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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Minutes

Thursday January 28, 2021

Public Session: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Newfound Memorial Middle 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	present
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. Approval or Modification of Agenda
Jeff Levesque noted there would be no business meeting tonight.
- V. Public Comment
Elsa McConologue, student representative has promoted the meeting on Saturday by encouraging students to talk to their parents so they will attend the meeting.
- VI. Tour of Newfound Memorial Middle School
Pierre Couture thanked the school board for working together to provide a state of the art energy efficient computer controlled ventilation system at the middle school. Pierre attends construction update meetings weekly. The HVAC project manager said how nice it was to work in Bristol with the fire marshal and town administrators who all wanted to get the job done.
The building is almost complete and ready for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to return to a hybrid schedule on Monday, February 1. Teachers return Friday January 29. During construction roof problems were discovered and addressed but the rest of the roof needs to be finished. Windows were not replaced in this project. The gym floor will be refinished in February (first boys basketball game is Tuesday. The girls played tonight in Belmont). The contractor, EEI will perform an energy audit in other school buildings in the future. The EEI contractor, Mike Davey was present to provide an overview of the demolition and installation project. The school lacked ductwork and infrastructure so all ceilings and lights came down and new rooftop vents were installed complete with air conditioning and dehumidification capabilities. The school now has new ceilings, new lights and fresh air to all

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spaces. There were a few surprises like the roof was ponding and needed new drains and luckily the board provided the additional funds.

The school has a digitally controlled heating system now and since the old electrical system was not up to handle the new work a new electrical system was installed. Eversource experienced a two-week delay for the new service and needed to upgrade the entire neighborhood on the street to complete the project. A state grant had been applied for in October that would kick in \$800,000 for a project completed before December 31, 2020. The staff worked night and day to meet the deadline and the HVAC system was completed by December 30, 2020. A state inspector arrived New Year's Eve to inspect the project and Mike Davey brought in a generator to make it all work and pass inspection. Mike Davey noted Newfound was one of the few districts to apply for and receive the grant money because other districts did not think they could complete a job before the deadline. Keene State University also received funds.

The energy efficient tour of the middle school adjourned at 7:15 p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Melissa Suckling.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District staff: Pierre Couture, Superintendent; Jay Lewis, NMMS Principal; Trish Lewis, NMMS Assistant Principal; Greg, Lead Custodian NMMS

Public: Mike Davey, EEI Contractor; Susan Colby, Bristol; Tom Fitzpatrick, Bristol; Tom Edwards, Hebron; Elsa McConologue, Student Representative

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