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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**School Board Minutes**  
 Monday, April 10, 2023  
 Non-Public: 6 p.m.  
 Public Session: Following Non-Public  
 Location: LMC - Newfound Regional High School

- I. Call to Order by School Board Chair Melissa Suckling at 6:03 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Record Roll:
 

Kimberly Bliss, Alexandria	present
Dominic Halle, Bridgewater	arrived late
Joe Maloney, Bristol	present
Melissa Suckling, Danbury	present
Britta Matthews, Groton	present
Thomas Edwards, Hebron	arrived late
Michael Delaney, New Hampton	excused absent
- IV. Melissa Suckling recommended the board enter Non-Public 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. Kim Bliss seconded. Vote 4-0-0-3 (Bridgewater, Hebron arrived late; New Hampton excused absent) ***Motion Passed*** Board returned from nonpublic at 6:45 p.m.
- V. NRHS - Robotics Team Demonstration  
 Lori Mayo and Don White accompanied several students and put on a presentation of their combined robotic skills including several handouts designed by team players parents and other mentors. Thus far, Freudenberg-NOK Bristol and Ashland generously funded the team competitions with money and staff assistance. The Newfound community is grateful for this support.
- VI. Approval or Modification of Agenda  
 Melissa added 6. under New Business: Request for time off.  
 Melissa added c. under Old Business: Transfers

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- VII. Approval of Minutes  
 a. March 27, 2023  
 Kim Bliss moved to approve 3-27-23 minutes. Britta Matthews seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (New Hampton excused absent) ***Motion Passed***
- VIII. BES Presentation  
 Dr. Linda Green, Principal Bristol Elementary School presented “MTSS at work at BES” continuing education using the multi-tiered system that Ann Holloran presented at the previous meeting.
- IX. Public Comment (Minimum 30 minutes)  
 Aubrey Freedman, Bridgewater questioned wisdom of the initiative, One Book One School citing the diversity of educational level and honoring individuality. Aubrey questioned the author’s travel expenses since the author benefits from marketing the book.
- X. Correspondence  
 None
- XI. Announcements and Recognition  
 a. Superintendent Report  
 Pierre Couture highlighted NHCS student Evelyn Walsh selected as a recipient of the Alex Higgins Space Camp scholarship awarded to three NH students between ages of 9-18. The scholarship allows attendance to NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama this summer.  
 Pierre updated the board on ongoing math trainings in the district.  
 b. Student Representative Report- Mika Austin excused absent  
 c. Teacher Representative Report  
 Sarah Ohl highlighted Danbury Elementary School. DES has a full time guidance counselor now. Kindergarten is learning to count. First grade is learning about space. Second grade is studying insects. Third grade is learning fractions and preparing for SAS in May. Fourth and fifth graders are operating a candy shop to learn business skills like how to determine a profit and design advertisements.
- XII. Committee Reports  
 a. Budget Committee  
 Meeting May 4  
 b. Facilities Committee  
 Meeting at NRHS Wednesday April 12 from 4-6 p.m.  
 c. Policy Committee  
 Meet Thursday  
 d. Wellness Committee  
 Meeting next Wednesday April 19. Also meeting May 17 3-4 p.m. NMMS LMC main floor.  
 e. Building Committee

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At the March 20 meeting, options selected and price estimates reviewed.

- f. Curriculum Committee  
Meeting at NRHS Monday April 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- g. Hill School District Committee  
Hill Tuition subcommittee @ Jennie Blake Elementary School 4-5 p.m. April 11, Tuesday

### XIII. New Business

#### 1. New Teacher Nominations

Pierre Couture presented names of new teacher nominations.

Resignations: Melissa Kutkowski (music) and Sue Severans (after school coordinator)

Tom Edwards moved to approve and accept the new teacher nominations and resignations as presented by the Superintendent. Dominic Halle seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (New Hampton excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

#### 2. Field Trip (s)

Rebecca at BHVS requests a fifth grade trip to Museum of Science June 9. Kim Bliss moved to approve the trip and Tom seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (New Hampton excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

Ms. Robie's BES second grade requests trip to Montshire May 19. Melissa moved to approve and Joe Maloney seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (New Hampton excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

#### 3. Site Assessment of NASD Property on Newfound Road

#### 4. Architects Additional Fees

#### 5. Structural Analysis/BES – SJG Engineering

Pierre Couture gave a handout of additional costs and request from the building committee for a total of \$47,500 from the general fund for the above projects.

Tom Edwards moved to approve the building committee's request for \$47,500 from the general fund to move on with the project. Kim Bliss seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (New Hampton excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

#### 6. Request for time off

Melissa moved to approve request for use of family time off. Joe Maloney seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (New Hampton excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

### XIV. Old Business

#### a. Committee Assignments

Dominic moved to approve the handout with committee assignments. Kim Bliss seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (New Hampton excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

#### b. HB349

Pierre Couture testified at the hearing in Concord April 4 and submitted an amendment relative to a special purpose school district for Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton using advice from Britta Matthews. Pierre worked with Ned Gordon to compose the amendment that is to close the gap to a deadline by March 2024. Tom, Dominic and Britta are on the amendment committee since they are board representatives from Hebron, Bridgewater, and Groton respectively.

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## c. Transfers

Tabled until a special meeting April 17 at 5 p.m.

Tom Edwards moved to table the vote and put it on the agenda at a special meeting Monday, April 17 at 5 p.m. Britta Matthews seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (New Hampton excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

## XV. Board Comments

Britta commented there is a faculty unified game at the middle school April 21 at 1:30 p.m.

## XVI. Financial

Melissa moved to approve March 2023 manifest. Kim Bliss seconded. Vote 5-0-1-1 (New Hampton excused absent and Bristol abstained) ***Motion Passed***

Robin Reinhold provided detailed 2022-2023 Projected Ending Fund Balance figures as of April 10, 2023.

## XVII. Adjournment

Joe Maloney moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Tom seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (New Hampton excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District staff: Pierre Couture, Superintendent of Schools; Robin Reinhold, Business Administrator; Nancy Coffin, Student Services Administrator; Jeannette Shedd, Curriculum Administrator; Sarah Ohl, Faculty Representative; Susan Read, Videographer

Public: Kathleen Phillips Connor, Hebron; Lindsie Santamaria, Hebron; Kelly MacLean, Teacher-B-HVS; Mark MacLean, Tilton; Aubrey Freedman, Bridgewater; Kimberly MacLean, Danbury; Dorcas Gordon, Bristol; Kathryn Ruddy, Bristol; Chris Ulrich, Principal, NMMS; Jacob Dumont, Bristol

Presenters: BES students with Linda Green and teachers; Don White, Lori Mayo and the Robotics Team members and mentors, and others.

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### School Board Committee Assignments for 2023-2024

	Britta	Michael	Joe	Melissa	Dominic	Kim	Thomas
Football Field Oversight Committee (2)	X				X		
School Board Policy Committee (3)			X	X		X	
NHSBA Delegate (1)			X				
Budget Committee Representative (1)						X	
Legislative Rep (1)				X			
Professional Development (1)		X					
Wellness Committee (1)	X						
Facilities Committee (2)		X	X				
Building Committee (1)							X
Curriculum Committee (3)	X				X		X
District Data Team (1)					X		
Hill School District (1)						X	