

1 **HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD**
2 **JUNE 16, 2021**
3 **MEETING MINUTES**
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5 A regular meeting of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board was conducted on Wednesday, June 16,
6 2021, at 6:12 p.m. at the Hollis Brookline Middle School.
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8 Holly Deurloo Babcock, Chairman, presided:
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10 Members of the Board Present: Tom Solon, Vice Chairman
11 Beth Janine Williams, Secretary
12 Elizabeth Brown
13 Cindy VanCoughnett
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15 Members of the Board Absent: Kate Stoll
16 Krista Whalen
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18 Also in Attendance: Andrew Corey, Superintendent
19 Gina Bergskaug, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
20 Bob Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
21 Rick Barnes, Principal, Hollis Brookline High School
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23 **APPOINTMENT OF PROCESS OBSERVER**
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26 Chairman Deurloo Babcock appointed Cindy VanCoughnett as Process Observer.
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28 **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**
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30 A request was made to amend the agenda to include presentations.
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32 *There being no objection, the agenda was amended as requested.*
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34 **NOMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE**
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36 Superintendent Corey informed the Board of recent hires:
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38 **Hollis Brookline Middle School (HBMS)**
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40 Scott Turcotte, Computer Education Teacher, Bachelor's, Step 8 and a salary of \$53,890
41 Jessica Belch, Spanish Teacher, Master's +16 and a salary of \$72,182
42 Danielle Cambray, 8th Grade Science Teacher, Bachelor's +15, Step 5 and a salary of \$51,506
43 Danielle Berube, School Nurse, Bachelor's, Step 10 and a salary of \$56,618
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45 **Hollis Brookline High School (HBHS)**
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47 Jordan Brown, English Teacher, Master's, Step 1 and a salary of \$49,839
48 Nicole Fortuna, P.E. Teacher, Master's, Step 1 and a salary of \$49,839
49 Cory Kaufold, Social Studies Teacher, Master's, Step 2 and a salary of \$51,085
50 Bethany Beck, Case Manager, Master's, Step 18 and a salary of \$76,643
51 Remaining opening is a 0.6 P.E. Teacher. Presently being concluded is the process of filling the last math open
52 position.

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2 **PRESENTATIONS**
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4 Chris Lussier, Quartermaster, Hollis Memorial VFW Post 11373
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6 Expressed gratitude stating SAU 41 is a very welcoming place for veterans. Nowhere is that more evident than
7 at the HBHS with outgoing Principal Richard Barnes at the helm. He spoke of Veterans in the Classroom
8 where veterans are invited to speak to the students and engage in a question/answer opportunity, Homefront
9 Club, and assemblies at holidays like Veterans Day when veterans are invited into the school to be recognized.
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11 Anyone who has served remembers a moment in their time when they came home and were welcomed home or
12 reunited with loved ones. When they walk through the doors of the gymnasium and the students are there to
13 greet them, it brings them back to those moments.
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15 He wished to thank Principal Barnes as he moves on to another chapter in his life.
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17 Mr. Lussier commented the relationship with the HBHS is an envy of the New Hampshire Veterans community.
18 They do not have a relationship with the schools the way Hollis does. All the way up to the Commander of the
19 State VFW, they know about HBHS and SAU 41.
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21 Mark Tigert, Post Commander, presented Principal Barnes with a Citation, which read:
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23 *The Hollis Memorial VFW Post 11373 hereby recognizes Principal Richard Barnes in appreciation for*
24 *his tenure as Principal of the Hollis Brookline High School where, through personal gesture and*
25 *administrative policy, he initiated and enriched a welcoming environment for the Veterans in the local*
26 *community.*
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28 *Under his leadership, Veterans were regularly invited to participate in both academic and patriotic*
29 *events at the school and throughout the scholastic year.*
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31 *Thank you, Principal Barnes."*
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33 Mr. Lussier noted a similar Citation was presented to Bob Thompson for his role a few weeks prior.
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35 Chairman Deurloo Babcock spoke of the Board's desire to recognize Assistant Superintendent Thompson and
36 Principal Barnes.
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38 She recognized Principal Barnes for being the 2021 Principal of the Year. His tenure at HBHS has been filled
39 with many accomplishments, and it is fitting that, as he leaves the district, he is named Principal of the Year.
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41 She spoke of how he reorganized the building to meet NEASC requirements, transitioned the graduation to a
42 field of blue gowns, and restructured the Guidance and Student Services departments to be managed by 1
43 Assistant Principal, which she has heard recently was transformative in the building. She spoke of his work
44 with students on DEI and all his work over the past 11 years. He has maintained the building during different
45 projects and has worked with staff to provide the best possible education to our students.

