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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**School Board Minutes**  
Monday March 1, 2021  
Non-Public Session: 6 p.m.  
Public Session: 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Café - Newfound Regional High School

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

Sue Cheney, Alexandria	present
Michael O’Malley, Bridgewater	arrived 6:17 p.m.
Heidi Milbrand, Bristol	present
Melissa Suckling, Danbury	present
Jeff Levesque, Groton	present
Jason Robert, Hebron	present
Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton	excused absent
- IV. Jeff Levesque made a motion to enter Non-public Session: 91-A:3(a): The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employer 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. Heidi Milbrand seconded the motion. Vote was by roll call: Alexandria-yes, Bristol-yes, Danbury-yes, Hebron-yes, Groton-yes, (New Hampton excused absent and Bridgewater arrived at 6:17 p.m.) **Motion Passed**  
Board left for non-public and returned to public session at 6:35 p.m.
- V. Approval or Modification of Agenda  
Melissa Suckling requested to remove Superintendent’s Evaluation under New Business.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
  - a. February 15, 2021  
Sue Cheney noted that the Fire Drill referred to at the bottom of page 2 was actually a **Fire Alarm**. The alarm signaled smoke from a fire in the boys’ restroom that was quickly extinguished by the Fire Department.

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VII. Public Comment

Deb Richardson, Alexandria is a member of Standup Newfound, a community based organization formed to promote and advocate for standardized substance abuse education.

VIII. Correspondence

None

IX. Announcements and Recognition

b. Student Liaison Report

Elsa McConologue said the students enjoyed their vacation even though they may have stayed home. It was still good to decompress and important to be home and not have to do work. The scheduled breaks are beneficial.

c. Superintendent Report

Girls and Boys Basketball are going strong. Inclement weather bags have become beneficial. Some students worked with teachers over the vacation both remote and in person to expand learning opportunities. More students are doing in school learning. Project Promise has begun at the middle school. The high school is working on competency recovery for remediation. In the elementary schools, students are returning to in school. The number of remote students has dropped from 12% to 5%.

Pierre Couture noted that tonight was the last board meeting for Jason Robert, Vice Chair and Jeff Levesque, Chair. He thanked them for their sometimes-exhausting work to put students first.

d. Other

Jeff Levesque has been on the board for a decade and enjoyed working with everyone but now he has to focus on his employment. If you have a question you can reach out to him. Thank you.

Jason Robert spent nine years in the classroom and two years on the board after the seat was vacated. The time is right to step away now.

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

None

XI. New Business

e. Superintendent's Evaluation- removed by modification

XII. Motion on Consent Agenda

None

XIII. Motion on Individual Agenda Items

Jeff Levesque made a motion to approve the February 15, 2021 minutes as amended. Mike O'Malley seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (New Hampton absent) ***Motion Passed***

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XIV. Financial  
Approval of Manifest(s)  
None

XV. Adjournment  
Jeff Levesque made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Jason Robert seconded.

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; Erin and Broderick Edwards, Videographers

Public: Deb Richardson, Alexandria

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