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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**School Board Minutes**

Monday, April 17, 2023

Public Session: 5 p.m.

Location: LMC - Newfound Regional High School

I. Call to Order by the School Board Chair, Melissa Suckling at 5 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Record Roll:

Kimberly Bliss, Alexandria	excused absent
Dominic Halle, Bridgewater	present
Joe Maloney, Bristol	present
Melissa Suckling, Danbury	present
Britta Matthews, Groton	present
Thomas Edwards, Hebron	present
Michael Delaney, New Hampton	excused absent

IV. Public Comments

Kelly MacLean second grade teacher at B-HVS expressed her thoughts on her long career and noted she is the veteran teacher at B-HVS. She received a contract transferring her to BES and she requests that she remain at B-HVS with understanding it will not change over the summer.

Pierre Couture, superintendent noted the contract did include that the transfer was pending school board approval.

Abigail Mooney, Hebron and third grade teacher at B-HVS asked the board to keep the existing team intact since Kelly MacLean is an integral team member. Abigail noted the many staff and faculty changes and it will be harder without Kelly especially since it takes years to build a relationship with students.

Kathleen Phillips Connor, Hebron referred to staff speaking up at the recent Deliberative Session to replace an ELA position at the middle school. Today, staff are supporting Kelly's preference to remain at B-HVS because it is staff's preference too.

Melissa Suckling read an email from Danielle Halle, Bridgewater that noted it is unwelcome to force a transfer on a dedicated employee and suggested looking for another candidate to fill the third grade position at BES.

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V. Old Business

a. Transfer

Melissa Suckling asked if there was a motion to accept the recommendation by the superintendent to transfer Kelly MacLean from second grade teacher at B-HVS to third grade teacher at BES.

Discussion: Britta Matthews noted the transfer not in the best interest of everyone involved.

Joseph Maloney noted the need for good teachers but difficult to transfer a teacher unwillingly.

No motion was made and therefore no second.

Britta Matthews asked does the board need to move to keep Kelly at B-HVS and not change it over the summer.

Melissa Suckling moved to open the transfer to further discussion. Dominic Halle seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0-2 (New Hampton and Alexandria excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

Melissa Suckling requested a vote on approval of the transfer. Tom seconded. Vote 0-4-1-2 (New Hampton and Alexandria excused absent; Danbury abstained) ***Motion Failed***

Britta Matthews moved that Kelly MacLean remain second grade teacher at B-HVS as a final ruling. Tom Edwards seconded. Vote 4-0-1-2 (New Hampton and Alexandria excused absent; Danbury abstained) ***Motion Passed***

Vanessa Robert, Hebron thanked the board for their support.

VI. Adjournment

Tom Edwards made a motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Britta Matthews seconded. 5-0-0-2 (New Hampton and Alexandria excused absent) ***Motion Passed***

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District staff: Pierre Couture, Superintendent of Schools; Robin Reinhold, Business Administrator

Public: Kelly MacLean, B-HVS; Abigail Mooney, Hebron; Kathleen Phillips Connor, Hebron; Lindsie Santamaria, Hebron; Vanessa Robert, Hebron; Liz Clay, staff B-HVS; Laurie Hughes, staff B-HVS; Erica Cook, Bristol; Catherine Roman, staff, B-HVS; Danielle Halle (email) Bridgewater; Paul Hoiriis, Principal NRHS; Jeannette Shedd, Curriculum Administrator and others

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