

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Agenda
For
Monday, March 24, 2025
Non-Public Meeting 6:00 PM
Public School Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Newfound Regional High School Library Media Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Record Roll:
 - Dennis Fitton, Alexandria
 - Joe Maloney, Bristol
 - Melissa Suckling, Danbury
 - William Jolly, Groton
 - Jennifer Larochelle, Hebron
 - Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Nomination of Chair of the Newfound Area School Board
- V. Nomination of Vice Chair of the Newfound Area School Board
- VI. Appointment of District Treasurer
- VII. Appointment of School Board Clerk
- VIII. Non-Public Session:
 - I. RSA 91-A:3, II(a): The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee 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.
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 - II. Approval or Modification of Agenda

- III. Approval of minutes
 - a. March 10, 2025 Public Meeting
 - b. March 24, 2025 Non-public Meeting
- IV. Public Comments (Minimum of 30 Minutes)
- V. Response to Public Comments
- VI. Correspondence
- VII. Announcements and Recognition
 - a. Superintendent's Report
 - b. Student Representative Report
- VIII. Presentations:
 - a. New Hampton Community School: Celebrating New Hampton Community Partners and School Climate (Ann Holloran, Principal)
- IX. Financial
 - a. Manifests
 - b. Budget Update
- X. Committee Reports
 - a. Budget Committee
 - b. Facilities Committee
 - c. Policy Committee
 - d. Curriculum Committee
 - e. Restructuring Committee
 - f. Building Committee
 - g. Fifth Grade Movement Study Committee
 - h. Wellness Committee
 - i. Tech Council
 - j. Professional Development Council
 - k. Strategic Planning
- XI. Old Business
 - a. Treasurer's Stipend Raise
- XII. New Business
 - a. 6 Member Voting Agenda
 - 1. Board Meeting Schedule
 - 2. Board Committee Assignments

3. First NH Robotics Grant
4. Approve the Superintendent to Accept Resignations
5. Class of 2025 Graduation Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025

b. 4 Member Voting Agenda

1. Election Results
2. New Hire
3. Approve the Superintendent to Hire Teachers and Program Specialists
4. MOU: Lakes Region Consortium on Intensive Special Education Needs & Contracted Related Services
5. MOU: Lakes Region High School Consortium Agreement
6. Building Committee Membership Additions
 - Kim Bliss, Alexandria
 - Brittany Galvin, Bristol

XIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (2 minutes per comment)

XIV. Board Comments

XV. Adjournment

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Minutes

For

Monday, March 10, 2025

Public Hearing 6:00 PM

Non-Public Meeting 6:15 PM

Public School Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Location: Newfound Regional High School Library Media Center

I. Call to Order by the School Board Chair, Melissa Suckling at 6:02 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Record Roll:

Kimberly Bliss, Alexandria	present
Dominic Halle, Bridgewater	present
Joe Maloney, Bristol	present
Melissa Suckling, Danbury	present
William Jolly, Groton	excused absence
Jennifer Larochelle, Hebron	present
Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton	present

IV. Non-Public Session:

I. Melissa motioned to enter nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3, II(a): The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee 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.

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Kim Bliss seconded. The board approved and left at 6:38 pm and returned at 6:56 pm. In a nonpublic session the board discussed human resource subjects, student policies, lease discussion and a ballot issue.

II. Public Hearing: To discuss the transfer and use of funds from the Maintenance Trust Fund to support maintenance projects in the school buildings.

The Public Hearing was led by the Facilities Director, Armand Girourard who made a request to

access the maintenance trust fund for projects he outlined in detail for the board.

DES HVAC \$79,982

NMMS storage shed repair \$7,700

NMMS girls bathroom \$4422

NHCS little red schoolhouse furnace \$7,390 (asap) will house the preschool temporarily

NRHS exterior doors \$71,762 staff will paint over the summer

NRHS facilities building roof \$13,000 located by the track and lost shingles in the wind

DES boilers \$11,443

Total request from the maintenance trust fund \$195,699

Paul Hoiriis updated the board on the current figures:

Maintenance trust fund balance as of 12/31/24 \$1,423,076.16

Less cafe tables at DES \$50,886

Less Maintenance request 1/27/25-

New balance \$1,268,589.23

III. Public Comment (On public hearing topics only)

The audience reminded the board that BES has needs too. They will be addressed later.

