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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Minutes

March 22, 2021

Non-Public Session: 6 p.m.

Public Session: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Café - Newfound Regional High School

- I. Call to Order by Superintendent of Schools Pierre Couture at 6 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Nomination of Chair of the Newfound Area School Board
Heidi Milbrand nominated Melissa Suckling for Chair. Mike O'Malley seconded.
Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***
- IV. Nomination of Vice Chair of the Newfound Area School Board
Sue Cheney nominated Mike O'Malley for Vice Chair. Tom Edwards seconded. Fran Wendelboe nominated Heidi Milbrand for Vice Chair. Melissa Suckling seconded.
Heidi Milbrand volunteered to defer the nomination to Mike O'Malley. Vote 7-0-0-0
Motion Passed
- V. Record Roll:

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| Sue Cheney, Alexandria | present |
| Michael O'Malley, Bridgewater | present |
| Heidi Milbrand, Bristol | present |
| Melissa Suckling, Danbury | present |
| Britta Matthews, Groton | present after Oath of Office |
| Thomas Edwards, Hebron | present after Oath of Office |
| Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton | present |
- VI. Melissa Suckling made a motion to enter Nonpublic 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.
Mike O'Malley seconded the motion. Vote was by roll call: Alexandria-yes, Bridgewater-yes, Bristol-yes, Danbury-yes, Groton-yes, Hebron-yes, and New Hampton-yes. Board left for Non Public at 6:05 p.m. and returned at 6:25 p.m.

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- VII. Approval or Modification of Agenda
Robin Reinhold noted she was passing around the MS-22 document that needed a signature from all the board members.
- VIII. Approval of Minutes
a. March 1, 2021 Minutes
Add to Page 2 top Public Comment, ***“Deb advocates for the school to include a standardized substance abuse education in the curriculum and asks the board to please not cut that out of the proposed budget.”***
- IX. Public Comment
None
- X. Correspondence
None
- XI. Announcements and Recognition
a. Superintendent Report
Pierre Couture announced a Vaccine Clinic will take place Friday that includes all school staff, Hill School District, two child care centers, Tapply Thompson Community Center, and Lake Summer Camps among others. The Vaccine Clinic is working with Health Network and has 200 people already registered.
There is a meeting tomorrow to establish new travel guidelines for quarantine and the results of the meeting will be brought to the board April 5.
Concord news is that a voucher bill NH SB130 has passed the Senate that would allow families of students to take money to go to a private school putting a siphon of funds on the public schools and creating a financial hardship.
NH SB135 should be supported because it allows the Commissioner to take a higher number, last year or this year, to calculate the cost of an opportunity for an adequate education and use that number to restore adequacy funding.
The good news is that enrollment data shows the number of remote learners is down in the elementary schools, which have been open all year keeping the need for remediation low. An upcoming proposal is to use funds for students needing support.
- b. Student Liaison Report
Elsa McConologue announced the spring sports season is starting outdoors with fresh air and exercise. Elsa commended the Vaccine Clinic for including TTCC students to be vaccinated. Teachers who have been working remote all year are looking forward to getting vaccinated and returning to the classroom.
- c. Presentation on the accounts payable and payroll manifests process.
Robin Reinhold set up laptops for members to follow the instruction. After the meeting, Robin will ask two volunteers to be the ones who are required to sign.
Call Robin at work with questions.
- d. Presentation on Baseball Dugout Project by Stephen Hanser

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Steve Hanser is a big supporter of athletics for kids and wants to improve facilities. Two years ago Steve helped to build a baseball dugout and now he would like to mirror that project and build a softball dugout. Another project is to build a batting cage with storage space and a place for pitchers to warm up. An additional project is a \$50,000 pavilion between fans and scoreboard to sell concessions, shelter from rain, and chance for meets and games to fundraise. Steve noted the projects are paid for 100% by fundraising, donations, and not taxes. Time and materials are donated. Steve is asking for input and support, and vote of approval. He has been to the Facilities Committee and has a building permit. He estimates the project will take three years to accomplish.

