

**HOLLIS SCHOOL BOARD
AUGUST 3, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES**

A Public Hearing was conducted by the Hollis School Board on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 6:10 p.m. at the Hollis Primary School.

Amy Kellner, Chairman, presided:

Members of the Board Present: Carryl Roy, Vice Chairman
 Tammy Fareed, Secretary
 Brooke Arthur
 Robert Mann

Members of the Board Absent:

Also Participating: Andrew Corey, Superintendent
 Gina Bergskaug, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

**PUBLIC HEARING
HOLLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
WATER SYSTEM EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

In accordance with [RSA 198:20-c](#), Superintendent Corey provided an explanation of proposed expenditure(s) from the Hollis School District Water System Expendable Trust Fund.

The School Board oversees the water system that feeds the two buildings and a number of different entities in the Main Street area. The Town of Hollis, via their ESSER funds, is looking at the water situation from a global point of view. They have involved the SAU in those discussions. It has been a very productive conversation. They have a consultant on board who will provide recommendations that could be to continue with the current situation and do some maintenance or a variety of other options. This evening the discussion is focused on the Expendable Trust for the water system.

Hollis School District Water System Expendable Trust Fund

The FY22 request is to utilize the Trust for the following expenses:

Emergency replacement of a digital flow meter	\$1,564.30
Rebuild of the 3-chemical feed pumps	2,705.82
Replace failed copper fitting and flange leading to flow meter:	<u>\$ 805.45</u>
Total Cost:	\$5,076

There are no plans, at this time, to use any of these funds in FY23.

Water System Expendable Trust Status

Current Balance:	\$35,990
To be added in FY23:	0
FY20 Expenditures:	4,148
FY21/FY22 Expenditures:	<u>\$ 5,076</u>
FY23 Ending Balance:	\$26,766 (anticipated)

Had these repairs not been financed through the Trust, the cost would have been expended from the operating budget. The required repairs are being completed, and, if the expenditures are approved through the Trust, the operating budget will be backfilled.

Asked if the digital flow meter has failed, Superintendent Corey stated both the digital flow meter and copper fittings and flange were replaced as emergency replacements. Prior to the establishment of the Trust, the operating budget would have been used to address these costs (by utilizing the Trust the costs of the water system are more transparent).

Asked about the expected lifespan of the chemical feed pumps, Superintendent Corey spoke of the experience in the COOP when a rebuild was done; the quickest one that went was 5 years. The typical life expectancy is an additional decade. Superintendent Corey explained these are the chemicals that are placed into the water to meet the water testing, which is done monthly. The district meets all testing requirements.

Member Fareed questioned if a rebuilt part is an indication that there are not replacement parts, and was told that is not the case, it was simply much easier and cost effective to fix the feed pumps than replace them. The district works with a local company and follows the guidance provided.

Member Roy questioned the average annual cost of maintenance/upkeep, e.g., is it similar to what has been seen in the past few years. Superintendent Corey noted expenditures in the \$4,000 range one year and \$5,000 the next. Asked if that is the steady yearly investment required, Superintendent Corey stated it to be in that area. He noted, prior to his arrival in the district, the water system experienced leaks that had to be addressed through the Hollis budget. Member Fareed noted that situation resulted in thousands upon thousands of dollars expended.

Chairman Kellner opened the floor for public comment at 6:17 p.m.

No public comment was offered.

The Public Hearing was declared closed at 6:18 p.m.

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