

**HOLLIS SCHOOL BOARD
OCTOBER 14, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Hollis School Board was conducted on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 8:32 p.m. at the Hollis Brookline Middle School.

Tammy Fareed, Chairman, presided:

Members of the Board Present: Amy Kellner, Vice Chairman (participated electronically)
 Brooke Arthur, Secretary
 Robert Mann
 Carryl Roy (participated electronically)

Members of the Board Absent:

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

As members Kellner and Roy were participating electronically, in accordance with the Right to Know Law, they were asked to state, for the record, where they were, why their attendance in person was not reasonably practical, who, if anyone, was with them, and whether or not they were able to hear the proceedings.

Member Kellner responded she was at home due to a sick child, her attendance in person was not reasonably practical given her situation, she was alone in the room she was in, and could hear the proceedings.

Member Roy stated she was at home due to an injury, her attendance in person was not reasonably practical given her situation, she was alone in the room she was in, and could hear the proceedings.

Those present at the meeting were able to hear Members Kellner and Roy. The Board was reminded all votes would be taken by Roll Call.

DELIBERATIONS

- To see what action the Board will take regarding the proposed transportation contract

**MOTION BY MEMBER FAREED TO AWARD A FIVE-YEAR (JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2027) TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT TO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DBA HOLLIS TRANSPORTATION, INC. FUNDING SOURCE IS THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET OF EACH OF THE DISTRICTS
MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER ARTHUR**

OM THE QUESTION

Member Mann spoke of the experiences the district has had with STA. They have shown themselves to be a great partner. It truly is a partnership to ensure students are safely transported. He has no reservations for continuing the relationship with this provider.

Member Roy and Vice Chairman Kellner echoed the remarks made by Member Mann.

Chairman Fareed commented on the pricing structure, and concerns that arose when the original Hollis Transportation company informed the SAU they would be selling their business. It was assumed, because this is the third largest student transportation company in the country, that we would be held over a barrel come this time. Instead what we have seen is perfectly reasonable recommended increases that fit well within the economics around us. As has been stated many times, they have met and exceeded the promises they made two years ago.

A Viva Voce Roll Call was conducted, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Amy Kellner, Carryl Roy, Robert Mann, Brooke Arthur, Tammy Fareed

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED

- To see what action the Board will take regarding the proposed early release dates

Proposed dates are Tuesday, November 23, 2021, Friday, January 14, 2022, Wednesday, March 23, 2022, and Friday May 27, 2022.

**MOTION BY MEMBER FAREED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION FOR EARLY RELEASE DAYS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, AS STATED
MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER MANN**

ON THE QUESTION

Member Mann spoke of his appreciation for the setting of the dates to be utilized to address educational gaps. He has spoken with individuals from other districts that were not able to operate during COVID, and they are experiencing a real problem with deep educational gaps. The one thing he has continually said is we cannot make a mistake with a year of education as you will never get that year back; those students move on.

It is important to communicate to the community why this action is occurring. He spoke of his desire to be informed of what is uncovered during the time spent on this professional development and how items are addressed.

Member Arthur stated her support for the requested dates that add up to essentially 8 hours of time. She questioned if the amount of time is sufficient.

Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug stated her belief it is a decent balance. A lot of time was spent in June reviewing data and time before school started during professional development days producing a plan. Now it is more of tracking where we are, how to be more strategic in a more focused fashion now that we have the students and can see the progress, what the plans were and if they are working as had been hoped and what needs to be tweaked.

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ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER ARTHUR

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Yea: Amy Kellner, Tammy Fareed, Carryl Roy, Robert Mann, Brooke Arthur

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MOTION CARRIED

The October 14, 2021, meeting of the Hollis School Board adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Date _____ Signed _____