

## SAU #4 BOARD

Newfound Regional High School Library Media Center  
May 24, 2010

### MINUTES

SAU #4 Board Present: Mary Campbell (Hebron), Leslie Dion (Bristol), Jon Johnson (Danbury), Laura Simula (Bridgewater)

SAU #4 Board Absent: Bruce Davol (New Hampton),

SAU #4 Board Excused: Suzanne Cheney (Alexandria), Thomas Gillis (Groton)

Staff Present: Sue Cross (Superintendent Administrative Assistant/Personnel), Jennifer Larochelle (NMMS teacher), Josh Mulloy (Systems Specialist), Marie Ross (Superintendent), Daniel Rossner (Business Administrator), Bruce Wheeler (NRHS teacher)

Public Present: Joe Denning (Bristol), Paula Denning (Bristol), Ann Johnson (Danbury), Deb O'Connor (Bristol)

Video Operator: David Drury (NRHS student)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Mary Campbell moved, Laura Simula seconded, to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing personnel per RSA 91-A:3 Ila, and b. *Approved on a roll call vote 4-0-0-3* (Alexandria, Groton and New Hampton absent).

The Board discussed with the Superintendent her nominations of SAU employees, Support Staff, Program Specialists, and Building Administrators and her plans for restructuring speech services. No action was taken.

At 7:15 pm Mary Campbell moved, Laura Simula seconded, to come out of non-public session. *Approved 4-0-0-3.*

The flag was saluted by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The Superintendent reported where the notice of the meeting had been posted.

#### SAU Board Election of Officers

The Superintendent invited nominations for the Chair of the SAU #4 Board. Mary Campbell nominated Leslie Dion; Jon Johnson seconded the nomination. Leslie accepted the nomination. *Approved 4-0-0-3.* The Chair invited nominations for the Vice Chair of the SAU #4 Board. Jon Johnson nominated Mary Campbell; Laura Simula seconded the nomination. Mary accepted the nomination. *Approved 4-0-0-3.*

#### Recognition

Joe Denning was recognized as the Champion for Children in the Newfound Area School District. The Superintendent shared comments written by the District Principals, citing Joe's active participation in providing children with necessary eye glasses and hearing aids.

#### Review of SAU Board Minutes

The SAU Board minutes from May 26, 2009 and December 7, 2009 were included in the Board packet for reference.

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### Superintendent's Annual Report

The Superintendent reviewed her Annual Report, which included actions taken to address the critical goals of the Strategic Plan—Relationships; Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Facilities; Fiscal Management; Technology; Data Collection, Organization, and Analysis. The Superintendent and SAU staff were thanked for their accomplishments.

### Public Comments on Agenda Items

The PSU co-teacher for early childhood education seems to be a better model than student teaching. Look carefully at NRHS grading system; there are different options to show what you know. NMMS is working through differentiated instruction model. There are different options so the students will be more ready when they enter NRHS.

### Old Business – Review SAU Board Goals for 2009-2010

1. To encourage efficiency of operations and cross training of all SAU employees. This is continuing to be done.
2. Find the efficient use of the former Alternative Wheels space. The lease is up for one side of the property in June and for the other side in July.
3. To engage in long-range planning for capital improvements and facilities in collaboration with the seven member towns of the group. The Superintendent stated that they now have direction from the Board on where to go and they can work on it. The town of Alexandria has asked if we have a capital improvement plan because they are developing one. Dan is working on the District's plan.

### New Business

#### a. SAU Board Goal for 2010-2011

- Mary Campbell moved, Laura Simula seconded, to continue goal #3 above. *Approved 4-0-0-3.*
- Mary Campbell moved, Laura Simula seconded, to use the Focused Monitoring process to reduce the achievement gap between students identified as needing special education services and whole school scores. *Approved 4-0-0-3.*

#### b. Nominations of SAU Staff

- Mary Campbell moved, Laura Simula seconded, to elect Daniel Rossner as Business Administrator and Judith Turk as Director of Special Student Services for 2010-11 as nominated by the Superintendent. *Approved 4-0-0-3.*
- Mary Campbell moved, Laura Simula seconded, to elect Karen Colby as Accounting Assistant/Bookkeeper (85% time), Sue Cross as Superintendent Administrative Assistant/Personnel, Leah McDevitt as Accounts Payable/Payroll Coordinator, and Danica Spain as Office/Special Student Services Assistant for 2010-11, as nominated by the Superintendent. *Approved 4-0-0-3.*

The Board expressed their appreciation for the fine performance of all of the SAU staff.

At 8:05 pm Mary Campbell moved, Laura Simula seconded, to adjourn the SAU Board meeting. *Approved 4-0-0-3.* A meeting of the Newfound Area School Board followed.

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At 10:05 pm the Chair reconvened the SAU Board. Mary Campbell moved, Laura Simula seconded, to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's contract per RSA 91-A:3 IIa and b. *Approved on a roll call vote 4-0-0-3* (Alexandra, Groton and New Hampton absent). The Superintendent did not attend this non-public session. The SAU Board discussed the terms of the current contract for the Superintendent, including salary and benefits, for a proposed 2010-2011 contract for the Superintendent.

At 11 pm Mary Campbell moved, Laura Simula seconded, to come out of non-public session. *Approved 4-0-0-3.*

Mary Campbell moved, Jon Johnson seconded, to elect Marie Ross as Superintendent of Schools for the SAU #4/Newfound Area School District, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, at her current salary and benefits (all other terms of her contract remain). *Approved 4-0-0-3.*

Laura Simula moved, Jon Johnson seconded, to adjourn. *Approved 4-0-0-3.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Campbell, Vice Chair  
SAU #4 Board