Kim Bliss motioned to approve up to \$196,000 as requested. Melissa seconded.

Fran made an amendment to lay on the table the request for HVAC at DES for \$71,982. Jenn Larochelle seconded. During discussion Kim commented she would like to authorize the expenditure. Vote on the amendment 2-4-0-1 (Alexandria, Bristol, Danbury and Bridgewater voted no; Groton absent) Motion to amend the request to table failed.

All those in favor of the projects: Vote 6-0-0-1 (Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***

IV. Approval or Modification of Agenda

Add #3 under four member board vote: ratification of consortium letter

Add under Board Comment another nonpublic session before adjourning for the night.

V. Approval of minutes

a. February 10, 2025 Public Meeting-Dom first, Joe second Vote 5-0-1-1 (Jenn abstained, Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***

b. March 10, 2025 Non-public Meeting-Kim first, Joe second Vote 6-0-0-1 (Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***

VI. Public Comments (Minimum of 30 Minutes)

Aubrey Freedman, Bridgewater was happy to see that the SAU4.org website is full of information that was lacking two years ago. This is encouraging for taxpayers. He thanked Paul Hoiriis for

answering his questions on the manifest. He clarified that the goal of paraeducators is to encourage independence when possible.

Jenn Larochelle, Hebron commented that placing the preschool in the little red schoolhouse temporarily will cause some disruption to that school and she is concerned to move preschoolers twice when they can stay where they are at no additional cost.

The audience questioned what is the rationale for moving fifth graders when it is obviously so unpopular. What is the cost for this? Some members were concerned with survey results that were disregarded by the committee in favor of what the committee wanted. A concern was about the social and emotional readiness of elementary students entering 5th grade.

VII. Response to Public Comments

Melissa answered these questions during the 5th grade study committee report later.

Melissa gave credit to the Food Director for receiving the second year in a row, a Farm to School local food grant.

VIII. Correspondence

none

IX. Announcements and Recognition

- a. Superintendent's Report- Paul Hoiriis was a guest reader at BES. New Hampton has started a one book one school that all students, staff and families are reading. Ella's army raised \$1,200 at a benefit middle school concert. The Superintendent mentioned Elle McDonald's fifth place finish in girls skiing at the state meet and her advancement to the Eastern Regional HS Championship. The Project Promise after school program manager Alisha Langill was at her national conference of 21st century grant recipients and she was recognized for being one of two high schools in the state that are successful afterschool programs for high school students.

Ariel Maloney is listening to teachers on what works best for professional development is collaboration, working and learning together.

We just received notice TD Bank in Bristol is closing June 5 and they own the SAU building and they have been a great community partner.

- b. Student Representative Report- Tess Sumner said that Jacob Kaempfer, high school senior, designed and built a prototype DeLorean for Winter Carnival and the seniors won. The winter spirit team did an NHIAA meet on March 9. Ms. Cutting took English students to Cambridge to see the Odyssey play at A.R.T. theater. Students are preparing for a state math competition March 17. The Robotics team goes to Lewiston, Maine this

weekend for a competition. The Winni dip March 7 was cancelled due to ice freezing over the dip hole. Blood Drive at the high school March 11. Staff/student unified basketball game March 12. Winter sports award 6 pm March 12. Prom committee meeting May 10 at Waterville Valley. Theme is “Tangled in Your Memories”. Title one, BES PTO and Project Promise have partnered to bring White Mountain Mobile STEM lab to BES on March 25, 26 from 5:30 to 7 pm. This is a family night. Another group of English students will visit the Currier Museum March 19. ETS (Educational Talent Search) juniors are going to tour UNH March 26. There will be a career exploration trip March 28 to Hart’s Turkey Farm and to Gunstock. Rising juniors are submitting applications for the HUOT program in Laconia and also to the Winnisquam Tech. Applications are due Friday.

