

Minutes:	<b>Approved</b>	
Location:	<b>Newfound Regional High School Library Media Center</b>	
Date & Time:	<b>Monday, August 13, 2012</b>	
Item:		
<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order at 6:00PM</b>	Actual Time:6:00
a.	Salute to the Flag & Pledge of Allegiance	
b.	Notice of Posting of Meeting: <i>SAU Office, website (sau4.org), Schools, sent to Town Offices</i>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Non-Public Session</b>	Actual Time: 6:02
<p>Motion to move to Non-Public Session was made by Paul Rheinhardt, seconded by Ruby Hill.</p> <p>The roll call vote to move to Non-Public Session: Alexandria - Absent, Bristol - Excused, Bridgewater - Yes, Danbury – Yes, Groton - Yes, Hebron - Yes, New Hampton – Yes.</p> <p><b>Specific Statutory Reason</b> cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:</p> <p><u>X</u> RSA 91-A:3, II (a) <i>The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee 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 public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.</i></p> <p><u>X</u> RSA 91-A:3, II(b) <i>The hiring of any person as a public employee.</i></p> <p>___ RSA 91-A:3, II(c) <i>Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.</i></p> <p>___ RSA 91-A:3, II(d) <i>Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.</i></p> <p>___ RSA 91-A:3, II(e) <i>Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled</i></p> <p>___ RSA 91-A:3, II(i) <i>Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.</i></p>		

**Non- Public Minutes**

Date/Time of Meeting:	8/13/2012	Scheduled Start:	6:00 PM		
Location of Meeting:	Newfound Regional High School Library Media Center				
Videographer:	None	Assistant:	None		
<b>School Board Members:</b>					
			Present	Excused	Absent
Suzanne Cheney	(Alexandria, 2013)	<a href="mailto:scheney2@myfairpoint.net">scheney2@myfairpoint.net</a>	✓ (6:15pm)		
Vincent Paul Migliore, CH	(Bridgewater, 2013)	<a href="mailto:vpigliore@budgetblinds.com">vpigliore@budgetblinds.com</a>	✓		
Lloyd Belbin	(Bristol, 2014)	<a href="mailto:lbelbin@juno.com">lbelbin@juno.com</a>		✓	
Ruby Hill, Vice CH	(Danbury, 2015)	<a href="mailto:topaztuesday@yahoo.com">topaztuesday@yahoo.com</a>	✓		
Don Franklin	(Hebron, 2015)	<a href="mailto:dgbrown@yahoo.com">dgbrown@yahoo.com</a>	✓		
Paul Rheinhardt	(New Hampton, 2014)	<a href="mailto:psrheinhardt@metrocast.net">psrheinhardt@metrocast.net</a>	✓		
Jiri Hajek	(Groton, 2015)	<a href="mailto:icefoxlab@peoplepc.com">icefoxlab@peoplepc.com</a>	✓		
<b>Administration:</b>					
Marie Ross	Superintendent	<a href="mailto:mross@sau4.org">mross@sau4.org</a>	✓		

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At 6:00 PM and pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and RSA 91-A:3, (b) the Chair entertained a motion to go into Non Public Session remaining in the Newfound Regional High School Library Media Center; made by Paul Rheinhardt, seconded by Ruby Hill.

1. Review confidential Health Matrix information
2. Review of Policy BBFA regarding conflict of interest/concerns
3. Resignations and nominations were discussed in detail.
4. Personnel communications issue discussed.

