

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Restructuring Committee Meeting
Agenda
December 2, 2024
5:00 pm
Newfound Regional High School
Room 106

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Kimberly Bliss, Alexandira
Joe Maloney, Bristol
Melissa Suckling, Danbury
Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton

3. Approval of November 12, 2024, Public Minutes
4. Public Comment (2 minutes maximum per comment)
5. Non-Public Session:

RSA 91-A:3, II(l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

RSA 91-A:3, II(k) Consideration by a school board of entering into a student or pupil tuition contract authorized by RSA 194 or RSA 195-A, which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public or the school district that is considering a contract, including any meeting between the school boards, or committees thereof, involved in the negotiations.

6. Schedule Next Meeting
7. Adjourn

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Minutes
November 12, 2024
5:00 pm
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Committee Members Present: Paul Hoiriis (Superintendent), Kim Bliss (Chair, Alexandria), Melissa Suckling (Danbury), Fran Wendelboe (New Hampton)

Committee Members Absent: Joe Maloney (Bristol)

Staff Present: Stacy Giles (BHVS)

Public Present: Michele Lang (New Hampton)

At 5:06 pm, Chair Kim Bliss called the meeting to order. The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Suckling moved to approve the October 29, 2024, public meeting minutes. Ms. Wendelboe seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0-0-1 (Bristol absent).

The Superintendent provided the committee and public present with updates on the restructuring process. This included talks with Pasquaney School District on possible and probable shared positions and resources. The Superintendent also informed the committee that the Pasquaney Business Administrator had sent the tuition rate that Newfound would pay Pasquaney for SAU 4 students that would tail out at BHVS. The Superintendent and committee members discussed the projected enrollment numbers shared by Pasquaney for Pasquaney students intending to attend the middle and high school at Newfound. The group then discussed the board restructure which would include a fifth at-large board member and budget committee member. These positions would be on warrant articles this winter. The positions would be appointed the first year with elections the following year to finish over the last two years of a three-year term. The group also discussed whether or not bussing is legally required for SAU 4 students continuing at Pasquaney next year. Ms. Wendelboe asked about the tracking of items to consider as we approach June 30th and the transfer of materials and other resources.

During public comment, Michele Lang (New Hampton) asked about the bussing requirement as well pointing out that those families are choosing to attend Pasquaney as there are three Newfound elementary schools they could attend. She also asked about the residency requirement of the at-large board member. Ms. Suckling responded that the person could reside in any of the four SAU 4 towns.

At 5:30 pm, Ms. Bliss moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present; and RSA 91-A:3, II(k) Consideration by a school board of entering into a student or pupil tuition contract authorized by

RSA 194 or RSA 195-A, which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public or the school district that is considering a contract, including any meeting between the school boards, or committees thereof, involved in the negotiations. Ms. Suckling seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0-0-1.

The committee came out of non-public session at 5:44 pm. M. Bliss moved to approve the non-public minutes from November 12, 2024. Ms. Wendelboe seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0-0-1. The next meeting is to be determined.

At 5:47 pm, Ms. Bliss moved to adjourn. Ms. Suckling seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0-0-1.