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## HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING Hollis Brookline High School, Hollis, NH 15 March 2018 Part 1 of 4.

### Hollis Brookline Coop School Board

Elizabeth Brown-Chair, Cindy VanCoughnett-Vice Chair, Melanie Levesque-Secretary  
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### Hollis Brookline High School

Richard Barnes, Principal  
Robert Ouellette, Assistant Principal  
Amanda Zeller, Assistant Principal

### Hollis Brookline Middle School

Robert Thompson, Principal  
Patricia Flynn, Assistant Principal

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by the Moderator, Drew Mason at the Hollis Brookline Cooperative High School gymnasium. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by the Hollis Brookline Coop Chorus, under the direction of Nancy Spencer: Amelia Collard, William Oehler, Katie Hersey, Rachel DeLong, Erin Moynihan, Madison Kepnes, Michael Friedman, Patrick Bloniasz, and Tatiana Madsen. Moderator recognized all veterans and serving members of our armed forces.

Elizabeth Brown, School Board Chair introduced the School Board. Darlene Mann, Budget Committee Chair introduced the Budget Committee. SAU 41 Superintendent Andy Corey introduced the SAU and the School staff. Moderator introduced, School District Clerk, Diane Leavitt, School District Council, James O'Shaughnessy and the assistants and volunteer counters on the floor. Moderator went over the rules of the meeting, overview of the warrant and time schedule. Jim Belanger motioned to adopt the rules of the meeting. Seconded by Raul Blanche. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Moderator showed results of the Town Elections. Thanked all DPW workers who worked during the snow storm for all their help in clearing the roads on election day. He also thanked all the registered voters who ventured out during the snow storm to vote. State of the Schools by Andy Corey, Superintendent of Schools gave a presentation. Accomplishments of the School Board and a presentation was given by Elizabeth Brown School Board Chair, she also publically thanked Mark Illingworth, Christy Grieff and Gayle Botcher who will be retiring this year. Overview of Articles were presented by Darleen Mann, Budget Committee Chair.

**Article 1.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,660,000 (gross budget) for installation of an artificial turf athletic field at the Hollis Brookline High School (the "Project"); and to authorize the issuance of \$1,660,000 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 authorize the School Board to accept on behalf of the District any federal, state, or private

funds that may become available for any part of the Project and to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the Project and/or offset future debt service costs; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,324 for the first year's principal and interest payment on the bonds or notes issued. **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (4-2-0).**

Elizabeth Brown motioned to bring Article 1 to the floor. Seconded by Darlene Mann.  
Andy Corey gave a presentation. Darlene Mann gave a presentation. Discussions ensued.

Tiffany Tester motioned to move the question. Seconded by someone from the floor.  
Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by card vote.

Moderator brought Article 1 to a secret ballot vote. Polls open three hours for Article 1.  
**YES - 537 NO - 264 CARRIED** by 2/3 secret ballot vote.  
801 ballots cast, required 2/3 (534) to pass. Spoiled ballots 10.

**Article 2.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,980,000 (gross budget) for renovations at the Hollis Brookline High School to create and equip a new fitness center and STEM lab (the "Project"); and to authorize the issuance of \$1,980,000 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 authorize the School Board to accept on behalf of the District any federal, state, or private funds that may become available for any part of the Project and to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the Project and/or offset future debt service costs; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,013 for the first year's principal and interest payment on the bonds or notes issued. **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (5-1-0).**

Elizabeth Brown motioned to bring Article 2 to the floor. Seconded by Darlene Mann.  
Andy Corey gave a presentation. Hollis Brookline Sophomore student, Cam Hallett gave a video presentation.  
Darlene Mann gave a presentation. Discussions ensued.

Jill Loger motioned to move the question. Seconded by Mike Harris.  
Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Moderator brought Article 2 to a secret ballot vote. Polls open three hours for Article 2.  
**YES - 439 NO - 267 NOT CARRIED** by a 2/3 secret ballot vote.  
706 ballots cast, required 2/3 (471) Defeated by 32 votes.

**Article 3.** Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$806,808** as the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District's portion of the SAU budget of **\$1,577,723** for the forthcoming fiscal year? This year's adjusted budget of **\$1,543,057** with **\$792,386** 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 (4-2-0).**

Elizabeth Brown motioned to bring Article 3 to the floor. Seconded by Darlene Mann.  
Krista Whalen gave a presentation. Discussions ensued.

