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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Minutes

Tuesday January 19, 2021

Public Session: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Newfound Regional High School

- I. Call to Order by the School Board Chair Jeff Levesque at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Record Roll:

Sue Cheney, Alexandria	excused absent
Michael O'Malley, Bridgewater	excused absent
Heidi Milbrand, Bristol	excused absent
Melissa Suckling, Danbury	present
Jeff Levesque, Groton	present
Jason Robert, Hebron	present
Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton	present

- IV. New Business

- a. Discuss the MS 27 Budget Form

The board discussed the DRA decision that the board has to recommend the budget that members had previously voted not to recommend. Upon further discussion, it was noted that the budget committee has to recommend the budget. It is possible for the school board to support adding \$999,999 more than the tax cap to restore proposed budget cuts. Those budget cuts that may be restored with the additional funds include sports, 20% supplies, library books, field trips and positions.

Jeff Levesque made a motion to direct the business administrator to revise the figures for the MS-27 to reflect a budget that is level funded in the amount of \$25,584,426.40.

Jason Robert seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0-3 (Alexandria, Bridgewater and Bristol excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

- V. Public Comments

Erin Edwards is a parent, teacher and taxpayer from Hebron. She was concerned when she heard about the one million dollar proposed budget cuts and she encourages taxpayers to support putting the money back into the budget.

- VI. Adjournment

Melissa Suckling made a motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Jeff seconded. Vote 4-0-0-3 (Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

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Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District staff: Pierre Couture, Superintendent; Robin Rheinhold, Business Administrator; Erin and Broderick Edwards, Videographers

Public: Britta Matthews

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