

HOLLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
Hollis Brookline High School gymnasium, Hollis, NH
09 March 2022

Hollis Elementary Schools

Paula Izbicki, Principal Hollis Primary
Candice Fowler, Principal Hollis Upper Elementary
Lauren DiGennaro, Director of Student Services

Hollis School Board

Tammy Fareed, Chairman
Amy Kellner, Vice Chairman
Brooke Arthur, Secretary
Robert Mann
Caryl Roy

Meeting Officials

Drew Mason, Moderator
James O'Shaughnessy, District Counsel
Diane Leavitt, District Clerk

SAU 41 Administration

Andrew Corey, Superintendent
Gina Bergskaug, Assistant Superintendent
Kelly Seeley, Business Administrator

Hollis School District Budget Committee

Tom Gehan, Chairman
Mike Harris, Vice Chairman
Mike Leavitt, Secretary
Christopher Hyde
Lorin Rydstrom
Darlene Mann
Carrol Roy, Hollis School Board Rep
Mark LeDoux, Select Board Rep

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by the moderator, Drew Mason, at the Hollis Brookline Cooperative High School and was started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was played by the HUES Band (due to Covid 19, it was previously recorded in 2019). Moderator recognized all veterans and serving members of our armed forces.

Tammy Fareed, School Board chairman, introduced the School Board. Mike Harris, Budget Committee, introduced the Budget Committee. Superintendent of Schools, Andy Corey, introduced SAU #41 and the School Administration. Moderator introduced School District Counsel, James O'Shaughnessy, and School District Clerk, Diane Leavitt. Moderator recognized the Supervisors of the Checklist, Assistants and Volunteer Counters.

Moderator went over administrative announcements. Moderator went over the election results and thanked everyone for a successful election and for the record number of voters that came out to vote on election day. Moderator, Drew Mason, reached out for help from anyone who would like to be a moderator, training is available. Moderator went over the rules of the meeting.

Moderator motioned to adopt the rules of the meeting. Seconded by Mike Harris. No discussion.
CARRIED by a card vote.

Moderator gave an overview of the warrant articles and time schedule.
Budget Committee chair, Tom Gehan, gave a financial overview of the articles.

Article 1. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,116,000** (gross budget) for renovations/improvements at Hollis Primary and Hollis Upper Elementary Schools related to kitchen and bathroom renovations, roofing projects, air source heat pump installations, interior doors, etc. per the complete list approved by the Hollis School Board and to authorize the issuance of **\$3,116,000** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$77,900** for the first year's principal and interest payment on the bonds or notes issued. **The school board recommends this appropriation (4-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (8-0-0).**

Amy Kellner motioned to bring Article 1 to the floor. Seconded by Caryl Roy.
Caryl Roy, School Board, gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.

Moderator brought Article 1 to a secret ballot vote. Polls were open for just over one hour. 3/5 margin required to pass. **YES – 111 NO – 12 CARRIED** by a secret ballot vote.

Mike Harris motioned to restrict reconsideration to Article 1. Seconded by Darlene Mann.
Moderator brought motion to restrict Article 1 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 2. To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hollis School Board and the Hollis Education Support Staff Association for the 2022-23 school year, which calls for the following increases in support staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2022-23	\$87,661

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$87,661** for the first year (2022-23 school year), such sum representing the negotiated increase over the 2021-22 salaries and fringe benefits. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 8-0-0.**

Amy Kellner motioned to bring Article 2 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy.
Amy Kellner, School Board, gave a presentation. No discussion.
Moderator brought Article 2 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Michelle St. John motioned to restrict reconsideration to Article 2. Seconded by Raul Blanche.
Moderator brought motion to restrict Article 2 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 3. To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hollis School Board and the Hollis Education Association for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year, which calls for the following increases in professional staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2022-23	\$191,599	2023-24	\$267,436	2024-25	\$275,629

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$191,599** for the fiscal year, such sum representing the negotiated increase over the 2021-22 salaries and fringe benefits. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 5-3-0.**

Amy Kellner motioned to bring Article 3 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy.
Rob Mann, School Board, gave a presentation. Discussion ensued. Mike Harris, Budget Committee, answered a question. Rob Mann, School Board, answered a question. Joe Garuba submitted a petition containing at least 5 registered voters to have a secret ballot vote on Article 3.
Moderator brought Article 3 to a secret ballot vote. **67 – YES 47 – NO CARRIED** by a secret ballot vote.

Barbara King motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 3. Seconded by Elizabeth Brown.
Moderator brought motion to restrict Article 3 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 4. Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$625,021** as the Hollis School District’s portion of the SAU budget of **\$2,107,176** for the forthcoming fiscal year? This year’s adjusted budget of **\$2,018,210** with **\$598,582** assigned to the school budget of this school district will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all the school district voters voting in this school administrative unit. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 8-0-0.**

Amy Kellner motioned to bring Article 4 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy.
Tammy Fareed, School Board, gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.
John Presley motioned to end debate. Seconded by Mike Harris.
Moderator brought motion to end debate to a vote. **CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote.
Moderator brought Article 4 to a secret ballot vote. **YES – 65 NO – 61 CARRIED** by a secret ballot vote.

Jama Wilder motioned to have a recount and requested to have Joe Garuba watch the recount. Moderator allowed this request. Recount stands **YES – 65 NO – 61. CARRIED** by recount.

Mike Harris motioned to restrict reconsideration to Article 4. Seconded by Stickney. Moderator brought motion to restrict Article 4 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 5. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$23,970** to be added to the previously established MAINTENANCE FUND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES at 4 Lund Lane in Hollis, Map 56, Lot 2. This amount to come from the unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year. This amount represents rental proceeds and unexpended maintenance funds to be received from SAU 41. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 8-0-0.**

Amy Kellner motioned to bring Article 5 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy. Tammy Fareed, School Board, gave a presentation. Discussion ensued. Moderator brought Article 5 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Mike Harris motioned to restrict reconsideration to Article 5. Seconded by Rob Mann. Moderator brought motion to restrict Article 5 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 6. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$150,000** to be added to the previously established SCHOOL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE FUND from the Hollis School District's June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 8-0-0.**

Amy Kellner motioned to bring Article 6 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy. Carryl Roy, School Board, gave a presentation. Discussion ensued. Moderator brought Article 6 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 7. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$25,000** to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust Fund. The sum to come from the Hollis School District's June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 8-0-0.**

Amy Kellner motioned to bring Article 7 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy. Amy Kellner, School Board, gave a presentation. No Discussion. Moderator brought Article 7 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Michelle St. John motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 6 and Article 7. Moderator brought motion to restrict Article 6-7 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 8. To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$95,000** to go into the fund. This sum to be raised by taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 8-0-0.**

Amy Kellner motioned to bring Article 8 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy. Brooke Arthur, School Board, gave a presentation. No discussion. Moderator brought Article 8 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Mike Harris motioned to restrict reconsideration to Article 8. Seconded by Rob Mann. Moderator brought motion to restrict Article 8 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 9. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$14,297,406** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This appropriation does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. **The school board recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 8-0-0.**

Mike Harris motioned to bring Article 9 to the floor. Seconded by Amy Kellner.
Tom Gehan, Budget Committee, gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.
Moderator brought Article 9 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote

Mike Harris motioned to restrict reconsideration to Article 9. Seconded by Rob Mann. Moderator brought motion to restrict Article 9 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Moderator thanked everyone for coming out in the bad weather.
Mike Harris motioned to dissolve the meeting. Seconded by Tom Gehan.

We had 129 voters who attended the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Leavitt,
Hollis School District Clerk