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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**School Board Minutes**

Monday February 1, 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
  - Michael O'Malley, Bridgewater
  - Heidi Milbrand, Bristol
  - Melissa Suckling, Danbury
  - Jeff Levesque, Groton
  - Jason Robert, Hebron
  - Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton
- IV. Approval or Modification of Agenda
  - Pierre noted there will not be a Teacher Report tonight because Kathleen Connor will attend the next meeting due to the weather.
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - a. January 4, 2021 Minutes
  - b. January 8, 2021 Minutes
  - c. January 19, 2021 Minutes
  - No corrections
- VI. Public Comment
  - None
- VII. Correspondence
  - None
- VIII. Announcements and Recognition
  - a. Student Liaison Report - None
  - b. Teacher Report - Next week
  - c. Superintendent Report
    - The middle school students are happy to be back in the classrooms for the first time in ten and a half months due to the closure last year followed by the HVAC and electrical system upgrade. The sixth graders are excited to start the year off with lockers. It was a very successful first day back to Newfound Memorial Middle School.
    - Pierre noted that the District has just received notice that we are entitled to receive 1.5 million dollars to be spent on anything co-vid related between March 2020 and September 2023. The administrative team may help to identify and provide professional development for remedial help for students and online learning instruction.

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There are changes now in The School Reopening Plan due to updated information from NH DHHS that need board approval. Some of the changes are the custodial staff is fully staffed, we no longer do temperature screenings at school and instead do them at home and adhere to a stay at home with symptoms. Now we have quarantine rules.

Deirdre Conway and Pierre Couture have talked about the Teacher Evaluation Plan because negotiations are in the Fall so we formed a committee of 11 teachers and 4 administrators to research. We are also looking at the Strategic Plan to plan for next year. One goal is Social and Emotional Learning so we will use an assessment tool to survey staff and use the Promising Teacher grant that is for Social and Emotional Learning at the middle school. Another goal is Personalized Online Learning that will also be supported with professional development. We now have a Technology Committee and Jeff Levesque noted the board usually has a representative on the committee so we will wait until the new board takes over in March to choose the member.

IX. New Business

a. Field Trip

Jeff Levesque made a motion to table a decision on the field trip until the second meeting in March so the new board can handle it. Jason Robert seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

The board discussed the risk of traveling out of state and the issue of other field trips wanting consideration and the need for fundraising. The field trip request is for May 20, 2021.

b. Re-opening Plan Update

See above for update presented to the board.

X. Public Comment (on agenda items only per policy BDDH, 5 minute limit)

None

XI. Motion on Consent Agenda

None

XII. Motion on Individual Agenda Items

Melissa Suckling made a motion to approve January 4, 2021 minutes. Jeff Levesque seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

Jason Robert made a motion to approve January 8, 2021 minutes. Melissa Suckling seconded. Vote 6-0-1-0 (New Hampton abstained) ***Motion Passed***

Jason Robert made a motion to approve January 19, 2021 minutes. Melissa Suckling seconded. Vote 5-0-2-0 (Alexandria and Bristol abstained) ***Motion Passed***

Jason Robert made a motion to add the COVID School Operations Plan Update 2021 as amended to our School Reopening Plan. Sue Cheney seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

XIII. Financial

a. Approval of Manifest(s)

Jeff Levesque made a motion to approve manifest for December 2020. Jason Robert seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

XIV. Adjournment

Melissa Suckling made a motion to adjourn at 7 p.m. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District staff: Pierre Couture, Superintendent; Robin Reinhold, Business Administrator; Anne Landry, Student Services Administrator; Jeannette Shedd, Curriculum Coordinator

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