

**HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD**

**JUNE 30, 2020**

**MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board was conducted on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hollis Brookline Middle School Library.

Holly Deurloo Babcock, Chairman, presided:

Members of the Board present: Tom Solon, Vice Chairman  
Kate Stoll, Secretary  
Elizabeth Brown (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)  
Cindy VanCoughnett  
Krista Whalen  
Beth Janine Williams

Members of the Board absent:

Also in attendance: Andrew Corey, Superintendent  
Gina Bergskaug, Assistant Superintendent  
Bob Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services  
Kelly Seeley, Business Administrator

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**APPOINTMENT OF PROCESS OBSERVER**

Chairman Deurloo Babcock appointed Cindy VanCoughnett as Process Observer.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** - None

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER WHALEN  
MOTION CARRIED  
6-0-0**

**NOMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Corey informed the Board that the bleachers for the turf field at the high school are expected to arrive in the next 2-3 weeks. The agreement with Quirk Construction to begin work on the lights should be finalized by the end of the week.

**PUBLIC INPUT** - None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION BY MEMBER VANCOUGHNETT THAT THE BOARD RECESS UNTIL THE  
CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REFINANCING OF THE TURF FIELD BOND  
MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS  
MOTION CARRIED  
7-0-0**

*The Board recessed at 6:06 p.m.*

*The Board reconvened at 6:09 p.m.*

**DELIBERATIONS**

- To see what action the Board will take regarding the Administration's recommendation to refinance the Turf Field Bond

*The amended resolution reads as follows:*

**AMENDED AND RESTATED RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE \$1,553,374.28  
REFINANCING OF THE 2018 HIGH SCHOOL TURF BOND**

Whereas, on June 17, 2020, the School Board of Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District (the "District") adopted a resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize \$1,503,140.12 Refinancing of the 2018 High School Turf Bond." (the "June 17 Resolution"); and

Whereas, the School Board now desires to increase the principal amount of the Bond authorized in the June 17 Resolution; and

Whereas, the School Board has held a public hearing on June 30, 2020 concerning the issuance of the Bond in accordance with RSA 33:3-d;

Now therefore, the School Board resolves as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct;

2. That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the June 17 Resolution, the issuance and sale of a general obligation refunding bond, dated on or about July 7, 2020, in the principal amount of \$1,553,374.28 is authorized to refinance the 2018 Bond;
3. That, except as hereby amended, the June 17 Resolution is restated in its entirety to be effective as of the date hereof; and
4. That the Clerk file an attested copy of this Resolution with the minutes of this meeting.

**MOTION BY MEMBER SOLON THAT THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED “AMENDED AND RESTATED RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY EIGHT CENTS (\$1,553,374.28) REFINANCING OF THE 2018 HIGH SCHOOL TURF BOND” BE ADOPTED IN FORM PRESENTED TO THIS MEETING AND THAT AN ATTESTED COPY OF SAID RESOLUTION BE FILED WITH THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS**

ON THE QUESTION

Vice Chairman Solon questioned if the missed interest payment is yearly. Superintendent Corey noted the interest payment missed will come up this August. Asked for clarification of the decrease in savings, Superintendent Corey stated the savings is decreased by about \$4,000 over the remaining 8.5 years (\$4,000 per year). Asked what the amount was for the interest payment that was missed in the initial calculation, Superintendent Corey stated it to be \$58,000.

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

Yea: Elizabeth Brown, Krista Whalen, Beth Janine Williams, Holly Deurloo Babcock, Tom Solon,  
Cindy VanCoughnett, Kate Stoll,

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Nay:

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**MOTION CARRIED**

- To see what action the Board will take regarding the Board Chair signing the General Assurance Requirements

*A copy of the General Assurances was included as part of the [agenda](#) packet for this meeting.*

**MOTION BY MEMBER WILLIAMS TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT HAS CONSULTED WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, IN FURTHERANCE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD’S OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE ENUMERATED IN RSA 189:1-A, AND PURSUANT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD’S OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL FUNDS THE DISTRICT WILL BE RECEIVING AND OF THE GENERAL ASSURANCES, REQUIREMENTS AND DEFINITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN SAID FEDERAL PROGRAMS**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER WHALEN**

ON THE QUESTION

Superintendent Corey remarked this is the annual requirement for General Assurance. This came into play

about 3-4 years ago. At that time, the Administration reached out to legal counsel for an opinion as it is an area where the Board doesn't have as much oversight as it does with the regular finances; but the Commissioner of Education had determined the assurance should be added. Approval of the motion would allow the Chairperson's signature indicating the Board is aware the District receives Federal dollars (IDEA, Title IV, Title II, REAP, and CARES Act), and there are requirements associated with acceptance.

This provides the State with assurances the District will not discriminate and will utilize the funds in accordance with stated uses.

Vice Chairman Solon commented, in its initial form, the Board signature stated the same assurances that the Superintendent's signature had. There were a number of complaints filed as the Board does not have the visibility. The Superintendent is signing the document stating those involved are doing everything possible to ensure the funds are handled correctly and ethically, and the Board is stating its trust in the Superintendent in that role.

Vice Chairman Solon stated his belief this is an attempt by the State to relieve itself of all responsibility of their due diligence. He objects to that aspect of it, but does not object to the Superintendent signing it.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7-0-0**

**REPORT OUT BY PROCESS OBSERVER**

Member VanCoughnett spoke of how efficiently the meeting ran.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY MEMBER VANCOUGHNETT TO ADJOURN**

**SECONDED BY MEMBER BROWN**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6-0-0**

*Member Williams was out of the room at the time of the vote.*

The June 30, 2020 meeting of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_