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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**School Board Minutes**

For

Monday, March 13, 2023

Public Session: 6:30 p.m.

Location: LMC - Newfound Regional High School

- I. Call to Order by the School Board Chair Melissa Suckling at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Record Roll:
 

Kimberly Bliss, Alexandria	present
Dominic Halle, Bridgewater	present
Heidi Milbrand, Bristol	excused absent
Melissa Suckling, Danbury	present
Britta Matthews, Groton	present
Thomas Edwards, Hebron	present
Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton	arrived 6:40 p.m.
- IV. Approval or Modification of Agenda  
None
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - a. February 13, 2023  
Kim Bliss moved to approve 2-13-23 minutes. Britta Matthews seconded. Vote 5-0-0-2 (Bristol excused absent and New Hampton arrived late) ***Motion Passed***
- VI. Presentation – Ann Holloran, New Hampton Community School’s Principal  
“Understanding Building Level Data Meetings” was the topic of Ann’s presentation. Some of the ways in which data is used at NHCS: indicates growth, gives something to celebrate or may be revisited, makes sure students are not left behind.
- VII. Public Comment (Minimum 30 minutes)  
Aubrey Freedman, Bridgewater commented on the high school youth risk assessment survey that asks inappropriate questions of students’ personal and private lives outside of school. Academics is the priority.  
Sarah Ohl, New Hampton noted the SAT is Wednesday but the student test taking climate is I don’t care, how does this relate to me if I’m not going on to higher education, and how does this relate to us as a district.
- VIII. Recognition – New Hampton Community School and Bridgewater Hebron Village School  
Pierre Couture thanked everyone who worked in those schools for their high student achievement state rankings.
- IX. Correspondence  
None
- X. Announcements and Recognition
  - a. Superintendent Report

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Pierre Couture announced a remote learning day tomorrow due to storm. Voting Day will still be held tomorrow by agreement of all the town moderators.

Pierre noted he and Robin will respond to Aubrey's question soon.

Pierre highlighted Bristol Rotary generous giving. Some of the things Bristol Rotary supports are speech contest, summer youth program, funds for two scholarships, response to BES request, donation to pay for food for attendees of the Parenting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around series every Tuesday for seven weeks. The Rotary also made a generous gift of \$15,000 to the TTCC.

b. Student Representative Report-none

c. Teacher Representative Report

Sarah Ohl noted one of the middle school literacy classes is reading "Unbroken" a story of survival, endurance, hope and determination. Seventh grade literacy class is studying power of language in poetry, speeches, and how persuasive language is used in advertisements.

In other news, the middle school store earned \$200; students took a trip to Hannaford.

#### XI. Committee Reports

a. Budget Committee

No meeting

b. Facilities Committee

Input is needed from IT for PA system details pertinent to the ESSER safety project.

c. Policy Committee

Policies are on tonight's agenda.

d. Wellness Committee

Next meeting is this Wednesday 3-4 p.m. at the middle school LMC. Committee goals focus on increasing family engagement, community involvement and updating the NASD wellness policy.

e. Building Committee

Input is taken from the facilities needs survey that ends this Thursday. Thursday, March 23 at 6 p.m. in the BES multi-purpose room, there will be a listening session to gather ideas. Over 300 online surveys received so far. Next committee meeting is March 20.

f. Curriculum Committee

Next meeting is March 20.

g. Hill School District Committee

Three amiable discussions have led to three possible options. 1. Renew the ten-year agreement with SAU4. 2. Dissolve SAU103 and join SAU4. (Two-year process). 3. Negotiate a shorter five-year tuition agreement with the option to join at the end of five years. Dr. Connolly and Robin Reinhold have been working together on finances.

