

1 **HOLLIS SCHOOL BOARD**
2 **NOVEMBER 4, 2020**
3 **PUBLIC HEARING**
4 **MEETING MINUTES**
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6 A Public Hearing was conducted by the Hollis School Board on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:25 p.m. at
7 the Hollis Upper Elementary School.

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9 Robert Mann, Chairman, presided:

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11 Members of the Board Present: Brooke Arthur, Secretary
12 Amy Kellner
13 Carryl Roy
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15 Members of the Board Absent: Tammy Fareed, Vice Chairman

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17 Also Participating: Andrew Corey, Superintendent
18 Gina Bergskaug, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
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21 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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23 **FY21 UNANTICIPATED REVENUE**
24 **ASSOCIATED WITH THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND**
25 **ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT AND**
26 **ANY OTHER LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL SOURCES**
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29 In accordance with [RSA 198:20-b](#), the Board and viewing audience were provided with information regarding
30 the request for acceptance and expenditure of FY21 unanticipated revenue associated with the CARES Act and
31 any other local, state or federal sources.
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33 Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug stated the Hollis School District has been allocated \$5,000 for the remote
34 learning grant, \$7,918.03 for the CARES Act, and a recent announcement was made that there is additional
35 COVID relief funding equal to \$200/student (based on recently certified Average Daily Membership) or
36 \$124,200.
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38 This revenue was not anticipated during the budget process. There is a requirement to conduct a public hearing
39 to approve acceptance and expenditure of the funds.
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41 The original intent of the public hearing was to address the remote learning and CARES Act funding.
42 Information on the additional \$200/student was learned later. Intended with this public hearing is to gather
43 input relative to acceptance and expenditure of any funds made available to the District, e.g., FEMA monies.
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45 There remains an additional \$10 million in funding at the State level. The District would have to supply a
46 rough budget to demonstrate costs associated with re-opening for COVID. It could include partial costs
47 (through December 30th) for additional staff members, PPE, cleaning equipment, etc. If able to demonstrate
48 that our cost items surpass the \$200/student, the district can then apply to become eligible for additional
49 funding. There is a five-year period during which a request could be made of the District to identify how the
50 funds were expended.

51 ***Chairman Mann opened the floor for public comment at 6:30 p.m.***
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1 TESTIMONY IN FAVOR

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3 Tiffany Testa, 101 Mooar Hill Road

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5 Questioned if the funding being received will reimburse the district for expenses already incurred or if there is a
6 portion that will be utilized for additional expenses, e.g., addressing SEL, professional development.
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8 Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug stated the remote learning grant is specific to remote learning for special
9 education students. The \$5,000 grant is earmarked for expenses already incurred. Teacher training and
10 professional development is all covered under Title II. Those are funds that are approved year-to-year and
11 extend for a year and a half. A good deal of money has been allocated for the work teachers did over the
12 summer. The District has an incredibly robust remote learning teacher website. Although funding can be
13 reallocated, other grant funds were utilized to support the teachers and learning.
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15 A lot of focus is on the PPE as it is something that is tangible and easily identified as a COVID expense. The
16 remainder is what we always do, the focus is just shifted. She and Assistant Superintendent Thompson sat
17 down earlier in the day looking to re-write an additional funding opportunity grant specific to multi-tiered
18 system of supports and supporting SEL within our schools in a more robust fashion PreK-12. They are doing
19 all of that work. A great deal of time is spent training remote teachers as well as in-person teachers to prepare
20 them for the practice remote days.
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22 TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

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24 TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

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26 TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None
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28 **MOTION BY MEMBER ROY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**

29 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER KELLNER**

30 **MOTION CARRIED**

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33 *The Public Hearing was declared closed at 6:33 p.m.*
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37 Date _____ Signed _____