XII. New Business

- a. Appointment of District Treasurer
Michele Lacroix
- b. Appointment of District Clerk
Ruth Whittier
- c. Baseball Dugout Project
No more discussion
- d. Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022
April 5 and April 19 will keep to the first and third schedule but starting in May, the School Board Meetings will be the second and fourth Mondays of the month.
- e. Committee Appointments
Heidi, Sue and Fran would like to be on the Policy Committee. Mike wants to remain on Football. Melissa Suckling explained what is entailed with each committee assignment and asked the members to email her their committee preferences so she can assign them next meeting.
- f. School Calendar
Pierre Couture noted the 2021-2022 School Calendar is aligned with Laconia Tech because we send some of our students there and the school administrators have given approval. February vacation was moved to a later date, but otherwise the schedule is similar to last year's. Sue Cheney questioned twelve days opening before Labor Day seemed early to start school. She suggested adding three days at the end of school from June 14 to June 17 might be better than starting August 25.
- g. Resignation(s)
- h. Teacher Nomination
Danielle Wilkins for Special Education Teacher at the middle school
- i. Change of Assignment from part time to full time
Kirsten Tilton using ESSER Funds until end of the school year 2021.
- j. Vacancies to post
No motions made.
- k. Music Field Trip – NRHS
The field trip approval had been tabled. Fran Wendelboe asked the board to take it off the table and approve it for several reasons. She was concerned that Mr. Judd didn't have enough students registered since parents were reluctant to commit

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without hearing school board approval. Fran noted we made accommodations for theatre and athletics but music needs an annual event too. She noted that school board approval may help with recruiting students for the field trip.

I. Truck Purchase

Robin Reinhold presented the board with options since the old truck needs \$5,100 to bring it up to pass inspection and a new truck may cost \$47,000. Robin requests approval to look for a new truck for \$47,000 (paid over five years), and to surplus the old truck. The truck is used for plowing, towing a trailer, maintaining grounds by dumping soil and other things.

XIII. Old Business

None

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

None

XV. Motion on Consent Agenda

None

XVI. Motion on Individual Agenda Items

Mike O'Malley made a motion to approve appointment of Michele Lacroix to District Treasurer. Heidi Milbrand seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

Mike O'Malley made a motion to approve appointment of Ruth Whittier to District Clerk. Melissa Suckling seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

Melissa Suckling made a motion to approve the Dugout Project as presented by Steve Hanser. Tom Edwards seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

Melissa Suckling made a motion to approve the meeting schedule to be held the second and fourth Monday of the month except in April when the meeting will be April 5 and April 19 and then starting in May the meetings will be second and fourth Mondays. Heidi Milbrand seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

Mike O'Malley made a motion to accept the 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented by the Superintendent. Tom Edwards seconded. Vote 6-1-0-0 (New Hampton voted no) ***Motion Passed***

Fran Wendelboe made a motion to remove the Music Field Trip request from the table and approve it. Tom Edwards seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

Melissa Suckling made a motion to accept the staff resignation as presented by the Superintendent. Mike O'Malley seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0 ***Motion Passed***

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Mike O'Malley made a motion to accept the teacher nomination of Danielle Wilkins for middle school Special Education Teacher. Sue Cheney seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0
Motion Passed

Melissa Suckling made a motion to use ESSER funds until the end of the school year to change Kirsten Tilton from part time to full time. Tom Edwards seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0
Motion Passed

Heidi Milbrand made a motion to approve the March 1, 2021 minutes. Tom Edwards seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0
Motion Passed

Mike O'Malley made a motion to accept the proposition on the truck purchase to replace the 2007 and to expend up to \$50,000. Tom Edwards seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0
Motion Passed

Tom Edwards made a motion to direct the Business Administrator to make the best financial decision on whether to trade in the old truck or surplus it. Heidi Milbrand seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0
Motion Passed

XVII. Financial

a. Approval of Manifest(s)

Sue Cheney made a motion to approve manifest for January 2021. Mike O'Malley seconded. Vote 7-0-0-0
Motion Passed

XVIII. Adjournment

Melissa Suckling made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Mike O'Malley seconded.
Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

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

Public present: Steve Hanser, Bristol; Jeff Levesque, Groton

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Newfound Area School District

3/22/2021

Professional Staff Resignations

| Name | School | Position | Effective Date | Approval to Post |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Susan Moore | NRHS | Spanish Teacher | 6/30/2021 | |

Professional Staff Hiring Request

| Name | School | Position | Effective Date | Rate | Replacing |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Danielle Wilkins | NMMS | SPED Teacher | Aug 2021 | MA Step 4 \$43,454 | 2021 Vacancy |
| | | | | | LEA Grant Funds |

Professional Staff Vacancies to Post

| Position | School | Approval to Post |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Math Teacher | NRHS | |
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Professional Staff Change of Assignment

| Name | School | Position | Current | Change |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Kirsten Tilton | NHCS | Guidance | .6 FTE | 1 FTE |
| | | | | Using ESSER Funds |