Matthew Janiak motioned to move the question. Seconded by Fred Hubert.  
Moderator brought motion to a vote. **YES - 294 NO - 79 CARRIED** by a card vote.  
Moderator brought Article 3 to a secret ballot vote. **YES - 265 NO - 139**  
Combined with Hollis School District Article 2 **YES - 54 NO - 4**  
Combined with Brookline School District Article 8 **YES - 501 NO - 264**  
**Total Votes for All Schools: YES - 820 NO - 407 CARRIED** by secret ballot vote.

Maryann Shanley motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 3. Seconded by Tammy Fareed. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by card vote.

**Article 4.** To see if the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District will vote to approve the cost of items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board and the Hollis Education Association for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, which calls for the following increase in professional staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2018-19	\$302,962	2019-20	\$342,447	2020-21	\$359,464

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$302,962** for the first fiscal year (2018-2019 school year), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in professional 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 does not recommend this appropriation (2-4-0).**

Tom Solon motioned to bring Article 4 to the floor. Seconded by Cindy VanCoughnett. Presentation by Tom Solon. Presentation by Darlene Mann. Discussions ensued.

Eddie Arnold motioned to recess till 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 22 in the Hollis Brookline High School. Moderator clarified that the recess would start at the conclusion of Article 5. Seconded by Jill Loger. Discussions ensued. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **YES - 172 NO - 129 CARRIED** by a card vote

Petition received for secret ballot vote. Moderator brought Article 4 to a vote. **YES - 213 NO - 115** 2 spoiled votes **CARRIED** by a secret ballot vote.

Erin Hubbard motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 4. Seconded by Darlene Mann. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by card vote.

**Article 5.** Shall the District, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only? (Majority vote). **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0).**

Darlene Mann motioned to pass over Article 5. Seconded by Michael Harris. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by card vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30am, to reconvene March 22, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Hollis Brookline High School.

### **HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 22 March 2018 - Part 2 of 4.**

The meeting reconvened at 7:12pm by the Moderator, Drew Mason at the Hollis Brookline Cooperative High School gymnasium. On a positive note, Moderator congratulated State Champions Division II Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball.

Many verbal requests to the Moderator at the end of the March 15, 2018 meeting for a recount to Article 1. Recount of Article 1 will be first on the agenda. Moderator went over the rules of the recount and introduced the counters chosen to count the ballots in a roped off area of the room. Moderator brought Article 1 to a recount. Discussions ensued regarding meeting times, reconsideration motions, and all day voting. Moderator went over results of Articles 1-5 from the March 15th meeting.

**Article 2.**

Bruce McClure motioned to reconsider Article 2. Seconded by Elizabeth Cotton. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Eric Pauer motioned to have an all day vote 7:30am - 7:00pm on the reconsideration of Article 2. Seconded by Peter Walker. Discussions ensued regarding how long to hold voting and meeting.

Fred Hubert motioned to move the question. Peter Walker seconded the motion. Moderator brought ending debate to a card vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Moderator brought motion for all day voting to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote. **YES - 284 NO - 228**

Eric Pauer motioned to restrict reconsideration of motion to have all-day vote on Article 2. Seconded by Peter Walker. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Moderator suggested a meeting time for discussion before the all day voting. Anita Walker motioned for a meeting time before voting day. Seconded by Stephen Luther. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Monday April 2, 2018 7:00pm in the Hollis Brookline High School to discuss reconsideration of Article 2. Tuesday April 3, 2018 all-day vote (7:30am - 7:00pm) and end meeting at 7pm. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Peter walker motioned to reconsider Article 4. Seconded by Diane Pauer. **NOT CARRIED** by a card vote.

**Article 6.** To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items for the first 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 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, which calls for the following increases in support staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2018-19	\$78,813

and further to raise and appropriate a sum of \$78,813 for the first fiscal year (2018-19 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. This is the first year of a three year agreement. Negotiated cost item increases for the next fiscal year (2019-20) will require approval of a specific warrant article at the 2019 annual meeting. **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (4-1-1).**

Krista Whalen motioned to bring Article 6 to the floor. Seconded by Darlene Mann. Krista Whalen gave a presentation. Discussions ensued.

Petition received for a secret ballot vote on Article 6. Moderator brought Article 6 to a vote. **YES - 410 NO - 69 CARRIED** by a secret ballot vote.

Edward Arnold motioned to take Article 8 out of order. Seconded by Rob Mann. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

**Article 8.** To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$21,294,000** 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 (4-2-0).**

Darlene Mann motioned to bring Article 8 to the floor. Seconded by Elizabeth Brown. Presentation Darlene Mann. Discussions ensued.

