

Meeting Minutes

Commission to Study School Funding (RSA 193-E:2-e)

Commission Meeting

January 27, 2020 2pm LOB 210-211

Members:

Rep. David Luneau; Rep. Mel Myler; Rep. Richard Ames; Rep. Rick Ladd; Sen. Jay Kahn; Sen. Jon Morgan; Iris Estabrook; David Ryan; Corinne Cascadden; Jan Bergeron-Beaulieu; John Beardmore; William Ardinger; Mary Heath; Val Zanchuk; Susan Huard; Chris Dwyer

Opening Remarks

Rep. Luneau called the meeting to order and introduced the new members of the commission. The chairman reiterated that meetings are livestreamed and available online.

Bruce Mallory

Dr. Mallory presented on the Carsey School at UNH's Proposal for Services to Commission. This included the scope of work (logistical support, research, public engagement, and communication) as well as cost estimates for the work. Dr. Mallory answered questions posed by the commission on specifics of the proposal. The commission decided to vote to consider accepting the proposal next week.

NSCL

Dan Thatcher from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) presented to the commission via Zoom and PowerPoint about the resources that the NCSL could provide to the commission as well as an overview of some of the methods other states have used to evaluate their own school funding formulas. Additionally, he provided a link (bit.ly/ncsl4nh) where commission members and others can view NCSL resources around school funding.

New Hampshire Department of Education

Caitlin Davis from the NH DOE gave a brief overview of adequacy funding in New Hampshire.

Public Comment

Doug Hall asked the commission to be sure to get community input during this process, and to be sure to gather information from other states. He asked the commission to ask what constitutes an adequate

education for students in New Hampshire in 2020 and how to make sure students everywhere in the state have access to that adequate education.

Next Meeting February 3, 2020 in LOB 2010-211 at 2pm

Documents:

Summary of Proposal to the Commission to Study School Funding

Proposal to the Commission to Study School Funding (Full)

Copy of Slides – NCSL Overview of State Education Finance System Studies

NH DOE State Summary Revenue and Expenditures of School Districts 2018-2019

NH DOE Estimated 2021 Municipal Summary of Adequacy Aid