X. Presentations:

- a. Bristol Elementary School Playground: BES PTO Learning through Play
Friends of BES PTO are happy to take the lead in fundraising to meet the goals of replacing equipment, enhancing safety and creating space that fosters social interaction and pride. Kelly Untiet and Brittany Galvin encourage parent/ guardian involvement and would like to get the word out that they are looking for donations and the timeline is a Fall 2026 opening of the new playground.

XI. Financial

- a. Manifests- Kim motioned to approve the January 2025 manifest. Joe seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***
- b. Financial Update- Angela Carpenter, Business Administrator provided a General Fund Projection for fiscal year 2025 that is \$26,211,000. To date \$14,870,000 has been spent and \$10,264,000 is currently encumbered. The system projects a fund balance of \$1,076,000 but Angela estimates under \$900,000 due to unencumbered expenses like athletic stipends and graduation costs. Salaries are the highest budget item with \$12,800,000 budgeted, \$7.2 million spent, and \$4.4 million encumbered. Angela estimates \$600,000 left for salaries with an overspend of \$600,000 in contract services due to unfilled roles.

Benefits and General Expenses: the budget for benefits is \$6,500,000 with \$6.1 million projected to be spent, leaving \$400,000. General expenses are budgeted at \$6,870,000 with a projected spend of just under \$7 million. The system projects an underspend but Angela estimates overspending due to contracted services.

Transportation savings were achieved (\$85,000) by securing a grant for vocational tech students. ESSER money was used for technology purposes instead of the general fund, and savings were also seen in supplies and food.

Grant Funding and Cafeteria Projections: The cafeteria is expected as planned with no differences. Grants were budgeted at \$1,150,000 but an additional \$850,000 was received contributing to the general fund. Angela presented a slide that detailed the long list of grants the district receives. Angela will provide grant details on the website SAU4.org for further questions.

Melissa commented she appreciates the detailed grant page and the ability to see actual grant amounts received.

Paul clarified that budgeted grants were anticipated and some carry over year to year.

Fran inquired about the status of assessments received from towns, noting some towns are behind in payments and the financial impact..

However, taxes went out late this year contributing to the delay.

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Budget Committee- vote tomorrow Election Day second session in your town
- b. Facilities Committee- maintenance trust fund request tonight was approved
- c. Policy Committee- will meet in April and May
- d. Curriculum Committee- no update
- e. Restructuring Committee- met February 17
- f. Building Committee- will meet March 12 at the high school 5 pm
- g. Fifth Grade Movement Study Committee- Melissa noted the committee met February 12 and that a review of the 5th grade community survey showed that the majority of respondents oppose the move and want small elementary schools. A concern was interaction between 5th graders and older students. However, the current population at the middle school will decrease due to the withdrawal of three towns, and to a decreased enrollment. Multiple facilities in four towns carry high operational costs that show up in taxes. Melissa commented that the Building Committee may be able to resolve the restructuring or contribute to a solution. A question is what options are being considered to address the potential for combining elementary schools and how to involve the community in the process. Concerns about the fifth grade move also need to be addressed.
- h. Wellness Committee- will meet March 26 at 4:30 in room 106 at the high school to

check on the self assessment progress and provide the buildings with a deadline. The minutes from the January 6 meeting are online.

- i. Tech Council- the plan is to replace teacher laptops with google classroom chrome.
- j. Professional Development Council- at the April 14 meeting we will have a five year professional development plan to approve for the state.
- k. Strategic Planning- a public session for feedback was held. Amy Yeakel is facilitating this and there will be a late March session to get feedback on the next five years.

