

Approved Minutes:		
Location:	Newfound Regional High School Library Media Center	
Date & Time:	Monday, November 26, 2012 6:00PM	
Item:	Approved Minutes	
1.	Call to Order at 6:00PM	Actual Time:6:31
a.	Salute to the Flag & Pledge of Allegiance	
b.	Notice of Posting of Meeting: SAU Office, website (sau4.org), Schools, sent to Town Offices	
2.	Non-Public Session - None	Actual Time:
	<p>Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:</p> <p>___ 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>___ 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>	
3.	Return to Public Session	Actual Time:
4.	<p>Approval or Modification of Agenda- Special meeting of regular Board format. Usually is Planning and Dialogue – This was Not an Emergency Meeting as has been characterized by some press.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Change to Agenda</p>	
5.	Inter-Communications	
a.	Sign-In by attendees; please Print Name & Town, then return to clerk for recording.	
b.	To receive regular School Board packets, please record your request on designated sheet or email to: scross@sau4.org	
c.	<p>Public Comment (<i>not limited to agenda items; see footnote below¹</i>)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Elected Officials in Attendance – None present 2) Members of the Public – No Comments (5 mins/person) 3) Faculty/Staff Liaison, Reported by Mimi Freeman, NMMS – Ms Freeman reported she has heard a lot of concerns and stress levels from staff members and parents. She noted you will see more people getting involved with the process. 4) Student Council Liaison, Johanna Soule, Class of 2014 – Not present 	

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6.	School Board Minutes for Approval	(blue)
a.	Minutes from Meeting of:	<p>October 9, 2012 October 15, 2012 October 22, 2012 October 29, 2012 October 29, 2012 SAU Board Minutes</p>
<p><i>Minutes , October 9, 2012 - Corrections:</i> Section 9c - Last sentence should read “Dan Rossner reported the balance would be close to \$400.00 after disbursement.” Section 9z - Should read “ the Board accepts her letter of resignation” Section 9h - Should read “70% of teachers responded”.</p> <p><i>Minutes , October 15, 2012 - Corrections:</i> Page 1, Section 1 - insert the word “of” after discussion.</p> <p><i>Minutes, October 22, 2012 - Corrections:</i> Section 8a – Third bullet, should read “district may be over identifying”.</p> <p><i>Minutes, October 29, 2012 – Corrections:</i> Page 1, Second item, should read “stated delay”.</p> <p>Action: Approve the Minutes as Modified Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>Don Franklin</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>7</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>0</u> ABSENT Minority Votes/Notes:</p>		
<p>7. <i>Discussion Items for consideration and action by the Board</i></p>		
a.	<p>Discussion on the Proposed 2013-2014 Budget... Vincent Paul Migliore prefaced the discussion by explaining this is a complex matter. He suggested we get an explanation from Dan Rossner. Dan Rossner stated that last year, at the deliberative session, there was a Tax Cap warrant article voted in, which indicated the local taxation, in future years, can only grow by 2%. We have recently had a revelation from the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) of the impact of the fund balance of \$700k from FY 2011/2012 has with the Tax Cap. This results in a reduction of the actual amount to be raised in taxation for the budget. The District had estimated to raise \$11.6 million to be raised locally; the \$700k is now deducted from this amount. This now becomes the base for next year’s budget, of which the Tax Cap will be applied. Dan Rossner said he questioned the DRA with scenarios when we have extraordinary revenue. Gina Brown (Danbury) questioned if the \$700k was returned. Vincent Paul Migliore explained that it reduces the base by \$700k. Monies in excess, apply to the next year, we get credited with that amount of money towards the subsequent tax bill. Amy Fairbank (Bristol) asked; if at any time we have left over money can we get a cut in the budget? Bernie Golden (Danbury) said one way to resolve this in the future, if we have a fund balance, don’t vote to return the fund balance to towns. As long as we have a Tax Cap, it is going to be Christmas in June. He asked if there are any other schools that have had to deal with this issue. Dan Rossner replied he has sent an email out statewide to other business administrators asking if anyone has had to deal with a Tax Cap with this issue and has had no reply as of yet. Fran Wendelboe (New Hampton) spoke with the Commissioner of the DRA, and is meeting with his people. The Commissioners’ initial thought was there is no wiggle</p>	