Eric Pauer motioned to amend Article 8 to read: raise and appropriate a sum of **\$19,164,600**. Seconded by Diane Pauer. Discussions ensued.

Moderator brought amendment to a vote. **NOT CARRIED** by a card vote.

Moderator went over reconsideration, voting and how to proceed on Article 2 for the Aril 2-3 meeting. Some discussion on the final adjournment of COOP School District meeting and questions answered by School District Council, James O'Shaughnessy.

Moderator received a petition for a secret ballot vote on Article 8. Moderator brought Article 8 to a vote. **YES - 381 NO - 99 CARRIED** by a secret ballot vote.

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

### Article 1.

Moderator announced results of the recount to Article 1. **YES - 538 NO - 271 NOT CARRIED** by 2/3 secret ballot vote. 809 ballots cast, required 2/3 (540) to pass. Spoiled ballots 2.

Moderator brought counters and observers to the podium, the counters were unanimous in the way the ballots were counted. Melanie Levesque spoke to the fact that two of the observers did not agree with the ripped ballot being counted. There were more "no" ballots ripped than "yes". Moderator announced that the election is contested.

Also noted by the observers that ripped "no" ballots were found in the wrong envelope as a "yes" vote and "yes" ripped ballots were found in the wrong envelope as a "no" vote. Discussions ensued as to the voter's "intent" on the destroyed ballot that was cast. Confusion ensued from the floor as to what the sense of the meeting is. Heated discussion ensued. Moderator was looking for how the voters wanted to proceed at this point. Floor was looking for interpretation of the rules.

School District Council, James O'Shaughnessy gave an explanation. Shouting from the floor ensued. Moderator and School District Council, James O'Shaughnessy answered questions.

Christian Cutrel motioned to reconsider Article 1. Seconded by someone on the floor. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Moderator stated that reconsideration of Article 1 will be Monday, April 2 along with Article 2. Vote on Article 1 will be on Tuesday, April 3 along with Article 2.

Tom Enright asked a question to School District Council, James O'Shaughnessy regarding the fact that specific rules of the March 15th meeting stated that if you destroy a ballot by tearing it, the ballot will not count. During the recount on March 22nd, the moderator tried to have the counters match the torn ballots and try and determine the "intent" of the voter. Tom Whalen motioned to challenge the moderators assumption of "intent" to recount the ballots for a third time because he challenges that the counters cannot determine the "intent" of the voter and to challenge the recount. Would like to invalidate the motion to reconsider Article 1.

Moderator brought motion to a card vote - **(A)**: Changing the rules from the first meeting to allow the counters to attempt to determine the "intent of the voter" by counting the torn or unmarked ballot, or **(B)**: Keeping the rules from the first meeting that states any torn or unmarked ballot will not count.

**(A) - 109 (B) - 323 (B) CARRIED** by a card vote.

Based on this vote, Moderator declared the results of the vote on Article 1 from the 1st count as follows: **YES - 537 NO - 264** 801 ballots cast, required 2/3 (534) to pass. Spoiled ballots 10. Passed by 3 votes.

A sufficient number of people requested a 2nd recount of Article 1. Moderator brought Article 1 to a recount using the rules from the March 15th meeting. Tom Gehan asked about the reconsideration of Article 1 that was voted on earlier. Moderator states that the voters have chosen the recount of votes so the motion to reconsider does not apply.

**Article 7.** Shall the District, if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only? (Majority vote). **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0).**

Rob Mann motioned to pass over Article 7. Seconded by Darlene Mann.  
Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

**Article 9.** 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 up to **\$100,000** to go into the fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance available on July 1, 2018, and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (5-1-0).**

Liz Brown motioned to bring Article 9 to the floor. Seconded by Darlene Mann.  
Presentation Elizabeth Brown. Discussions ensued.

Russell Rogers motioned to end discussion. Seconded by Edward Arnold. **CARRIED** by a card vote.  
Moderator brought Article 9 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

**Article 10.** To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$70,000** to be added to the previously established Athletic Program and Services Expendable Trust Fund. The sum to come from the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District's June 30, 2018 unassigned fund balance, available on July 1, 2018. **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (5-1-0).**

Liz Brown motioned to bring Article 10 to the floor. Seconded by Darlene Mann.  
Presentation Liz Brown. Discussions ensued. Moderator brought Article 10 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

**Article 11.** To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$40,000** 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, 2018 unassigned fund balance, available on July 1, 2018. **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (5-1-0).**

Liz Brown motioned to bring Article 11 to the floor. Seconded by Darlene Mann.  
Presentation Liz Brown. Discussions ensued. Moderator brought Article 11 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

**Article 1.**

Moderator announced results of the second recount to Article 1.  
**YES - 535 NO - 266** Total votes 801 Votes needed to pass 534. **CARRIED** by 2/3 vote.

