

HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hollis Brookline High School, Hollis, NH
15 March 2022

Hollis Brookline Coop School Board

Holly Deurloo Babcock, Chairman
Tom Solon, Vice Chairman
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SAU #41 Administration

Andrew Corey, Superintendent
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Kelly Seeley, Business Administrator
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Meeting Officials

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

Hollis Brookline Coop Budget Committee

Darlene Mann, Chairman
Raul Blanche, Vice Chairman
Matt Maguire, Secretary
Brian Rater
Anthony Stanizzi
David Blinn
Tom Whalen
Cindy Van Coughnett, School Board Rep

Hollis Brookline High School

Tim Girzone, High School Principal
Robert Ouellette, Assistant Principal
Amanda Zeller, Assistant Principal
Kimberly Meyer, Assistant Principal

Hollis Brookline Middle School

Patrick West, Principal
Jennifer Campbell, Assistant Principal
Yolanda Flamino, Assistant Principal

The Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by the Moderator, Drew Mason, at the Hollis Brookline High School gymnasium. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung by the COOP Honors Choir directed by Matthew Barbosa. Moderator recognized all Veterans and serving members of our Armed Forces.

Holly Deurloo Babcock, School Board Chair, introduced the School Board. Darlene Mann, Budget Committee Chair, introduced the Budget Committee. Superintendent, Andy Corey, introduced SAU 41 Administration and Staff. Moderator, Drew Mason, introduced School District Counsel, James O'Shaughnessy, and School District Clerk, Diane Leavitt. Moderator recognized Supervisors of the Checklist, Ballot Clerks, Assistants and Counters. Moderator went over administrative announcements.

Michelle St. John requested a moment of silence in memory of Braeden O'Connor who passed away this year. Braeden was a Junior in the High School. Moderator went over the election results and thanked everyone for a successful record-breaking number of voters who came out to vote. Moderator is recruiting anyone who would like to be a moderator, training is available.

Moderator went over the rules of the meeting proposed by the Moderator.
Jim Belanger motioned to adopt the rules of the meeting. Seconded by Raul Blanche.
Moderator brought motion to adopt the rules to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Moderator went over an overview of the warrant articles and time schedule.
Darlene Mann, Budget Committee Chair, gave the Financial Overview of Articles.

Article 1. To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a 15-year lease purchase agreement for **\$2,886,491** to finance the acquisition and installation of energy efficient heating and cooling equipment at Hollis Brookline High School to replace aging equipment, bring comfort to staff and students and to improve energy efficiency; and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$235,471** for payments due

under the lease purchase agreement during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This lease purchase agreement will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. (Majority vote required.) **The school board recommends the appropriation 6-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 8-0-0.**

Holly Deurloo Babcock motioned to bring Article 1 to the floor. Seconded by Tom Solon.

Andy Corey, Superintendent SAU 41, gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.

Eric Pauer motioned to have a secret ballot vote. Five people were recognized and present.

Moderator brought Article 1 to a secret ballot vote. **YES – 178 NO – 108 CARRIED** by a secret ballot.

Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 1. Seconded by Raul Blanche.

Moderator motioned to bring restrict reconsideration to Article 1 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Eric Pauer motioned to take up Article 7 before Article 2. Seconded by Dennis Bechis.

Moderator brought motion to move Article 7 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 7. Petitioned Warrant Article. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District on the second Tuesday of March? **The school board recommends this article (0-6-0).**

The Moderator clarified that the school board does not recommend Article 7.

Eric Pauer gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.

Brandon Buteau motioned to end debate of Article 7. Seconded by Carryl Roy.

Moderator brought motion to end debate to a card vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Moderator brought Article 7 to a secret ballot vote. Polls were open for one hour. A 3/5 margin is required to pass. **YES – 44 NO – 298 NOT CARRIED** by a 3/5 super majority secret ballot vote.

Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 7. Seconded by Liz Brown.

Moderator motioned to bring restrict reconsideration to Article 7 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 2. To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items for the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board and the Hollis Education Support Staff Association for the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, which calls for the following increases in support staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2022-23	\$88,523

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$88,523** for the second fiscal year (2022-23 school year), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in support staff salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (7-0-1).**

Holly Deurloo Babcock motioned to bring Article 2 to the floor. Seconded by Tom Solon.

Krista Whalen, School Board, gave a presentation. No Discussion.

Moderator brought Article 2 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 2. Seconded by Raul Blanche. Moderator motioned to bring restriction to Article 2 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 3. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$25,278,502 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 (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (8-0-0).**

Darlene Mann, Budget Committee, motioned to bring Article 3 to the floor. Seconded by Holly Deurloo Babcock. Darlene Mann, gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.

Eric Pauer made a motion to amend Article 3 to read from \$25,278,502 to \$24,505,758. Seconded by Rick MacMillian. Discussion ensued. Tammy Fareed motioned to end debate. Seconded by Brendan Dennehy. Moderator brought motion to end debate to a vote. **CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote. Moderator brought motion to amend Article 3 to a vote. **NOT CARRIED** by a card vote.

