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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Minutes
 Wednesday November 15, 2023
 Public Session: 5 p.m.
 Location: Jennie D. Blake School – Hill, NH

- I. Call to Order by the Hill School Board at 5 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Record Roll:

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

- IV. Joining the Hill School Board

The Newfound Area School Board was invited to join the Hill School Board for a meeting at Jennie D. Blake School in Hill. Superintendent and Principal of SAU 103, Brian Connolly hosted the meeting along with Hill board members, Carol Asher, Michele Munson and Charlie Estes, Chair.

The purpose of tonight's meeting, which usually occurs once or twice a year, was to discuss the terms of the current tuition agreement between Hill and Newfound. The existing ten-year agreement expires June 2024 and Hill would like to change the terms to a thirteen-year agreement. The rationale for the expansion is that Hill wants a child to have knowledge when they start Hill preschool of where they will attend school in the years ahead until graduation. They also request the new tuition agreement include a rolling thirteen-year agreement for the same reason as just stated. Stability for the students.

Charlie Estes noted a Letter of Intent is in the mail as part of our current agreement.

Everyone present was invited to partake of appetizers prepared by Jason Tivey and Jeff. Following was a tour of Jennie D. Blake School used to be a town hall twenty-two years ago. Many grades are doubled up because there are only about sixty students in grades, Preschool, Kindergarten 1-6. Students have a wonderful gym, their own playground and use the town park. The curriculum aligns with Newfound using CKLA and Eureka math. The district places a lot of emphasis on teacher retention and meeting the needs of its taxpayers.

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The Hill board members asked for an update on HB 349. Joe Maloney, Bristol Representative and delegate to the steering committee, noted the subcommittee is striving to meet deadlines as requested concerning the tuition agreement etc. Joe noted they are working on sharing information and getting the facts out. Joe suggested the possibility of holding another listening session.

Hill board members discussed several options for getting the word out to people.

The two boards agreed to meet again in April. Carol Asher asked for any information before May if it is necessary to communicate.

- V. Public Comment (Minimum 30 minutes)
None
- VI. Board Comments
Everyone thanked Brian, Carol, Michele and Charlie for the meal, tour and discussion.
- VII. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District staff: Steve Nilhas, Superintendent of Schools; Robin Reinhold, Business Administrator; Nancy Coffin, Student Services Administrator; Jeannette Shedd, Curriculum Administrator

Public: Thomas Seymour, Hill

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