

Newfound Area School District

Budget Committee Agenda

December 10, 2024, 5:00PM

Newfound Regional High School- Room 106

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Review and approve August 20, 2024, minutes
- V. Review and Discuss Proposed FY26 Budget
- VI. Open Table
- VII. Adjourn

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Committee Members Present: Shevaun Cazeault (Alexandria), Rick Alpers (Bristol), Ashlynn Hatch (Danbury), John Jenness (New Hampton)

Committee Members Absent: Kim Bliss (School Board)

School Staff Present: Paul Hoiriis, Superintendent, Fran Wendelboe (School Board)

School Staff Absent: Angela Carpenter, Business Administrator, Jill O'Rourke, Clerk

Public Present: None

At 5:18 pm, Superintendent Hoiriis called the meeting to order and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. New committee member Shevaun Cazeault and Ashlynn Hatch completed their oath of office. Rick Alpers made a motion to nominate Ashlynn Hatch as chair of the Budget Committee. John Jenness seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0-0-0. Shevaun Cazeault nominated Rick Alpers as vice chair of the committee. Mr. Jenness seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0-0-0.

Chair Hatch took over leading the meeting. Ms. Hatch asked if there were any proposed modifications of the agenda. There were none.

There was no public comment.

The Chair introduced the February 3, 2024, minutes for approval. Mr. Alpers moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Jenness seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0-0-0.

Mr. Alpers inquired whether the district had hired a business administrator. Mr. Hoiriis announced that Angela Carpenter is the new business administrator and has been on the job for about a month.

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Mr. Jenness asked whether a Budget Committee is required by law. Mr. Jenness felt the committee may not be necessary given the tax cap. Mr. Hoiriis and Mr. Alpers both agreed to look into whether having a committee is required and if not, how to disband the committee.

Ms. Wendelboe spoke to the effects of the Bridgewater-Hebron withdrawal on the budget process creating some unknowns. As the withdrawing towns will not vote in the budget process and their seats remain unfilled, the committee agreed that with a four vote body, three members constitutes a quorum.

The next meeting date is to be determined and will be set after a draft budget is available by the district. At 6:33, Mr. Jenness moved to adjourn. Ms. Cazeault seconded and it was approved 4-0-0.

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