XIII. New Business

a. 7 Member Voting Agenda

- 1. Field Trips-Robotics requests a trip to the University of Vermont. Melissa first, Fran second. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***
The Odyssey trip to Cambridge. Kim first, Dominic second. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***
NHCS requests a trip for third graders to go to Imax June 12. Fran first and Jenn second. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***
- 2. Resignation- Hannah Ferrell effective June 30. Kim first, Joe second. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***
- 3. First Student Trailer Approval- the trailer needs repair and it is on our property. Kim first, Melissa second. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***

b. 4 Member Voting Agenda

- 1. MOU with Newfound Teachers' Union on Longevity Stipend- Kim motioned to approve the MOU and Melissa seconded. Vote 4-0-2-1 (Bridgewater and Hebron abstained; Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***
- 2. FY 26 Treasurer's Stipend- increase proposed is from \$300 to \$4325. to keep position pay competitive. Melissa motioned to approve the stipend and Joe seconded. Vote 4-0-2-1 (Bridgewater and Hebron abstained; Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***
- 3. Ratification of Consortium Letter- Lakes region superintendents are forming a consortium to look at ways to pool resources to connect students with those services. A letter needing signatures will go to Jeanne Shaheen for an application for directed congressional spending. Melissa made a motion to approve the request for congressional funding to fund a consortium director.

Fran seconded. Vote 4-0-2-1 (Bridgewater and Hebron abstained; Groton absent) ***Motion Passed***

XIV. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (2 minutes per comment)

Aubrey Freedman, Bridgewater commented on the special education and food program funding discrepancies, information he shared for transparency and potential future reference for other towns or schools. He highlighted Bridgewater-Hebron's unexpected costs and a teachers' contract increase.

XV. Board Comments

Dominic Halle thanked the community for the honor of representing them on the board for the past three years.

Melissa thanked Dominic for his contributions to the board as the Bridgewater representative.

Kim Bliss also said it was an honor to serve on the board as a parent, as a former district employee, as an alum and as someone who calls this community home. Kim gave a shout out to the middle school band and chorus for a beautiful concert last Thursday. Sports Awards are coming up after the unified basketball game Wednesday at the high school.

Melissa Suckling thanked Kim for her time on the board and budget committee and for her serving as budget committee representative as well.

Melissa congratulated the middle school robotics team for their performance at the state meet. The A team placed second and the B team which had to rebuild also performed well.

Voting and Board Membership Updates: Melissa discussed the upcoming voting and the transition to a six-member board until June 30. However there may be a need for a special meeting to fill vacant positions. It is important to maintain a quorum and the impact of board member changes was noted.

Non Public Session:

Melissa motioned to enter a second nonpublic session under the same RSAs as before tonight. Joe seconded. Vote Alexandria, Bristol, Danbury and New Hampton, yes. Board left at 8:45 pm and returned at 9:25 pm. The board discussed correspondence, and school distribution.

Approval of second nonpublic minutes 3-10-25. Kim first, Joe second. Vote 4-0-0-3 (Groton, Hebron and Bridgewater excused absence) ***Motion Passed***

XVI. Adjournment

Joe motioned to adjourn at 9:30 pm seconded by Melissa. Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District staff: Paul Hoiriis, Superintendent of Schools; Angela Carpenter, Business Administrator;

Mark Tulk, Videographer; Tess Sumner, Student Representative

Public: Aubrey Freedman, Bridgewater; Michele Lang, New Hampton; Ruby Hill, Danbury;

Brittany Galvin, Bristol; Deanna Fortier, Bristol; Kelly Untiet, Alexandria; Erin Ingemundsen,

New Hampton; Kristina Burhoe, New Hampton; Jess Reynolds, New Hampton; Mara Miller, New

Hampton

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL BOARD NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: 3/10/25 #2 Meeting
4-member board only

Motion to enter Non-Public Session: Melissa Seconded By: Joe

REASON FOR NON PUBLIC:

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91-A:3, II (d): Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

91-A:3, II (e): Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against this board or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.

91-A:3, II (i): Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.

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.

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

91-A:3, II (m): Consideration of whether to disclose minutes of a nonpublic session due to a change in circumstances under paragraph III. However, any vote on whether to disclose minutes shall take place in public session.