#### XII. New Business

1. Professional Staff Nomination

Meredyth Kjellander elementary school guidance counselor at DES/BES effective 3-6-23 Dominic moved to approve the nomination. Tom seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Bristol excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

2. HB 349

Pierre Couture corrected some misinformation. Fran Wendelboe has legislative experience and notes HB 349 may pass because leaders are sponsoring it. Fran noted the unfairness to students, staff, and taxpayers in three towns to be in limbo for up to four years to take effect. Fran recommends the board ask the Senate to amend the Bill and take it up by September of this year with time to collect data and educate the public what

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the costs are. Pierre noted the Bill may limit a smaller district from offering opportunities for students, placing the burden on taxpayers to drive up the cost per pupil.

Melissa Suckling made a motion to take a vote on whether the board approves or disapproves of HB 349. There was no second. ***Motion Failed***

The board decided for Pierre to invite other parties to the next board meeting for conversation.

3. New Policies for Second Reading
  - a. EFAA Meal Charging
  - b. EHAA Computer Security, E-Mail and Internet Communications
  - c. IFA Instructional Needs of Each Individual Student
  - d. IHBAB Special Education Evaluations
  - e. IHBAA Evaluation Requirements for Children with Specific Learning Disabilities
  - f. JICFA Hazing
  - g. JLCK Special Physical Health needs of Students

Kim Bliss moved to approve new policies for second reading: EFAA, EHAA, IFA, IHBAB, IHBAA, JICFA, and JLCK. Fran Wendelboe seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Bristol excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

4. Policies for Second Reading
  - a. DEAA Apportionment of Expenses to Towns
  - b. EBBC First Aid and Emergency Care
  - c. EDC Authorized use of School-Owned Materials
  - d. GCE Substitutes
  - e. IGDK Loss of Eligibility for Co-Curricular Activities Including Athletic due Substance Abuse
  - f. IHBG Home Education Instruction
  - g. IMBA Online-Virtual Education
  - h. JLCB Immunizations of Students
  - i. JLDBB Suicide Prevention and Response

Dominic Halle moved to approve policies for second reading: DEAA, EBBC, EDC, GCE, IGDK, IHBG, IMBA, JLCB, and JLDBB. Kim Bliss seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Bristol excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

5. Policies to Recode for Second Reading
  - a. IGBA Special Education Policy rename and recode Programs for Pupils with Disabilities IHBA
  - b. KGB Public Conduct on School Property rename and recode Conduct on School Property KFA

Fran moved to approve policies to recode for second reading: IGBA, and KGB. Dominic seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Bristol excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

6. Business office policies to review for Second Reading
  - a. DBK Budget Transfer Authority
  - b. DD Funding Proposals and Applications
  - c. DEA Revenues from Local Tax Sources

Fran moved to approve business office policies to review for second reading: DBK, DD and DEA. Melissa seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Bristol excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

7. Field Trip (s)
 

Amy Doolin and Paul Hoiriis request a trip to New York City for an ELO May 11-15. Melissa moved to approve the field trip. Dominic seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Bristol excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

### XIII. Board Comments

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Pierre and the board thanked Heidi Milbrand for her service including her hard work on the policy and facilities and other committees. Fran brought Heidi roses and pistachio muffins for the board.

Dominic Halle attended Allied Arts night at the middle school and was very impressed. Britta Matthews liked Chris Ulrich's presentation at Allied Arts. Kim Bliss liked the band concert and the Lakes Region Festival. Tom Edwards noted Unifies Sports events are very good and Tom encourages the public to vote on Election Day despite bad weather predicted.

XIV. Financial

a. Approval of Manifest(s)

Melissa moved to approve manifest for February 2023. Fran seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Bristol excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

XV. Adjournment

Melissa moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Tom seconded. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District staff: Pierre Couture, Superintendent; Robin Reinhold, Business Administrator; Nancy Coffin, Student Services Administrator; Jeannette Shedd, Curriculum Administrator; Sarah Ohl, Teacher Representative; Susan Read, Videographer; Stacy Giles, BHVS; Norma Ross, DES; Ann Holloran, NHCS presenter; Chris Ulrich, NMMS; Paul Hoiriis, NRHS

Public: Aubrey Freedman, Bridgewater; John Sellers, Bristol; Ruby Hill, Danbury; Kim Maclean, Danbury

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