Buteau motioned to end the debate on Article 3. Seconded by Tammy Fareed. Moderator brought motion to end debate to a vote. **CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote. Moderator brought Article 3 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 3. Seconded by Liz Brown. Moderator motioned to bring restriction to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 4. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,070,947 as the Hollis Brookline Cooperative 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 \$1,025,645 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 this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (8-0-0).**

Holly Deurloo Babcock motioned to bring Article 4 to the floor. Seconded by Tom Solon. Krista Whalen, School Board, gave a presentation. Discussion ensued. Brook Arthur motioned to end debate. Seconded by Michelle St. John. Moderator brought motion to end debate a vote. **CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote.

Moderator brought Article 4 to a secret ballot vote. **YES – 174 NO – 146 CARRIED** by a secret ballot vote.

As this was the last annual meeting across the SAU, Moderator presented the overall vote:

Brookline School District	YES – 533	NO – 355
Hollis School District	YES – 65	NO – 61
COOP School District	YES – 174	NO – 146
Total Vote	YES – 772	NO – 562

SAU 41 budget passed by secret ballot votes in the three school districts.

Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 4. Seconded by Liz Brown. Moderator motioned to bring restrict reconsideration to 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 \$200,000 to be added to the previously established School Building and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The sum to come from the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District's June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance, available on July 1, 2022. **The school board recommends this appropriation (5-0-1). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (8-0-0).**

Moderator clarified that the school board vote to recommend this article was 5-1-0 not 5-0-1.
Holly Deurloo Babcock motioned to bring Article 5 to the floor. Seconded by Tom Solon.
Holly Deurloo Babcock, School Board, gave a presentation. No Discussion.
Moderator brought Article 5 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 6. To see if the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$25,000** to come from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022 to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (8-0-0).**

Holly Deurloo Babcock motioned to bring Article 6 to the floor. Seconded by Tom Solon.
Holly Deurloo Babcock, School Board, gave a presentation. No Discussion.
Moderator brought Article 6 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 5 and Article 6. Seconded by Liz Brown.
Moderator motioned to bring restrict reconsideration to Articles 5 and 6 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Barbara King motioned to postpone Articles 8 – 10 before Article 8 was read. Moderator did not accept that motion at that time. Barbara King appealed the Moderator's ruling. Moderator brought motion to sustain Moderator's ruling to a vote. Moderator's ruling sustained by a card vote.

Article 8. Petitioned Warrant Article. Shall the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District rescind authorization under RSA 198:4-b II so that the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District returns 100% of year-end unassigned general funds to the taxpayers? **The school board recommends this article (0-6-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (0-8-0).**

Moderator clarified that the School Board and the Budget Committee did not recommend Article 8.

Eric Pauer motioned to bring Article 8 to the floor. Seconded by Dennis Bechis.
Eric Pauer gave a presentation. Darlene Mann, Budget Committee spoke to Article 8. Discussion ensued.
Moderator brought Article 8 to a vote. **NOT CARRIED** by a card vote.

Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 8. Seconded by Dave Blinn.
Moderator motioned to bring restrict reconsideration to Article 8 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 9. Petitioned Warrant Article. Shall the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District direct the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board to adopt and implement a policy to ensure that each textbook or other assigned book used in the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District as well as a copy of all professional training materials provided to teachers, administrators, and staff of the district paid with school district funds be made available to the public at the Hollis Social Library and at the Brookline Public Library in hardcopy or electronic form, organized by grade or teacher? **The school board recommends this article (0-6-0).**

Moderator clarified that the School Board did not recommend Article 9.

Eric Pauer motioned to bring Article 9 to the floor. Seconded by Dennis Bechis.
Eric Pauer gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.
Richard Gribble motioned to pass over Article 9. Seconded by Liz Brown. Discussion ensued.
Moderator brought motion to pass over Article 9 to a vote. **NOT CARRIED** by a card vote.
Discussion ensued. John Presley motioned to end debate. Seconded by Tony Stanizzi.

Moderator brought motion to end debate. **CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote.

Joe Garuba motioned to have a secret ballot vote. Five people were recognized and present.
Moderator brought Article 9 to a secret ballot vote. **YES – 74 NO – 179 NOT CARRIED** to a secret ballot vote.

Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 9. Seconded by Brian Rater.
Moderator motioned to bring restrict reconsideration to Article 9 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 10. Petitioned Warrant Article. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b, requiring that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the school board, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article? The determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body. **The school board recommends this article (0-6-0). The budget committee recommends this article (0-8-0).**

Moderator clarified that the Budget Committee vote to recommend Article 10 was 1-7-0 not 0-8-0. Moderator clarified that the School Board and Budget Committee did not recommend Article 10.

Eric Pauer motioned to bring Article 10 to the floor. Seconded by Dennis Bechis.
Eric Pauer gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.
Barbara King motioned to end debate. Seconded by Brian Loveland.
Moderator brought motion to end debate to a vote. **CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote.

Moderator brought Article 10 to a vote. **NOT CARRIED** by a card vote.

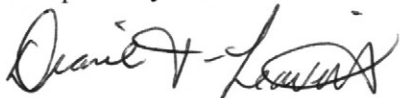
Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 10. Seconded by Raul Blanchet.
Moderator motioned to bring restrict reconsideration to Article 10 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 11. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Seeing no further business, Cordelia Scales motioned to dissolve the meeting. Seconded by Webb Scales.
No discussion. Moderator brought motion to dissolve to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.
Meeting dissolved at 11:15pm.

Total voters for the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District meeting.
Brookline - 79 Hollis - 283

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Leavitt, Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District Clerk