At 7:00 PM Paul Rheinhardt moved, Ruby Hill seconded to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Vincent Paul Migliore  
 Chair

3.	<b>Return to Public Session at 6:45 PM</b>	Actual Time: 7:00
4.	<b>Modification of Agenda</b> Additions: None	
5.	<b>Inter-Communications</b>	
a.	<b>Brief Review of the Status of School Board GOALS and updates indicated.</b>	
b.	Sign-In by attendees; please Print Name & Town, then return to clerk for recording.	
c.	To receive regular School Board packets, please record your request on designated sheet or email to: scross@sau4.org	
d.	Public Comment ( <i>not limited to agenda items; see footnote below<sup>1</sup></i> )  1) Elected Officials in Attendance – Sharon Nelson, Budget Committee member (Groton) 2) Members of the Public (5 mins/person) 3) Faculty/Staff Liaison <b>Welcome- Miriam (Mimi) Freeman</b> 4) Student Council Liaison – None present. Johanna Soule, Junior Class Representative will be present at the September meeting	
6. a.	<b>School Board Minutes for Approval</b> (blue) Minutes from Meeting of: July 9, 2012 Corrections: Show Sue Cheney present at 6:18 Show Don Franklin present for Non-Public meeting Sections 9a and 11 should read NH Electric Coop.  Action: Minutes approved as amended Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>Ruby Hill</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended & Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted. RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused	

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<p>6. (continued) a.</p>	<p>Minutes from Planning and Dialogue Meeting of: July 23, 2012 Action: Minutes approved as presented Moved by: <u>Ruby Hill</u> Seconded by: <u>Sue Cheney</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted. RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Other Minutes in Packet, for</b> (green) <b>Reference: None</b> July 30, 2012 Policy Committee Minutes</p>
<p>8.  Other:</p>	<p><b>Correspondence &amp; Reports Included in Packet</b> Principals, Special Education (<i>with new, H-T-D status matrix</i>), Business Administrator Dan Rossner stated he received a request for the lights to be turned on at the Basketball Court at the Middle School. It was decided that Dan speak with the Police Department to find out if there is a curfew and that will determine until what hour the lights should stay on. <i>Notes:</i></p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Discussion Items for consideration and action by the Board</b></p>
<p>a.</p>	<p><b>Athletic, Elementary &amp; Support Staff Handbook Review</b> – Vincent Paul Migliore commented that he is concerned with the number of errors in the NRHS handbook. He said we should take another look at it. Motion: To approve the Support Staff Handbook with the following amendments: 1. Replace the first bullet under payroll with the following language:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sample of the timesheet is available in the back of the handbook. Falsification of hours reported on a timesheet will be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.</li> </ul>                     Insert the italicized language below the title IMPORTANT RELEVANT POLICIES:  <i>It is the employee’s responsibility to familiarize oneself with these pertinent policies, as they have significant safety and legal implications.</i>                      2. To revise the Program Specialist handbook and Staff handbooks to include the comprehensive list of Policies as included in the Support Staff handbook as well as the following language:  <i>It is the employee’s responsibility to familiarize oneself with these pertinent policies, as they have significant safety and legal implications.</i>                      3. To approve the Athletic Handbook                      4. To approve the Elementary Handbook                      5. To approve the Substitute Handbook</p>
<p>b.</p>	<p><b>Consideration of multiple candidates for replacement personnel</b></p>
<p>c.</p>	<p>Review of anticipated approval request by FFOC to declare Morrison Field “Ready for Use” (pending resolution of Open Issues) – Pete Cofran attended a Football Oversight Committee, he reported to the Board the football field is now properly prepared. A motion was made: “To declare that the field constructed by the Friends of Newfound Football (FONF) has been properly prepared to be used as a football field, henceforth to be known as Morrison Field. We accept this donation so that the Newfound Regional High School football team may use this facility.” A second request was to approve a request for an exception to School Board policy ECA, and permit a non-district employee to have a key and access to Newfound Regional High School property. This would facilitate Friends of Newfound Football in their maintenance on Morrison Field, when the school facility is otherwise closed.</p>

