

Newfound Area School District and Bridgewater-Hebron Village District Explained

The Newfound Area School District (NASD) and the Bridgewater-Hebron Village District (B-HVD) have a unique relationship. Following are some facts to explain their connection.

- In 1963 the NH State Board of Education formed the Newfound Area School District (NASD) comprising the school districts of Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, and New Hampton. On July 1, 1964, it began as a cooperative school district. All of the facilities within the school districts became the collective property of the NASD.
- The NASD School Board consists of one member from each of the seven towns and are elected by the residents of the entire district.
- NASD (or SAU4) is funded using 100% ADM (Average Daily Membership). This simply means that each town pays into the NASD per student that is enrolled in the district.
- In 1998 overcrowded and outdated school buildings coupled with long bus times (1.5 hrs. for some students in the northern part of NASD) were an issue. SAU4 was considering portable classrooms as recent bond issues had failed. Bridgewater and Hebron residents discussed the desire for a local school like the New Hampton Community School.
- In 1999 the Bridgewater-Hebron Village District was formed by the NH Legislature (and supported by the SAU4 Board) to allow Bridgewater and Hebron to own and lease a school building to a school district.
- B-HVD built the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School (B-HVS) which began operating in 2000. The cost to construct and furnish the building was fully paid for by (B-HVD), essentially the towns of Bridgewater and Hebron.
- B-HVD (the landlord) owns the building and grounds and leases them to SAU4 (the tenant) for \$1.00 per year.
- The lease agreement states that it can be terminated by either party if the funding formula is altered.
- B-HVD assumes responsibility for all capital repairs and maintenance, including landscaping and snow plowing. This included a completely new roof and heating system in 2017.
- SAU4 is responsible for academics and policies.
- The school enrolls students from all seven towns in the NASD.
- The BHV-S athletic fields and the gym are used by the TTCC (provided it does not conflict with the school programs). Likewise, many adult activities such as volleyball use the facility and are enjoyed by the Newfound community.