MEMBERS PRESENT ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y/N | Kimberly Bliss, Alexandria | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y/N | Dominic Halle, Bridgewater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y/N | Joseph Maloney, Bristol | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y/N | Melissa Suckling, Danbury |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X/N | William Jolly, Groton | <input type="checkbox"/> Y/N | Jennifer Larochelle, Hebron |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y/N | Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton | | |

ENTERED INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT: 8:37PM

Other persons present during nonpublic session (necessary personnel only):

Paul Harris

Identification of subject matter discussed and final actions taken/decisions made. (All actions/decisions must reflect the vote of each member – roll call or unanimous vote (91-A:3, III), and the first and second of every motion (91-A:2, II):

- legal discussion regarding correspondence
- school distribution

Discussion on Issue Ended at: 9:24 pm

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by: Melissa

Seconded by: Kim

ROLL CALL VOTE TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

- Y / N Kimberly Bliss, Alexandria
- Y / N Joseph Maloney, Bristol
- Y / N William Jolly, Groton
- Y / N Fran Wendleboe, New Hampton

- Y / N Dominic Halle, Bridgewater
- Y / N Melissa Suckling, Danbury
- Y / N Jennifer Larochelle, Hebron

PUBLIC MEETING RECONVENED AT: _____

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Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

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ROLL CALL VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES:

- Y / N Kimberly Bliss, Alexandria
- Y / N Joseph Maloney, Bristol
- Y / N William Jolly, Groton
- Y / N Fran Wendleboe, New Hampton

- Y / N Dominic Halle, Bridgewater
- Y / N Melissa Suckling, Danbury
- Y / N Jennifer Larochelle, Hebron

MOTION TO SEAL (REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE): PASS / DID NOT PASS (circle one)

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These minutes recorded by: Melissa Suckling

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL BOARD NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

1st Non-Public

Date: 3/10/25

Motion to enter Non-Public Session: Melissa Seconded By: Kim

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MEMBERS PRESENT ROLL CALL VOTE:

- N Kimberly Bliss, Alexandria
- N Joseph Maloney, Bristol
- N William Jolly, Groton absent
- N Fran Wendelboe, New Hampton

- N Dominic Halle, Bridgewater
- N Melissa Suckling, Danbury
- N Jennifer Larochelle, Hebron

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Other persons present during nonpublic session (necessary personnel only):

Paul Hairis

Identification of subject matter discussed and final actions taken/decisions made. (All actions/decisions must reflect the vote of each member – roll call or unanimous vote (91-A:3, III), and the first and second of every motion (91-A:2, II):

HR - resignation, hiring, staffing

Policy re: student

Lead discussion

Ballot issue

Discussion on Issue Ended at: 6:55pm

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by: Fran

Seconded by: Dominic

ROLL CALL VOTE TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

- Y / N Kimberly Bliss, Alexandria
- Y / N Joseph Maloney, Bristol
- Y / N William Jolly, Groton Absent
- Y / N Fran Wendleboe, New Hampton

- Y / N Dominic Halle, Bridgewater
- Y / N Melissa Suckling, Danbury
- Y / N Jennifer Larochelle, Hebron

PUBLIC MEETING RECONVENED AT: 6:56pm

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These minutes recorded by: Melissa Suckling

Attendance Sheet

3-10-25

PLEASE PRINT

Newfound Area

Meeting Date: ~~3-11-25~~

Name	Town
Aubrey Freedman	Bridge water
Michele Lang	New Hampton
Ruby Hill	Danbury
Brittany Gavin	Bristol N
Dyana Forner	Bristol
Pelly Untet	Alexandria
Erin Ingemundsen	New Hampton
Kristina Burhoe	New Hampton
Jess Reynolds	New Hampton
Marc Miller	New Hampton

Month: February 2025

Description	Receipts	Expenditures
Operating Acct		
receipts	2,970,594.32	
expenditures		1,004,206.13
payroll		1,382,701.08
voided cks		(2,866.66)
adj. PR1035 clrd TD 2/21/25, posted g/l 3/7/25		23,637.46
adj. PR voucher 20 dated 6/30/24		827.76
Nutrition Acct		
receipts	18,645.98	
expenditure		50.25
	2,989,240.30	2,408,556.02

Total receipts for February	2,989,240.30
Total receipts to 1st	17,541,475.33
Total receipts to date	20,530,715.63
Less School Board orders to date	18,297,005.34
Balance end of February	2,233,710.29