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9. (cont.)	
d.	<b>Special Education Review &amp; Analysis Proposal</b> – Letter from Dr. Michael J. Opuda read by Ruby Hill, attached. Per Dr. Opuda’s instructions, the Board selected the following six school districts for the comparison study: Farmington, Hillsboro Deering Cooperative, Inter-lakes Cooperative, Mascenic Regional, White Mountains Regional and Winnisquam Regional
e.	<b>Resignations:</b> Sarah Sleeper Judith Smith Judith Turk Lorraine Wason
f.	<b>Nominations:</b> Susan Rotondi – Teacher Special Services Taylor Whipple – Teacher Math Elizabeth Babcock –Program Specialist, ELL Lisa Green-Barber – Program Specialist Greg Dalzell – Math Coach Jodi Acheson – Support Staff – NHCS Amy Bickford – Support Staff NMMS Angela Davis – Support Staff NMMS Kerry Hayes – Support Staff - NRHS Kristina Jordan – Support Staff - NRHS Melissa Markey – Support Staff – BHVS Rachel Spain – Support Staff – BHVS Lindsie Santamarie – Support Staff – BHVS Judy Wilson – Support Staff – BES
g.	<b>Fencing for playgrounds in elementary schools</b> – Request by Don Franklin to prepare a study on the cost of fencing the elementary schools that currently do not have fencing. Motion: “The Board authorizes the Facilities Committee to explore the possibility of fencing the elementary school playgrounds. The Facilities Committee is encouraged to get community input, such as PTO, on the need for such fencing.”
h.	<b>Policies for First Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IGD – Co-Curricular Programs – Move to table at this time.</li> <li>• JO – Student Records Not included in the packet – Will be presented next month for approval</li> <li>• JO-R – Access to and use of Student Records Not included in the packet – Will be presented next month for approval</li> </ul>
i.	<b>Policies for Second Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GE – Exit Interviews</li> <li>• CBGB – Staff Conduct and Appearance Added to Consent Agenda as 9i</li> </ul>
j.	<b>Job Description</b> – Choral Accompanist Added to Consent Agenda as 9j

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z.	<p><b>Other Business</b> – Field Trip request to Salem MA                  Junior English Class –                  Added to Consent Agenda as 9z.</p>
10.	<p><b>Public Comment on Agenda Items Only</b> per policy BDDH, 5 minute limit   Time:</p>
	<p>Sharon Nelson questioned the need for the dress code in item 9i.                  Ruby Hill explained that we need to tighten up on our policies.</p>
11.	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – (Continued Discussion, Implementation &amp; Use)</b>  <b>“Are there any changes to the Consent Agenda as Agreed Prior?”</b></p>
a.	<p><i>Items Included on This Meeting’s Consent Agenda:</i>                  Cross reference 9i <b>Policies for Second Reading</b> – GE &amp; GBCB                  Cross reference 9j <b>Job Description</b> – Choral Accompanist                  Cross reference 9z <b>Other Business</b> – Field Trip request to Salem MA, Junior English Class</p> <p>Action: motion to move consent agenda as presented                  Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>Sue Cheney</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.                  RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT                  Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p>
12.	<p><b>Actions Taken on Discussion Items:</b></p>
a.	<p>RE: <b>Athletic, Elementary &amp; Support Staff and Substitute Handbooks Review</b>                  Cross reference 9a                  Action: To approve as proposed                  To approve handbooks as amended</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Ruby Hill</u> Seconded by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.                  RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT                  Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p>
b.	<p>RE: <b>Consideration of multiple candidates for replacement personnel</b></p> <p>Action: Leave Unattended</p> <p>Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.                  RECORDED VOTE: _____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTENTIONS _____ ABSENT                  Minority Votes/Notes:</p>