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7. (continued)		
a.	<p>room. Fran also spoke with Senator Bradley regarding the unintended consequences of this issue. He spoke of potentially fixing the legislation. If it is happening to us, it may be happening to other districts. Dan Rossner explained the state released the state aid numbers. They have reduced their aid to the District by \$185k. He noted if the board had that amount a week earlier, he would have recommended they reduce the budget earlier. As a result, the total reduction the School Budget Committee would have to propose at the deliberative Session would need to reduce the recommended budget from the School Board by \$885k. Vincent Paul Migliore said he is hoping a legislative fix is in place prior to February. If not, and it has to go to the floor in the current form, they have to enforce the law. The School Board will be charged to get \$885k out of our recommended budget and have a default as an alternative. Don Franklin wanted clarification - If the \$885k could be added in by a warrant article. DanRossner replied no, it would have to be from a motion on the floor. Amy Fairbank (Bristol) asked the Board: What is the plan of attack? Will you be here every year doing this? Vincent Paul Migliore replied it is premature to answer; some fund balance is necessary to make payroll in July. Ruth Whittier (Bristol) asked if the budget cuts go through; how will it impact our kids? Gina Brown said she thought she remembered when we had money left over, it goes to a Building Maintenance fund? Dan Rossner replied that is true, that \$60K is placed in the Maintenance Trust Fund, if voted to do so each year. Vincent Paul Migliore turned to the Board for their input. Lloyd Belbin said the Board is going to have to come up with another budget with the cuts as an alternative. Fran Wendelboe (New Hampton) said she doesn't know if it is necessary. If the School Board chooses to do so, they are not mandated to make the cut. She said it does fall on the budget committee who must by law propose the lower number. Autumn Doan (Alexandria) said she would like to hear the cuts the Board may have to make. She asked if the list would be public. Dan Rossner replied it would be released to the public. Ruby Hill presented a list of suggested cuts by function and object code from the budget which was reviewed line by line. She added that it's intent was to get public interest groups motivated to attend the Deliberative Session to vote to amend upward, as needed. Jason North (Bristol) asked if it is not possible, that this could be our budget going forward. Vincent Paul Migliore said this is potentially a reality. He said while Fran Wendelboe's efforts are being put forth, he would like to approach the Governors' office as a parallel effort and not rely on only a single approach to deal with the problem, and it is time to demonstrate some leadership. He would like for Superintendent Phil McCormack, Dan Rossner and himself to ask for an audience with the Governor and Governor Elect, to explain the unintended consequences the law has for SB2 School Districts only, but not municipalities. Fran Wendelboe (New Hampton), noted that when she spoke with Senator Bradley, he had recommended she contact the co-sponsors of law.</p>	
	Break	Actual time 8:19 – 8:30pm
z.	Other Business – Manifest for August, September and October, 2012	
8.	Public Comment on Agenda Items Only per policy BDDH, 5 minute limit	
	<p>Amy Kench (Bristol) Commented that she had heard a lot of good comments this evening from the public. She said Ruby put this list together, but the voters need to see more realistic numbers. She questioned if it included physical education teachers and athletic trips. She asked if we are talking of cutting tech and books, what are kids going to use? Regarding the Tax Cap; Is this a permanent issue, can it be another warrant article to vote out the tax cap.</p>	

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9.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA – (Continued Discussion, Implementation & Use) “Are there any changes to the Consent Agenda as Agreed Prior?”</p>
a.	<p><i>Items Included on This Meeting’s Consent Agenda:</i> No Items on the Consent Agenda</p> <p>Action: Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> Amended & Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> None or Other, as noted. RECORDED VOTE: ____ YES ____ NO ____ ABSTENTIONS ____ ABSENT Minority Votes/Notes:</p>
10.	<p>Actions Taken on Discussion Items:</p>
a.	<p>RE: Discussion on the Proposed 2013-2014 Budget</p> <p>The Board discussed contacting the legislative representatives from the seven towns for support. Phil McCormack suggested contacting key people with whom they have established a relationship they have in Concord. He said it will not be pretty if we have to make these cuts.</p> <p>Action: The Board directs its Chair, the Superintendent and Business Manager to meet with the Governor as soon as practical to discuss solutions which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A more reasonable interpretation of the DRA ruling on the new Tax Cap Law enacted by NASD in the spring of 2012. b) Eliciting guidance on a fast-track for filing for corrective legislation to correct what appears to us to be an untended consequence. <p>Moved by: <u>Sue Cheney</u> Seconded by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</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> (Danbury Excused) ABSENT Minority Votes/Notes:</p>
11.	<p>Manifests</p>
	<p>RE: Manifests for approval August, September and October, 2012</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Moved by: <u>Sue Cheney</u> Seconded by: <u>Lloyd Belbin</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> (Danbury Excused) ABSENT Minority Votes/Notes:</p>

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12.	Announcements		
a.	Budget Hearing – January 11, 2013 – snow date January 15, 2013		
b.	First Deliberative Session – February 2, 2013 – snow date February 9, 2013		
13.	Date of Next School Board Meetings		
	Regularly Scheduled:	December 10, 2012	
	Planning & Dialogue:	December 17, 2012	
	Topic: TBD		
14.	Concluding Business for the Posted Meeting Time	Time:	8:50
	RE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion to Adjourn -or- <input type="checkbox"/> Recess (for a specified period of time) until the following date & time: _____ Action: Motion to adjourn Moved by: <u>Paul Rheinhardt</u> Seconded by: <u>Lloyd Belbin</u> <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended & Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated RECORDED VOTE: <u>6</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> ABSTENTIONS <u>1</u> (Danbury Excused) ABSENT		
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15.	Commence Strategy session on Collective Bargaining Agreement.	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").		
Public Meeting Attendee List	School Board Members Present: Vincent Paul Migliore (Bridgewater), Ruby Hill (Danbury) – Left at 8:00, Paul Rheinhardt (New Hampton), Don Franklin (Hebron), Lloyd Belbin (Bristol), Jiri Hajek – arrived 6:32 (Groton), Susan Cheney – arrived 6:35 (Alexandria). Staff Present: Philip McCormack - Interim Superintendent; Daniel Rossner - Business Administrator, Miriam Freeman - Teacher Liaison, Leah McDevitt - clerk. Public Present: Amy Fairbank, Bristol; Heather Gosson, Bristol; Michelle Costigan, Bristol; Gina Brown, Danbury; Tammy Guidi, New Hampton; Bobbi Jo Desrochers, Bristol; Chet Devarney, Bristol; Jason North, Bristol; Ruth Whittier, Bristol; Dan Sevfert, Union Leader; Bernice Golden, Danbury; John Jenness, New Hampton; Autumn Doan, Alexandria; Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton. Respectfully submitted by: Leah McDevitt		
URL's Accessed during meeting	www.gencourt.state.nh.us www.sau4.org		

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