Monthly Reconciliation

Month of: February

Outstanding Check Listing	348,387.80	Checking	2,122,490.04
		Nutrition	459,608.05
		Total	2,582,098.09
		Treas. Balance	<u>2,233,710.29</u>
		Difference	<u><u>348,387.80</u></u>

Michele Lacroix, Treasurer

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of Receipts

Period ending: 28-Feb-25

Total receipts to date	20,530,715.63
Less School Board orders paid	<u>-18,297,005.34</u>
Cash on hand end of the month	<u><u>2,233,710.29</u></u>

ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED FROM TOWNS DURING THE MONTH

	Month paid for	Current Payment	Amount Paid YTD	Amount Billed YTD	2024-25 Total Assessment	2024-25 State Education Tax	Balance Due
Alexandria	February	291,858	2,338,724	2,338,724	3,087,344	424,211	1,172,831
Bridgewater	pd Dec; owes Jan&Feb	163,793	825,000	1,316,379	1,201,445	778,550	1,154,995
Bristol	pd Nov&Dec, owes Jan&Feb	1,129,658	3,394,014	4,521,152	5,665,146	1,127,921	3,399,053
Danbury	February	202,679	1,634,232	1,634,232	2,204,128	258,746	828,642
Groton	February	55,772	447,451	447,451	536,081	136,248	224,878
Hebron	February	89,710	713,600	713,600	531,555	536,802	354,757
New Hampton	February	370,746	2,979,726	2,979,726	3,841,445	635,018	1,496,737
Totals		<u>2,304,216</u>	<u>12,332,747</u>	<u>13,951,264</u>	<u>17,067,144</u>	<u>3,897,496</u>	<u>8,631,893</u>

INTEREST EARNED

TD Bank - General Fund	1,481.74	
TD Bank - Nutrition	<u>432.27</u>	
Total	1914.01	
Interest earned to date 2024-25		37,464.92

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Building Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 12, 2025
5:00 pm
Newfound Regional High School

Committee Members Present: Fran Wendelboe (Chair, New Hampton), Paul Hoiriis (Superintendent), David Suckling (Danbury), Dorcas Gordan (Bristol), Armand Girouard (Facilities Director)

Committee Members Absent: Jeff Goodrum (Bristol), Erik DiFilippe (New Hampton), Rick Alpers (Bristol)

Public Present: Kristina Burhoe (New Hampton), Michele Long (New Hampton)

At 5:07 pm, Chair Wendelboe called the meeting order. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Gordon moved to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2024, meeting. Mr. Hoiriis seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0-2-3 (Wendelboe and Girouard abstaining).

The committee discussed the history and process of its work so far including the survey and listening session notes from 2023. The committee reviewed the status of the Fifth Grade Study Committee.

Ms. Long shared that the vote to recommend the move of the fifth grade to the middle school was slim. Ms. Wendelboe added that no action was taken by the School Board on this recommendation citing that perhaps it should be put on hold pending recommended outcomes of the Building Committee. Mr. Hoiriis provided some Restructuring Committee updates.

The committee discussed a plan moving forward in doing research on the costs of various scenarios and presenting those to the public prior to surveying the public on its wishes so that the public has more information before sharing their wants. Mr. Hoiriis was charged with gathering the costs around running each school. Mr. Girouard was charges with looking on renovation, addition, and new construction costs.

Mr. Hoiriis disclosed that TD Bank will be closing on June 5th and the future of the SAU's occupation of TD Bank's property is uncertain. During public comment, Ms. Burhoe suggested moving the SAU to Newfound Memorial Middle School.

Mr. Hoiriis informed that committee that Kim Bliss (Alexandria) and Brittany Galvin (Bristol) have expressed willingness to serve on the committee. He moved to recommend their addition to the committee at the next Board meeting. Ms. Wendelboe seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0-0-3.

The next meeting is to be determined. At 7:19 pm, Mr. Suckling moved to adjourn. Mr. Girouard seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0-0-3.