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<p>12. (continued)</p>	
<p>c.</p>	<p>RE: <b>Review of approval request by FFOC to declare Morrison Field "Ready for Use"</b></p> <p>Cross reference 9c</p> <p>Action: To declare that the filed constructed by the Friends of Newfound Football (FONF) has been properly prepared to be used as a football field, henceforth to be known as Morrison Field. We accept this donation so that the newfound Regional High School football team may use this facility.</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>Vincent Paul Migliore</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.</p> <p>RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT</p> <p>Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p> <p>Action: To approve a request for an exception to School Board Policy ECA, and permit a non-district employee to have a key and access to gates to Newfound Regional High School property. This would facilitate Friends of Newfound Football in their maintenance on Morrison Field, when the school access to gates is otherwise closed.</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>Vincent Paul Migliore</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.</p> <p>RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT</p> <p>Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p>
<p>d.</p>	<p>RE: <b>Special Education Review &amp; Analysis Proposal</b></p> <p>Cross reference 9d</p> <p>Action: Authorize the study as proposed in the memo of July 26, 2012 by Drummond Woodsum with the selection of the following six School Districts Farmington, Hillsboro Deering Cooperative, Inter-lakes Cooperative, Mascenic Regional, White Mountains Regional and Winnisquam Regional</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Ruby Hill</u> Seconded by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.</p> <p>RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT</p> <p>Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p>
<p>e.</p>	<p>RE: <b>Resignations – NRHS SPED Secretary, NRHS Para, Student Services Administrator</b></p> <p>Cross reference 9e</p> <p>Action: Accept the resignations as submitted.</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Ruby Hill</u> Seconded by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.</p> <p>RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT</p> <p>Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p>

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<p>f.</p>	<p>RE: <b>Nominations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching Staff: NRHS Math, BES SPED,</li> <li>• Program Specialist – English Language Learner Specialist</li> <li>• Support Staff – Academic Interventionists, 1:1 Paras, NRHS SPED Secretary</li> </ul> <p>Cross reference 9f Action: Accept the nominations as submitted.</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>Ruby Hill</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.  RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT  Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p>
<p>g.</p>	<p>RE: <b>Fencing for playgrounds in elementary schools</b></p> <p>Cross reference 9g Action: Board authorizes the facilities Committee to explore the possibility of fencing the elementary school playgrounds. The Facilities Committee is encouraged to get community input, such as PTO, on the need for such fencing.”</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Don Franklin</u> Seconded by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.  RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT  Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p>
<p>h.</p>	<p>RE: <b>Policies for First Reading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IGD – Co-Curricular Programs</li> </ul> <p>Cross reference 9h Action: Refer back to the Committee</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Ruby Hill</u> Seconded by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.  RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> ABSENT  Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p>
<p>i.</p>	<p>RE: <b>Policies for Second Reading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GE – Exit Interviews</li> <li>• CBGB – Staff Conduct and Appearance</li> </ul> <p>CONSENT AGENDA Cross reference 11a Action:</p> <p>Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.  RECORDED VOTE: _____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTENTIONS _____ ABSENT  Minority Votes/Notes:</p>

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j.	<p>RE: <b>Job Description</b> – Choral Accompanist                  CONSENT AGENDA Cross reference 11a</p> <p>Action:                  Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled   <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED   <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved   <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated   <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.                  RECORDED VOTE:    ___ YES    ___ NO    ___ ABSTENTIONS    ___ ABSENT                  Minority Votes/Notes:</p>
z.	Other Business:
1.	<p>RE: Field Trip request to Salem MA                  CONSENT AGENDA Cross reference 11a</p> <p>Action:                  Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled   <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED   <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved   <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated   <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.                  RECORDED VOTE:    ___ YES    ___ NO    ___ ABSTENTIONS    ___ ABSENT                  Minority Votes/Notes:</p>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Manifests</b>
	<p>RE: No current Fiscal Year manifests to approve.</p> <p>Action:                  Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled   <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED   <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved   <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated   <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.                  RECORDED VOTE:    ___ YES    ___ NO    ___ ABSTENTIONS    ___ ABSENT                  Minority Votes/Notes:</p>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Announcements</b>
a.	August 20, 2012, Monday morning is a Welcome to New Staff at the SAU Office
b.	August 25, 2012, Football Scrimmage, first official activity on the field.
<b>15.</b>	<b>School Events</b> <b>See attached sheet</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Date of Next School Board Meetings</b>
	Regularly Scheduled: <b>September 10, 2012</b>
	Planning & Dialogue: <b>August 27, 2012</b>
	Topic: <b>TBD</b>

