

HOLLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
Hollis Brookline Middle School, Hollis, NH
12 March 2025

Hollis Elementary Schools

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

SAU 41 Administration

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

Hollis School Board

Carryl Roy, Chair
Raphael Zack, Vice Chair
Anne Wake-de Pasquale, Secretary
Amy Kellner
Jessica Lahens
Claudia Dufresne, Treasurer

Hollis School Budget Committee

Tom Gehan, Chair
Mike Harris, Vice Chair
Mike Leavitt, Secretary
Christopher Hyde
Mark Kost
Darlene Mann

Raphael Zack, Ex-Officio, Hollis School Board
Mark LeDoux, Ex-Officio, Select Board

Meeting Officials

Elizabeth Brown, Moderator
James O'Shaughnessy, School District Counsel
Diane Leavitt, School District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Moderator *pro tem*, Drew Mason, was appointed by the Hollis Supervisors of the Checklist to fill in for Elizabeth Brown who was not available. The meeting took place at the Hollis Brookline Middle School. The Pledge of Allegiance lead by the Moderator. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung by the 3rd grade students of HSD lead by their Music Teacher, Carrie Cormier. Moderator recognized all Veterans and serving members of our Armed Forces.

Carryl Roy, School Board chair, introduced the School Board. Tom Gehan, Budget Committee Chair, introduced the Budget Committee. Superintendent of Schools, Andy Corey, introduced SAU #41 and the School Administration. Moderator introduced Attorney Michael Malaguti, who is filling in for James O'Shaughnessy, School District Counsel and School District Clerk, Diane Leavitt. Moderator also recognized the Assistant Moderators, Supervisors of the Checklist, Assistants and Volunteer Counters.

Moderator went over administrative announcements, and calendar events. Moderator went over the rules of the meeting.

Mike Harris motioned to adopt the rules of the meeting. Seconded by Chris Hyde.

Joe Garuba motioned to amend the rules to allow people in line to speak if they are in line when the motion to end debate has been voted on. Seconded by Chris Opelka. Discussion ensued. Moderator brought motion to amend the rules to a vote. **NOT CARRIED** by a card vote.

Moderator brought motion to adopt the rules to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Financial overview of articles, by Budget Committee Chair, Tom Gehan.

Article 1. 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 2025-26 school year, which calls for the following increases in support staff salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2025-26	\$350,844

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$350,844** for the first year (2025-26 school year), such sum representing the negotiated increase over the 2024-25 salaries and fringe benefits. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 5-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 8-0-0.**

Carryl Roy motioned to bring Article 1 to the floor. Seconded by Raffi Zack.
 Anne Wake-de Pasquale, School Board, gave a presentation. No discussion.
 Moderator brought Article 1 to a vote. **YES - 214 NO - 24 CARRIED** by a counted 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 Association for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 school year, which calls for the following increases 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>
2025-26	\$387,396	2026-27	\$430,174	2027-28	\$425,360

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$387,396** for the 2025-26 fiscal year, such sum representing the negotiated increase over the 2024-25 salaries and fringe benefits. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 5-0-0. The budget committee does NOT recommend this article 7-1-0.**

Carryl Roy motioned to bring Article 2 to the floor. Seconded by Raffi Zack.
 Carryl Roy, Budget Committee Chair, gave a presentation. Budget Committee, Tom Gehan gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.
 Brandon Buteau motioned to end debate. Seconded by Tom Gehan. Moderator brought motion to end debate on Article 2 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a 2/3 majority card vote.

Five voters from the floor requested a secret ballot vote for Article 2. No extended voting; polls open only until all voters attending have voted.
 Moderator brought Article 2 to a vote. **YES - 165 NO - 99 CARRIED** by a secret ballot vote.

Brandon Buteau motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 1 and Article 2. Seconded by Rob Mann.
 Moderator brought motion to restrict reconsideration to Article 1 and Article 2 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 3. Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$773,470** as the Hollis School District's portion of the SAU budget of **\$2,438,355** for the forthcoming fiscal year? This year's adjusted budget of **\$2,389,654** with **\$758,022** 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 article 5-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 8-0-0.**

Carryl Roy motioned to bring Article 3 to the floor. Seconded by Raffi Zack. Raffi Zack, School Board gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.

Voting by secret ballot. Required simple majority of all three districts combined. No extended voting; polls open until all voters attending have voted.

Moderator brought Article 3 to a vote. **YES - 125 NO - 49 CARRIED** by a secret ballot vote.

Article 3 – SAU Budget total for each of the districts are as follows.

Hollis Brookline Cooperative Schools – **YES – 166 NO – 67**

Brookline School - **YES – 566 NO – 421**

Hollis School – **YES – 125 NO – 49**

Grand Total for Article 3 – SAU Budget - **YES – 857 NO – 537**

Article 4. 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 Expendable Trust 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. Further, to name the Board as agents to expend from fund. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 5-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 8-0-0.**

Carryl Roy motioned to bring Article 4 to the floor. Seconded by Raffi Zack. Amy Kellner, School Board, gave a presentation. No Discussion.

Moderator brought 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 **\$125,000** to be added to the previously established School Buildings Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund from the Hollis School District's June 30, 2025 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 5-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 8-0-0.**

Carryl Roy motioned to bring Article 5 to the floor. Seconded by Raffi Zack. Jessica Lahens, 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 School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of **\$164,400** to be used to study, test and prepare documents and materials to support a potential future bond to expand the Hollis Primary School based on current and anticipated future enrollment. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 5-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 8-0-0.**

Carryl Roy motioned to bring Article 6 to the floor. Seconded by Raffi Zack. Anne Wake-de Pasquale, School Board, gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.

Todd Coolage motioned to end debate. Seconded by Ryan Loveland. Moderator brought motion to end debate to a vote. **CARRIED** by a 2/3 card vote.

Five voters from the floor requested a secret ballot vote for Article 6. No extended voting; polls open only until all voters attending have voted.

Moderator brought Article 6 to a vote. **YES - 109 NO - 37 CARRIED** by a secret ballot vote.

Brandon Buteau motioned to restrict reconsideration to Articles 3, 4 and 5. Seconded by Rob Mann. Moderator brought motion to restrict reconsideration to Articles 3, 4 and 5 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 7. 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. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 5-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 8-0-0.**

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

Moderator brought Article 7 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 **\$16,950,312** 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. Majority vote required. **The school board recommends this article 5-0-0. The budget committee recommends this article 8-0-0.**

Carryl Roy motioned to bring Article 8 to the floor. Seconded by Raffi Zack. Tom Gehan, Budget Committee gave a presentation. Discussion ensued.

Moderator brought Article 7 to a vote. **YES - 101 NO - 2 CARRIED** by a counted card vote.

Carryl Roy motioned to restrict reconsideration of Articles 6, 7, and 8. Seconded by Darlene Mann. Moderator brought motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 6, 7, and 8 to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Article 9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Joe Garuba made a motion to ask the School Board to hold the meeting in a larger venue next year. Seconded by Holly Babcock. No discussion.

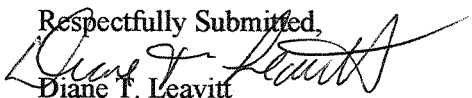
Moderator brought the motion to a vote. **CARRIED** by a card vote.

Rob Mann motioned to dissolve the meeting. Seconded by Carryl Roy.

Moderator brought motion to dissolve the meeting to a vote. **CARRIED** by card vote.

We had 263 voters who attended the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Diane T. Leavitt
School District Clerk