Newfound Area School District
Organizational Membership
2025-2026

Name of Group	Board Members
Contract Negotiations Committee	
Facilities Committee	
Policy Committee	
Football Oversight Committee	
Curriculum Committee	
Building Committee	
Restructuring Committee	
Budget Committee	
District Data Committee	
Wellness	
Hill School District	
Technology Council	
Professional Development Council	
Community Relations & Communication Council	
5-Year Strategic Plan Committee	
Fifth Grade Study Committee	



March 12, 2025

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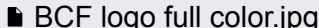
Dear Charlie,

Thank you for submitting an application for the 2025 FIRST New Hampshire travel assistance grant program. Due to the generosity of our business partners, FIRST New Hampshire (FIRST NH) is pleased to be able to make an award to all teams that applied for assistance. We hope that this grant award helps to offset the travel costs that would otherwise be borne by the student team members.

FIRST NH has awarded a \$1000 grant to your team as an unrestricted grant to assist with team travel expenses to the FRC district events. Funding for this grant is made possible by the BOSCH Community Fund.

FIRST NH does require a W-9 from the school or affiliated organization for tax purposes. Checks will be made out to the entity named on the W-9. If you need to update the W-9 that FIRST NH currently has on file, please email a completed W-9 form to grants@firstnh.org and we will update our files with the new form..

As always, our sponsors greatly appreciate it when they get thank you cards from the teams they support. You can mail thank you cards to the address above and we will be sure to forward them. Feel free to also recognize them through other means as well. Here is a link to the Bosch Community Fund logo that you may want to include where appropriate:

 BCF logo full color.jpg

Please send any questions to me at ksthilaire@firstinspires.org.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken St. Hilaire", written in a cursive style.

Ken St.Hilaire

Director - FIRST NH

FIRST New Hampshire Robotics EIN 82-5435938

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To the inhabitants of the Newfound Area School District of Alexandria, Bristol, Danbury and New Hampton qualified to vote upon District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet for the “First Session” (Deliberative Session) of the annual meeting at the Newfound Regional High School Auditorium in Bristol, New Hampshire on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 10:00 am to hear, discuss, debate, and/or amend warrant articles.

The “Second Session” of the annual meeting, to elect officers, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot, and to vote on all warrant articles from the “First Session” by official ballot will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 (Election Day) at each polling place in the towns of Alexandria, Bristol, Danbury and New Hampton at these locations and during the following times:

Alexandria:	Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road	11 am to 7pm
Bristol:	Old Town Hall, 45 Summer Street	8am to 7pm
Danbury:	Town Hall, 23 High Street	11 am to 7pm
New Hampton:	Town House, 86 Town House Road	11 am to 7pm

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary School District Officials for the year ensuing.
(Second Session, March 11, 2025- Election Day)

ARTICLE 2: EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND: BUILDING MAINTENANCE: To see if the Newfound Area School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$450,000) to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund: Building Maintenance, and to authorize the use/transfer in that amount from the undesignated fund balance available July 1, 2025 for this purpose?
(*This article is not included in Article 4– Operating Budget.*)

*(The School Board voted to recommend this article by a vote of 3-1-3-0.)
(The Budget Committee voted to recommend this article by a vote of 4-0.)*

ARTICLE 3: EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND: TECHNOLOGY: To see if the Newfound Area School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund: Technology, and to authorize the use/transfer in that amount from the undesignated fund balance available July 1, 2025 for this purpose?
(*This article is not included in Article 4– Operating Budget.*)

*(The School Board voted to recommend this article by a vote of 3-1-3-0.)
(The Budget Committee voted to recommend this article by a vote of 4-0.)*

ARTICLE 4: OPERATING BUDGET: To see if the Newfound Area School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the “First Session”, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling (\$26,482,484.00)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be (\$26,251,501.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Newfound Area School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(The School Board voted to recommend this article by a vote of 3-1-1-2.)

(The Budget Committee voted to recommend this article by a vote of 4-0.)

ARTICLE 5: NEWFOUND TEACHERS UNION CONTRACT: To see if the Newfound Area School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Newfound Area School Board and the Newfound Teachers Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

- Fiscal Year Estimated Increase (2025-2026) \$391,459.22

(The School Board voted to recommend this article by a vote of 4-0-3-0.)

