

HOLLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
Hollis Middle School, Hollis, NH
11 March 2020

Hollis School Board

Robert Mann, Chair
Tammy Fareed, Vice Chair
Brooke Arthur
Amy Kellner
Carryl Roy

Hollis School District Budget Committee

Tom Gehan, Chair
Mike Harris, Vice Chair
Mike Leavitt, Secretary
Christopher Hyde
Tom Jambard
Darlene Mann
Mark LeDoux, Selectman's Representative
Tammy Fareed, Hollis School Board Representative

SAU #41 Administration

Andrew Corey, Superintendent
Gina Bergskaug, Assistant Superintendent
Kelly Seeley, Business Administrator
Amy Rowe, Director of Student Services

Hollis Elementary Schools

Paula Izbicki, Principal Hollis Primary School
Candice Fowler, Hollis Upper Elementary School Principal

Meeting Officials

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Moderator, Drew Mason at the Hollis Middle School and was started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung by Lydia Peterson, Avery Spence, Emilia Hosking and Ellen Torpey. Moderator recognized veterans and serving members of our armed forces.

Robert Mann, School Board Chair introduced the School Board. Budget Committee chairman, Tom Gehan introduced the Budget Committee. Andy Corey, Superintendent of Schools introduced SAU #41 and the school staff. Moderator introduced School District Counsel, James O'Shaughnessy and School District Clerk, Diane Leavitt. Moderator recognized assistants Jim Belenger and Paul Armstrong. Moderator thanked town staff on procedures taken for the coronavirus.

Moderator went over the election results of March 10th Town Meeting. Moderator gave an overview of the warrant articles. Moderator motioned to adopt the rules of the meeting. Seconded by Tammy Fareed
CARRIED by a card vote.

Superintendent Andy Corey thanked School Board and Budget Committee for their work. Thanked community for their support and continued support regarding the coronavirus. Budget Committee Chair, Tom Gehan gave a financial overview of the articles.

Article 1. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,404,308 to construct, furnish and equip renovations to the barn and house at 4 Lund Lane in Hollis; and to authorize the issuance of \$1,404,308 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 raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$26,477 from taxation for debt service payments payable on such bonds or notes during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. (2/3 ballot vote required.) **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 4-3-0.**

Tammy Fareed motion to postpone Articles 1 and 2 until after Article 4 has been voted. Seconded by Carryl Roy. Discussions ensued. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 3. To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a 10-year lease purchase agreement for \$3,108,900 to finance the acquisition and installation of energy conservation equipment and related improvements at Hollis Upper Elementary School and Hollis Primary School as recommended by the Hollis School District Facilities Committee; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$365,762 for payments due under the lease purchase agreement during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This lease purchase agreement will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. (Majority vote required.) **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 7-0-0.**

Tammy Fareed motioned to bring Article 3 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy. Rob Mann, School Board gave a presentation. Discussions ensued. Brandon Buteau motioned to move the question. Seconded by Mike Harris. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote. Moderator brought Article 3 to a card vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 4. In the event that Article 3 is not approved, to see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$557,000 for the purchase and installation of an air handler for Hollis Upper Elementary School and nineteen (19) air source heat pumps at Hollis Primary School as recommended by the Hollis School District Facilities Committee. **The school board recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 5-2-0.**

Tammy Fareed motioned to bring Article 4 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy. Moderator stated that because Article 3 passed we could pass over Article 4. Tom Gehan motioned to pass over Article 4. Seconded by Tammy Fareed. No discussion. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

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Rob Mann spoke to the current state of Article 1, explaining that because it is a bond it must be publicly posted, the School Board became aware that the newspaper did not run the ad, and because of this Article 1 became a legally defective article. Bond counsel was notified for guidance. Bond council advised that if Article 1 passes the school board may hold a special district meeting no sooner than April 1st. Rob Mann gave options. Moderator motioned to get a feeling from the floor of the procedural direction for Article 1. Discussions ensued.

Moderator motioned to get a sense of the meeting by majority card vote. 35 - to Table 22 - to Vote on article. Tom Gehan motioned to table Article 1. Seconded by Mike Harris. Moderator brought motion to a card vote. 34 - YES 23 - NO **NOT CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote.

Rob Mann, School Board gave a presentation. Discussions ensued.

Chris Hyde motioned to amend Article 1 to read:

This expenditure is to be allowed, only if the following conditions are met before the bond is issued.

A) A binding long-term lease agreement for the term of the lease, plus, 1 year, is adopted by the SAU governing board, having attained majorities as required by law, to lease the 4 Lund Lane, Hollis, NH building for use as the SAU41 Building, from the Hollis School District at terms agreed upon as described in part B) below, among others deemed important by the Hollis School Board.

