

BRIDGEWATER, HEBRON & GROTON
Steering Committee & Pro-Tem School Board Committee
297 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, NH 03222

July 17, 2024: Meeting called to order at 6pm

Meeting Location: Bridgewater Town Hall

Pro-Tem School Board Committee Members Present: Mark Coulson and Virginia Parker

BHG Committee Members Present: Terence Murphy and John Rescigno

This is a non-official meeting for organizational information purposes only.

Due to the fact that there is not a quorum, no decisions on any agenda items will be made at this meeting.

Items were communicated to the public present, that are currently being worked on, but cannot be formalized until we receive our SAU# from the NH Department of Education.

Items being reviewed:

1. Necessary computer equipment for superintendent services.
2. Review software decisions and ensure current student software is compatible or convertible to the NH DOE student software for reporting purposes.
3. NH DOE currently reviewing articles of formation
4. Formation of our SAU website, to include domains for BHVS and BHVD and email addresses for each.
5. Transportation, Food services, etc.

Ms. Parker opened the meeting up for public comment.

One of the items discussed is the fact that the teachers are currently in the process of negotiating a new contract with SAU#4. Concern was, when and how will they begin negotiations with the new school district. It was explained, that the new school district cannot discuss any contract negotiations with the teachers until we receive our SAU# and until their negotiations are completed with the current school district. For the first year, we will honor the current contract and mirror benefits, etc.

One item of great concern among the public that was present is the continuation of the pre-school at BHVS. Committee members made it clear that BHVD has offered to allow SAU#4 to continue the pre-school program at BHVS. The new school district has no intentions of interrupting a program that is currently working well.

Another item of equal concern was brought to the committee's attention, is that SAU#4 is not allowing any Bristol or Alexandria residents the option to attend BHVS for new enrollments for pre-school, Kindergarten or any grades and that they are stating that Bridgewater will not allow the SAU#4 to enroll any new students. The Committee took this under advisement as they have not expressed this in any way shape or form and need to address it with SAU#4 prior to commenting.

Last item of discussion was how to involve the community in creating the new school district and how to have more attendance at meetings.

Next meeting is on July 31, 2024 at 6pm (an announcement will be posted on Monday 7/22, if it becomes necessary to hold a meeting on July 24).

Meeting adjourned at 7pm