

## Hollis School District [Enrollment Committee](#)

December 17, 2025

3:15-4:15pm

Location: HPS

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anne Wake-DePasquale, HSB Enrollment Committee Chair

Paula Izbicki, HPS Principal (Arrived 3:25)

Lance Finnemore, SAU41 Facilities Director

Julia Piskorski, HPS/HUES Parent Representative (left at 3:55)

Mike Leavitt, Hollis Budget Committee and Planning Board Representative

### **Also in attendance:**

Rob Michaelson, Hollis Community Member

Julianna Rowland, Hollis-Brookline Online

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gina Berskaug, Superintendent-Elect

Raphael Zack, HSB Enrollment Alternate Representative and Hollis Budget Committee

Brad Prescott, Banwell Architects

Ellen Roos-Unger, HPS Teacher Representative

## **AGENDA**

### **I. Welcome**

- A. Overview of Agenda
- B. Approval of [November 19, 2025 Draft Minutes](#)
  1. Approved

### **II. Updates**

- A. Stephanie Sayer moving on (**new committee secretary needed**)
  1. No new secretary selected yet; Anne took notes today)
- B. Data
  1. [December Enrollment Report](#)
    - a) Up two children since this last report:
      - (1) K: +1
      - (2) Gr. 1: +1
    - b) Mrs. Izbicki anticipates an influx in January of K and 1 as is typical most years
    - c) JP asked about typical variance year by year
      - (1) PI explained there are multiple factors at play. Some children are home and then parents want to enroll them before the year ends to introduce them to the school. Some are in private kindergartens and switch midyear or in first grade. Every year is unpredictable, but the trend is we see new students starting in January.

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### C. Dates

1. January EC Meeting/Public Forum: 1/21/26:
  - a) EC meeting at 3:15, Forum at 3:30
2. Hollis Social Library Meeting Room Informal Information Sessions:
  - a) Tuesday January 20, 2026, 11:00am
  - b) Saturday February 7, 2026, Meeting Room, 11:30am

### D. Amortization Schedules presented at Hollis BudCom Mtg on 12/9/25

1. [20-yr](#)
2. [29-yr](#)
3. No decision made yet as to what would be most appropriate. BudCom discussed question of to extend the bond so that those using the building are paying for it, or pay less for a shorter term, but the bulk paid for by the current residents
4. Changes in rates expected after 1/1/26 and certainly by March; actual numbers will not be available until the last minute
5. Ideas of average tax increase usually comes during round two, usually in January, but by the Public Hearing

## III. Old Business

### A. December 4th Public Forum

1. [PPT](#)
  - a) Very positive feedback
  - b) Clear, understandable for people new to hearing about the project
  - c) Smooth PPT presentation
  - d) Q&A on topic and helpful
2. [Recording](#) available on SAU YouTube Channel; linked on EC page. As of today, 80 views.

### B. Documents Found:

1. [HPS Septic](#)
  - a) LF talked to Amy Johnson of Fuss & O'Neill regarding new info and current site plans, talking with Hollis Construction.
  - b) Documents tell us there are 4 tanks, totalling 14,000 gallons, but not the age of the system.
  - c) ML noted the plans are not stamped, so not registered with the state.
  - d) LF believes this is helpful, but does not impact current plans with F&O to replace system to the more efficient one and replace with a parking lot.
2. Class Size Policy: [11-14-2012](#)
  - a) In response to suggestions that the school cut a teacher in order to meet budget guidance

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- b) Community spoke out strongly against this and in favor of setting class size caps; research studies referenced in support of smaller class sizes.
- c) Policy may have to be reviewed as RSAs referenced are out of date.
- d) Policy itself (with caps) still reflects the will of the Town at the time. Those numbers do not have to be changed unless there is an outcry or specific need to do so.

### IV. New Business

#### A. Community outreach and education

- 1. [HPS Expansion page](#) (accessible via the regular [EC page](#))
  - a) Committee page still not easily found—[HPS site](#) needs a specific HPS renovation page link
- 2. Brochure and Mailer
- 3. Other ideas for community outreach
  - a) Julianna suggested a Zoom Meeting
    - (1) Good idea, we will look into it
  - b) Rob:
    - (1) Social Media, shorts and Reels (FB/Instagram)
      - (a) “Point-by-point”
      - (b) Person, voice, authority
      - (c) Accumulating comments and questions to address
      - (d) Listing points and counter points, address in 15-30s (or less!)
      - (e) Text, captions
    - (2) Key Points:
      - (a) PreK in hallway
      - (b) Specialists in utility closets
      - (c) Storage problems
      - (d) Traffic on 122–Hook with driver POV driving down Silver Lake
      - (e) Emergency safety issues
      - (f) Crowded MPR during concerts
      - (g) Parking lining Drury Lane
      - (h) Teachers moving classrooms–How many times have you had to move?
      - (i) Library in a classroom

### V. Closing

- A. HSB regular meeting January 7th at 6pm in HUES cafeteria
- B. Next Enrollment Committee Meeting: January 21 @3:15, HPS
- C. Public Hearing: February 10th, 7pm, Town Hall

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- D. HSD Annual Meeting (VOTE!): March 17, 7pm, Hollis-Brookline High School
- E. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

**Useful Links For Quick Reference and Research:**

[SAU 41 Annual Meeting Dates and Deadlines](#)

[Warrant Article 6 Spending to date](#) (as of November 2025)

[NESDEC FALL 2025 ENROLLMENT REPORT](#)

[Hollis Demographics and Housing Report](#)

[NESDEC Hollis Historical Enrollment](#)

[Hollis, NH Population by Year](#)

[School Fire and Safety Inspection Checklist](#)

[Enrollment Committee Shared Folder](#)