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17.	<b>Concluding Business for the Posted Meeting Time</b>		Time:	9:37
	<p>RE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion to Adjourn -or-  <input type="checkbox"/> Recess (for a specified period of time) until the following date &amp; time:                  _____</p> <p>Action:                  Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>DonFranklin</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED   <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved   <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated  <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED   <input type="checkbox"/> Amended &amp; Approved   <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated   <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted.                  RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES   <u>0</u> NO   <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS   <u>1</u> ABSENT                  Minority Votes/Notes: Bristol, excused</p>			
Public Meeting Attendee List	<p><b>School Board Members Present:</b> Vincent Paul Migliore (Bridgewater), Ruby Hill (Danbury), Jiri Hajek (Groton), Don Franklin (Hebron), Paul Rheinhardt (New Hampton), Susan Cheney – 6:20 (Alexandria).  <b>Staff Present:</b> Dr. Marie Ross, Superintendent; Daniel Rossner, Business Administrator; Fred Robinson, Media; Pete Cofran, Athletic Director; Miriam Freeman, Teacher Liaison; Leah McDevitt, Clerk.  <b>Public:</b> Sharon Nelson, Budget Committee member (Groton).</p>			
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18.	<b>Commence Strategy session on Collective Bargaining Agreement.</b>	This is a private meeting of the School Board.		
a.	This session is not subject to Right To Know Law and no minutes will be available for public scrutiny. Please consult RSA 91:A-2, I, "Meetings Open to the Public" (and what does not include a "meeting").			

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**TO: Vincent Paul Migliore, Chair SAU #4, Newfound Area School Board**

**FROM: Michael J. Opuda, Ph. D. Special Education Consultant**

**DATE: July 26, 2012**

**RE: Proposed Cohorts for Newfound Area School District Comparison Study**

I have reviewed the New Hampshire Department of Education's 2011-2012 school year listing of free and reduced lunch and student population. I have eliminated large districts such as Concord, Manchester, Rochester, Nashua and identified the following candidates for selection as comparison districts:

School District	Student Enrollment	# Free / Reduced Lunch	% Free / Reduced Lunch	Selection
Newport	933	424	45.44%	
Inter-Lakes Cooperative	1,040	328	31.54%	
Mascenic Regional	1,062	358	33.71%	
White Mountains Regional	1,103	502	45.51%	
<b>Newfound Area</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>38.17%</b>	
Hillsboro Deering Coop	1,203	482	40.07%	
Shaker Regional	1,283	441	34.37%	
Farmington	1,285	592	46.07%	
Winnisquam Regional	1,387	501	36.12%	
Jaffrey-Rindge Coop	1430	484	33.85%	
Fall Mountain Regional	1489	506	33.98%	

The selection criteria included comparable student enrollment (+/- 300); comparable % of free / reduced lunch (+/- 8%); co-operative school districts to the extent possible; and comparable small town / rural characteristics. When ranked by enrollment, I've identified 4 comparable districts with less enrollment than Newfound and 6 with higher enrollment. When ranked by percent of students eligible for free / reduced lunch, the ten districts have six with fewer eligible students and four with more eligible students.

If you would like me to proceed with this study, could you please select up to six districts from the above list for comparison with the Newfound Area School District?

The complete listing of free and reduced lunch by district is available at:

[http://www.education.nh.gov/data/documents/lunch\\_district11\\_12.pdf](http://www.education.nh.gov/data/documents/lunch_district11_12.pdf)

Please email or call if you have any questions,

Michael

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