addressed the warrant article for the facilities maintenance trust fund. The amount doesn't make sense at this time since we are not able to use the revenue in the way that we thought we could.

Jeff Levesque made a motion to change the amount in the expendable trust fund: Building Maintenance to \$200,000. Christine Davol seconded. Vote 5-0-0-1 (Bridgewater excused) ***Motion Passed***

Jason Robert made a motion to accept the proposed revenue of \$8,377,841. Jeff Levesque seconded. Vote 5-0-01 (Bridgewater excused) ***Motion Passed***

Sue Cheney made a motion to accept \$22,068,490 as the proposed budget number. Jason Robert seconded. Vote 5-0-0-1 (Bridgewater excused) ***Motion Passed***

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Stacy Buckley received a petitioned warrant article that she verified had the 25 signatures on it. She read the petitioned warrant article to the board and discussion followed.

The warrant article reads: “The School Board shall adopt a procedure within an Administrative Policy that requires any and all planned expenditures deemed in any way to be a planned expenditure of capital for the planned maintenance, planned improvement, planned one-time expense, or for an otherwise newly established planned purpose in the Newfound Area School District in excess of \$24,999 to be presented in a warrant article for consideration of, and a vote by those registered voters attending its Deliberative and Election Day Session, prior to the expenditure of said amount.”

The petition was submitted by Vincent Migliore.

Tuan Nguyen, Student Representative, gave a brief report.

- At the high school, Paul Hoiriis has moved midterms to January 27, 28, and 29 because of snow days. Grades close after midterms.
- Sports teams have games this Friday and Spirit is practicing.
- Ski Team has a meet tomorrow at King Pine and are missing school.

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

VIII. Adjournment

Jeff Levesque made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Jason Robert seconded. Vote 5-0-0-1 (Bridgewater absent) ***Motion Passed***

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District staff present: Stacy Buckley, Superintendent; Michael Limanni, Business Administrator; Paul Ciotti, Technology Director

Public present: Archie Auger, Bristol

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**Summary of Changes made by the School Board and Budget Committee
To the NASD Department Budget Request**

Description - Budget Reductions	SB Reductions	BC Reductions	Acronym Key	
BES - Playground Fencing	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ (6,500.00)	SB	School Board
BES - General supplies	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (3,500.00)	BC	Budget Committee
BES - Outdoor speakers	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ (3,500.00)	DW	District Wide Expenditure
BES - Staff Laptop Replacements	\$ -	\$ (8,400.00)	EW	Elementary Wide Expenditure
BES - Theatre lights	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ (20,000.00)	BES	Bristol Elementary School
BHVS - Faculty Laptops	\$ -	\$ (7,262.50)	BHVS	Bridgewater-Hebron Village School
BHVS - General supplies	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (500.00)	DES	Danbury Elementary School
DES - Basketball Court	\$ (2,100.00)	\$ (2,100.00)	NHCS	New Hampton Community School
DES - General supplies	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (500.00)	NMMS	Newfound Memorial Middle School
DES - Outdoor speakers	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ (3,500.00)	NRHS	Newfound Regional High School
DES - Roof	\$ (25,500.00)	\$ (25,500.00)		
DES - Staff Laptop Replacements	\$ -	\$ (3,112.50)		
DW - Custodial Staff 2% Wage Increase	\$ -	\$ 11,825.00		
DW - Plowing Increase	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00		
DW - Charter School Tuition Dec	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ (15,000.00)		
DW - ESOL reduction to 1 day	\$ (8,500.00)	\$ (8,500.00)		
DW - Late bus	\$ (31,888.00)	\$ (31,888.00)		
DW - Out of District Coordinator	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ (20,000.00)		
DW - Sped Tuition	\$ (41,000.00)	\$ (41,000.00)		
DW - transfer to Capital reserve	\$ (230,000.00)	\$ (230,000.00)		
EW - 5th grade teacher	\$ (72,454.00)	\$ (72,454.00)		
EW - Elementary Science	\$ (107,169.00)	\$ (107,169.00)		
EW - Part-time PE teacher	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ (6,500.00)		
NHCS - Faculty Laptops	\$ -	\$ (6,225.00)		
NHCS - General supplies	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ (2,500.00)		
NHCS - Outdoor speakers	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)		
NHCS - PE transportation	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ -		
NMMS - AD reduction	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)		
NMMS - Art laptops	\$ -	\$ (12,741.00)		
NMMS - Athletic transportation	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)		
NMMS - Chromebooks	\$ -	\$ (15,650.00)		
NMMS - General supplies	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ (8,000.00)		
NMMS - Outdoor speakers	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ (4,000.00)		
NMMS - Part-time foreign language	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ (6,500.00)		
NMMS - Shade replacement	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ (6,500.00)		
NMMS - Interactive projector (rm 106)	\$ (4,100.00)	\$ (4,100.00)		
NMMS - Smartboard	\$ -	\$ (4,100.00)		
NMMS - speed bump	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)		
NMMS - Standing desks	\$ (1,255.00)	\$ -		
NRHS - Athletic transportation	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)		
NRHS - Athletic uniforms	\$ (5,600.00)	\$ (5,600.00)		
NRHS - Bleachers	\$ (9,500.00)	\$ (9,500.00)		
NRHS - Carpet	\$ (14,000.00)	\$ (14,000.00)		
NRHS - Chromebooks	\$ -	\$ (15,650.00)		
NRHS - Front office reconfigure	\$ (11,000.00)	\$ (11,000.00)		
NRHS - General supplies	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ (6,000.00)		
NRHS - Monitor for Theatre	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)		
NRHS - Outdoor speakers	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ (8,000.00)		
NRHS - Parking Lot	\$ -	\$ (213,353.00)		
NRHS - Smartboard	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)		
	\$ (706,066.00)	\$ (970,480.00)		