(The Budget Committee voted to recommend this article by a vote of 4-0.)

ARTICLE 6: RESTRUCTURING OF SCHOOL BOARD: To see if the Newfound Area School District will vote to restructure the school board to be comprised of five members, one from each of the towns of Alexandria, Bristol, Danbury and New Hampton, plus one at large member, all members to continue to be elected at large; the four current board members to remain in office until their terms expire; the three year term of the fifth (at large) member to start July 1, 2025; the school board to appoint a fifth (at large) member to serve from July 1, 2025 until the 2026 school district election, at which the voters will elect a fifth (at large) member to serve for the balance of the term until the 2028 school district election.

(Note: Approval of this article will also reconstitute the Budget Committee, because RSA 195:12-a provides that the terms of the office and the manner of election of budget committee members shall be determined in the same manner as for the cooperative school board)

(The School Board voted to recommend this article by a vote of 4-0-3-0.)

(The Budget Committee voted to recommend this article by a vote of 4-0.)

ARTICLE 7: TUITION AGREEMENT: To see if the Newfound Area School District will vote to approve a three-year tuition agreement between the Newfound Area School District and the Pasquaney School District

(The School Board voted to recommend this article by a vote of 4-0-3-0.)

(The Budget Committee voted to recommend this article by a vote of 4-0.)

ARTICLE 8: BY PETITION: RESCISSION OF THE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX CAP: Pursuant to RSA 32:5-b, shall we rescind the provision of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as adopted by the Newfound Area School District on March 13, 2012, so that there will no longer be a limit on increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes? (Approval of this article will rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, so as to provide greater flexibility to the taxpayers in the appropriation funds)

ARTICLE 9: BY PETITION: AMENDMENT OF THE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX CAP: Pursuant to RSA 32:5-b, shall we modify the tax cap adopted under the provisions of the RSA 32:5-b at the 2012 Annual Meeting to change the 2% tax cap to 5%? If this Article is adopted the governing body (or budget committee) shall not recommend a budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes based on the prior year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 5%.

Official Results

Newfound Area School District March 2025 Election Results

Article 1: To choose all necessary School District Officials for the year ensuing.

School Board		Alexandria
		Dennis Fitton
Alexandria		237
Bristol		283
Danbury		242
New Hampton		214
	Total	976
	Winner	Dennis Fitton

Budget Committee		Alexandria	Moderator
		Shevaun Cazeault	Edward "Ned" Gordon
Alexandria		220	245
Bristol		270	337
Danbury		233	266
New Hampton		215	281
	Total	938	1129
	Winner	Shevaun Cazeault	Edward "Ned" Gordon

	Article 2		Article 3	
	Expendable Trust Fund: Building Maintenance		Expendable Trust Fund: Technology	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alexandria	139	157	133	153
Bristol	249	132	250	130
Danbury	130	256	136	251
New Hampton	206	126	215	114
Total	724	671	734	648
Results (Pass/Fail)	PASS		PASS	

	Article 4		Article 5	
	Operating budget		NTU Contract	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alexandria	133	154	155	137
Bristol	240	152	257	124
Danbury	121	264	165	222
New Hampton	200	130	227	103
Total	694	700	804	586
Results (Pass/Fail)	FAIL		PASS	

		Article 6 Restructuring School Board		Article 7 Tuition Agreement w/ Pasquaney District	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
Alexandria		207	79	198	88
Bristol		316	61	201	72
Danbury		257	130	211	167
New Hampton		271	58	254	70
Total		1051	328	864	397
Results (Pass/Fail)		PASS		PASS	

		Article 8 By Petition: Rescission of Tax Cap		Article 9 By Petition: Amendment of District Tax	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
Alexandria		88	194	87	194
Bristol		159	214	150	221
Danbury		96	284	89	291
New Hampton		148	174	143	176
Total		491	866	469	882
Results (Pass/Fail)		FAIL		FAIL	

A true copy I do attest, Ruth Whittier, School District Official