B) Lease payments for each sending district will cover the bond payments in full over the course of the bond term and will be apportioned to each sending district on the basis of SAU Apportionment formula of 50% EV/50% ADM. Seconded by Mike Harris. Discussions ensued.

Bill Opelka motioned to move the question. Seconded by Tammy Fareed.

Moderator brought motion to move the question to a vote. **CARRIED** by 2/3 card vote.

Moderator brought motion to amend Article 1 to a vote. **22 – YES 32 – NO NOT CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote.

Brandon Buteau motioned to move the question. Seconded by Tammy Fareed.

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

Moderator brought Article 1 to a secret ballot vote.

Moderator opened the polls for a 1-hour secret ballot vote on Article 1.

Articles 5-12 will be taken up while polls remain open.

Article 5. 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 2020-21 school year, 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>
2020-21	\$50,432

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,432** for the fiscal year, such sum representing the negotiated increase over the 2019-20 salaries and fringe benefits. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 7-0-0.**

Tammy Fareed motioned to bring Article 5 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy.

Tammy Fareed, School Board gave a presentation. No discussion.

Joann Logger motioned to move Article 5. Seconded by Chris Hyde.

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

Moderator brought Article 5 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 6. Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$553,385** as the Hollis School District's portion of the SAU budget of **\$1,807,100** for the forthcoming fiscal year? This year's adjusted budget of **\$1,718,104** with **\$533,214** 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 6-1-0.**

Tammy Fareed motioned to bring Article 6 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy.

Tammy Fareed, School Board gave a presentation. No discussion.

Moderator brought Article 6 to a secret ballot vote. **YES - 36 NO - 26 This vote will be combined with Brookline Schools District and the Hollis Brookline Cooperative school district.**

Article 7. 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 7-0-0.**

Tammy Fareed motioned to bring Article 7 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy.
Carryl Roy, School Board gave a presentation. No discussion.

Tammy Fareed motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 3 and Article 4. Seconded by Darlene Mann.
No discussion. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Tammy Fareed motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 5. Seconded by Carryl Roy. No discussion.
Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Joe Garuba motioned to table Article 7 until we know the results of Article 1 before Article 2.
Seconded by William Hammond. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **NOT CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote.
No further discussion on Article 7. Moderator brought Article 7 to a card vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 8. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$120,000** to be added to the previously established SCHOOL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE FUND from the Hollis School District's June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance, available for transfer on July 1, 2020. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 7-0-0.**

Tammy Fareed 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 card vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 7 and Article 8. Seconded by Mike Harris.
No discussion. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 9. 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, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. **The school board recommends the appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 7-0-0.**

Tammy Fareed motioned to bring Article 9 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy.
Carryl Roy, School Board gave a presentation. No discussion.
Moderator brought Article 9 to a card vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 10. 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 7-0-0.**

Tammy Fareed motioned to bring Article 10 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy.
Carryl Roy, School Board gave a presentation. No discussions.
Moderator brought Article 10 to a card vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 11. To see if the School District voters will authorize the Hollis School District 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 the article 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 7-0-0.**

Tammy Fareed motioned to bring Article 11 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy.
Tammy Fareed, School Board gave a presentation. No discussions.
Moderator brought Article 11 to a card vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 12. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$13,264,874** 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 7-0-0.**

Mike Harris motioned to bring Article 12 to the floor. Seconded by Rob Mann.
Tom Gehan, Budget Committee gave a presentation. No discussions.
Moderator brought Article 12 to a card vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Darlene Mann motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 9, Article 10, Article 11 and Article 12.
Seconded by Carryl Roy. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 1.

Moderator closed the polls on Article 1 after a 1-hour secret ballot vote.
YES - 31 NO - 44 NOT CARRIED by a 1-hour 2/3 secret ballot vote.

Article 2. In the event that **Article 1** is not approved, to see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$250,000** to stabilize the barn foundation and frame at 4 Lund Lane in Hollis. **The school board recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 4-3-0.**

Tammy Fareed motioned to bring Article 2 to the floor. Seconded by Carryl Roy.
Tammy Fareed motioned to pass over Article 2. Seconded by Rob Mann.
Discussion ensued. Moderator brought motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 13. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting. **The school board recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. The budget committee recommends this appropriation 7-0-0.**

Mike Harris motioned to end the meeting. Seconded by Tom Gehan.
Moderator brought Article 13 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

80 Voters attended the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Leavitt
Hollis School District Clerk