**Articles 6, 9, 10, and 11.**

Peter Walker motioned to restrict reconsideration of Articles 6, 9, 10 and 11. Seconded by Rob Mann.  
Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

**Article 12.** To see if the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$25,000** the June 30 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2018 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 (5-1-0).**

Elizabeth Brown motioned to bring Article 12 to the floor. Seconded by Darlene Mann.

Elizabeth Brown motioned to amend Article 12 to replace the words between "up to" and "unassigned fund" with "up to the sum of \$25,000 to come from the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District's June 30, 2018 unassigned fund". Seconded by Darlene Mann. Discussions ensued.

Moderator brought amended Article 12 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.  
Elizabeth Brown gave a presentation. Discussions ensued.

Tom Buteau motioned to amend Article 12 from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Seconded by Craig Plummer.  
**YES - 242 NO - 100 CARRIED** by a card vote

Moderator brought Article 12 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote

Melinda Willis motioned to reconsider Article 1. Seconded by Peter Walker. **NOT CARRIED** by a card vote.

**Article 13.** To see if the school district will authorize the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board to access future year state and federal special education aid funds in the event that special education costs exceed budget limitations. **The school board recommends this article (6-0-0).**

Liz Brown motioned to bring Article 13 to the floor. Seconded by Darlene Mann.  
Presentation Liz Brown. Moderator brought Article 13 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote .

**Article 14.** To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Fred Hubert motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Russell Rogers.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:30pm to reconvene April 2, 2018, 7:00pm at the Hollis Brookline High School.

### **HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2 April 2018 - Part 3 of 4.**

The meeting reconvened at 7:15pm by the Moderator, Drew Mason at the Hollis Brookline Cooperative High School gymnasium. Moderator read reconsideration of Article 2.

**Article 2.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,980,000 (gross budget) for renovations at the Hollis Brookline High School to create and equip a new fitness center and STEM lab (the "Project"); and to authorize the issuance of \$1,980,000 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 authorize the School Board to accept on behalf of the District any federal, state, or private funds that may become available for any part of the Project and to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the Project and/or offset future debt service costs; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,013 for the first year's principal and interest payment on the bonds or notes issued. **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (5-1-0).**

Liz Brown motioned to bring reconsideration of Article 2 to the floor. Seconded by Darlene Mann. Robotics team video was shown. Moderator asked the voters if a High School student who is not a registered voter can speak. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

No discussions ensued. David Saks motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Rob Mann. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **YES - 183 NO - 74 CARRIED** by a card vote.

Meeting ended at 7:50pm. All day voting Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:30am - 7:00pm.

**HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
3 April 2018 - Part 4 of 4.**

All day secret ballot voting at the Hollis Brookline Mini Gym, 7:30am - 7:00pm for Article 2. Moderator closed the polls at 7:00pm and set up 3 tables with two sets of counters, the ballots were counted twice.

**Article 2.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,980,000 (gross budget) for renovations at the Hollis Brookline High School to create and equip a new fitness center and STEM lab (the "Project"); and to authorize the issuance of \$1,980,000 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 authorize the School Board to accept on behalf of the District any federal, state, or private funds that may become available for any part of the Project and to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the Project and/or offset future debt service costs; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,013 for the first year's principal and interest payment on the bonds or notes issued. **The school board recommends this appropriation (6-0-0). The budget committee recommends this appropriation (5-1-0).**

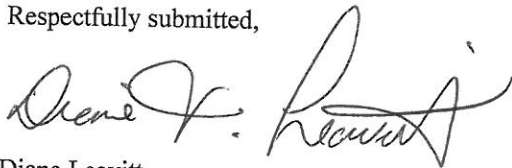
Moderator thanked all the volunteers, counters, ballot clerks and gave the results of Article 2.

**YES - 1231 NO - 807 NOT CARRIED** by 2/3 secret ballot vote.  
2038 ballots cast, required 2/3 ( Needed 1359 ) to pass. Failed by 128 votes.

David Saks motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Christian Futrell. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Leavitt,  
Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District Clerk