

Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District
New Hampshire
Deliberative Session Minutes
H-D Middle School Cafetorium
February 6, 2017

Moderator Russell Galpin opened the meeting at 7:05pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, introduction of the HD School Board (Steve Hahn, Christopher Bober, Nancy Egner, Chairman Rich Pelletier, and Paul Plater) School Attorney Sarah Murdough of Sulloway and Hollis, Superintendent Robert Hassett, Business Administrator Lori Schmidt, and Joyce Bosse, Clerk. He then explained the rules of the Session: Each person would have a chance to speak once and before being allowed to speak again, all others would be allowed to speak once; all remarks should be directed to the Moderator. All motions to amend must be in writing and given to the Clerk.

Article 1. Election of Officers: To choose one board member for a 3-year term from Hillsboro. Candidates Kathryn McGinn, Paul Plater, and Rhayna Teich; To choose a moderator for one year: Jonathan Daley
No discussion. To be voted on the ballot on March 14, 2017

Article 2. Set Salaries of School, Agents/Officers:

School Board Chair: \$1800.00

School Board Members: \$1000.00

School Treasurer: \$3400.00

District Clerk: \$100.00 per meeting

Moderator: \$90.00 per year

Ballot Clerks: \$10.00 each per voting session

Recommended by the School Board.

No discussion. To be voted on the ballot on March 14, 2017.

Article 3. Operating Budget. Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$21,524,228 (twenty-one million, five hundred twenty-four thousand, two hundred twenty-eight dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$21,245,946 (twenty-one million, two hundred forty-five thousand, nine hundred forty-six dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law; or the School District may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Funding the operating budget for 2017-2018 but does not include appropriations in other warrant articles, except Article #2) Recommended by School Board.

Board member Steve Hahn presented a power point presentation. James Fidolfi, State Representative, presented a written amendment to reduce the budget by \$900,000 and requested a paper ballot vote. The amount of the amended budget would be \$20,624,288. Amendment was 2nd by Star Klein. Also speaking in favor of the amendment was John Segedy; speaking against the amendment were Herla Iadonisi, School Board Chair Rich Pelletier, Jessica Granger, Peggy Scarcello, and Jill Cover. The request of the ballot vote was granted. After discussion on Article 4, the results of the ballot vote were announced: there were 87 votes, 14 yes, 73 no. Motion to amend was defeated. No further discussion on Article 3.

Article 4: Appropriation for Food Service and Federal/State Projects. Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District raise and appropriate \$1,691,876 for the support of school projects as follows: \$617,300 (six hundred and seventeen thousand and three hundred dollars) for Food Service and, \$1,074,576 (one million seventy-four thousand five hundred and seventy-six dollars) for Federal and State projects? Such sum to be offset by school lunch sales and State and Federal grants. Majority vote required. Recommended by School Board. Nancy Egner presented the article. No discussion

Article 5: Appropriation for SAU Budget. Shall the voters of the Hillsboro Deering School District adopt a School Administrative Unit budget of \$1,070,000 (One million, seventy thousand dollars) for the forthcoming fiscal year in which \$814,000 (eight hundred fourteen thousand dollars) is assigned to the school budget of this district? This year's alternative budget of \$1,053,378 (one million, fifty-three thousand, three hundred and seventy-eight dollars) for the forthcoming fiscal year in which \$808,443 (eight hundred eight thousand, four hundred and forty-three dollars) is assigned to the school budget of the district, will be adopted if the article does not receive a majority vote of all school district voters in the School Administrative Unit. Recommended by the School Board. Nancy Egner presented. No discussion.

Steve Hahn moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 3, 2nd by Rich Pelletier. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 6: Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement. Shall the District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hillsboro-Deering School Board and the Hillsboro-Deering Support Staff (AFT Local #6219) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase:
2017-2018	\$162,922
Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2018-2019	\$ 65,619
Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2019-2020	\$ 92,358

And further to raise and appropriate \$162,922 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the most recent collective bargaining agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required) Recommended by School Board. Presented by Rich Pelletier. David Fullerton, Hillsborough Selectman, spoke in favor.

Article 7: Special Meeting on CBA Cost items. Shall the School District, if Article # 6 is defeated, authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 cost items only? Recommended by School Board. No presentation, no discussion.

Article 8: Establish Technology Expendable Fund. To see if the school district will vote to establish a Technology Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose to purchase new or replace technology and to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the fund; further to name the school board as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority vote required) Recommended by School Board. Presented by Chris Bober. Leigh Bosse made a motion to amend the amount to \$100,000. Rich Pelletier, 2nd. Discussion. John Segedy spoke against the amendment. Discussion by Arlene Johns, Joyce Bosse and Steve Hahn. Amendment passed by a voice vote. John Segedy and Jon Daley moved and 2nd that the funds would come from unassigned surplus fund balance as of 6/30/18. Questions arose as to which budget this article pertains and if because this article is before others that would draw from the unassigned fund

balance would the motion put the priority in front of other articles. Discussion by David Fullerton, Doug Hatfield, Nancy Egner, Herla Iadonisi. Mr. Segedy's amendment defeated by voice vote. Chris Bober moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 8, Paul Plater 2nd.

Article 9: Fund Special Education Expendable Fund. Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 unassigned fund balance available for transfer after July 1, 2017. Recommended by the School Board. Presented by Chris Bober. Discussion by Joyce Bosse and John Segedy.

Article 10: Fund School Building Roofs Expendable Trust. Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be added to the Replace and Repair School Building Roofs Expendable Trust Fund previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 unassigned fund balance available for transfer after July 1, 2017. Recommended by the School Board. Presented by Paul Plater. Rich Pelletier made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 10, 2nd by Paul. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 11: Fund School Paving Expendable Trust. Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be added to the School Paving Expendable Trust Fund previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 unassigned fund balance available for transfer after July 1, 2017. Recommended by the School Board. Presented by Rich Pelletier. Rich made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 11, Paul 2nd. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 12: Accept Annual Reports. Shall the Hillsboro-Deering School District accept the reports of agents, committees and officers chosen as printed in the Annual Report? Recommended by School Board. No discussion

Article 13: Petition Warrant Article Shall the voters of the Hillsboro-Deering School District vote to rescind previously granted authority to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b,II (by petition) Not Recommended by School Board. John Segedy spoke on the petition. Discussion also by Rich Pelletier, Paul Plater, Superintendent Robert Hassett, Leigh Bosse, Attorney Doug Hatfield and Business Administrator Lori Schmidt. No action taken.

The District Clerk verified that the warrant was signed by the members of the school board.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Bosse, District Clerk