1 She presented him with a gift focused more on the last 16 months. Right after the Governor ordered our schools
2 to remain remote for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, he sent an email to the students. In that
3 email, he made a promise to our seniors that HB would not go out without recognizing them. That message was
4 one of hope and promise, and it got our students through the remainder of the school year. He and his team
5 pulled off an in-person graduation where every graduate was recognized at the same ceremony at the same time,
6 and that did not happen anywhere across the Country.

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8 Chairman Deurloo Babcock presented Principal Barnes with a collage of photos from last year’s graduation
9 ceremony.

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11 In recognizing Assistant Superintendent Thompson, Chairman Deurloo Babcock commented on the challenge
12 to find a photo that would represent his two roles in the district. He first served as the Principal of HBMS. She
13 spoke of his accomplishments in that role; the huge impact on the building and across the State as it relates to
14 creating safe and secure procedures, his participation in numerous trips to D.C., connecting the students to our
15 veterans and seniors, incredible contributions in communications by embracing social media, and of course the
16 crosswalk. His time leading HBMS Knights was significant.

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18 Then he moved on the SAU to become the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. He was making
19 strides there only to be confronted with the COVID crisis in his first year. He and his team worked wonders to
20 meet the needs of our students with diverse needs. He also took the role of a contact tracing machine and was
21 the main communicator with NH DHHS. This school system stayed open this year because of much of his hard
22 work.

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24 His gift represents his time at HBMS, but also his unique way of dealing with the initial COVID crisis when our
25 school buildings were shut down for four months. He and his girls at home made the news by the way that they
26 kept track of the days. Although his gift was still enroute, Principal Barnes was presented with a framed notice;
27 after leading the HBMS Knights, went on to help lead the SAU through the COVID crisis and you even made
28 the news so your gift of an inflatable knight will be delivered to your house.

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30 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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34 *The following amendments were offered:*

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- 36 Page 8, Line 33; insert “is” between “that” and “where”
- 37 Page 8, Line 37; delete “do”
- 38 Page 9, Line 22; “student” should be plural
- 39 Page 10, Line 34; replace “form” with “from”
- 40 Page 14, Line 40; replace “onset” with “onsite”
- 41 Page 16, Line 5; replace “percentage” with “perception”
- 42 Page 16, Line 44; correct the spelling of “page”
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44 **MOTION BY MEMBER WILLIAMS TO ACCEPT, AS AMENDED**

45 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SOLON**

46 **MOTION CARRIED**

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MOTION BY MEMBER SOLON TO ACCEPT, AS PRESENTED

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS

MOTION CARRIED

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Members Brown and Solon Abstained

PUBLIC HEARING

- Hollis Brookline Maintenance Expendable Trust
- Hollis Brookline Athletic Expendable Trust

MOTION BY MEMBER WILLIAMS TO RECESS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SOLON

MOTION CARRIED

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The Board recessed at 6:28 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:36 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Deurloo Babcock spoke of being aware there may be members of the public wishing to speak to items not included on the agenda. She read into the record the language of policies [BEDH](#) – Public Participation at Board Meetings and [BEDB](#) – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination.

The following statement was read:

“For many years, this Board has practiced that we ask the public limit their comments to agenda items only. As a Board we try to stick to the agenda to maintain transparency with the public. We do not want the public to be surprised by what is being discussed so we post our agenda ahead of time per RSA, and the public can expect that we stay focused on the business of the meetings at hand. We generally only adjust the agenda in terms of the order of items and we rarely add an item and we do so only if there is an urgency to that item. Thus we ask that the public respect our precedent and stay focused on agenda items in public comment.

We are aware that there are concerns related to curriculum and we are planning on putting that on our July agenda, and would welcome public comment at that point. Tonight we will be keeping public input to 15 minutes since we have a packed agenda, and we will allow for 3 minutes per speaker. Input is restricted to Hollis and Brookline residents of voting age. Once recognized, please state your name and address for the record. All questions should be directed to the Chair and please be brief if your point has been made by others.”

The floor was opened for public comment at 6:39 p.m.

1 Joe Garruba, 28 Winchester Drive, Hollis

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3 Would like the Board to consider amending the Academic Freedom policy. Over the last few months, we have
4 heard several examples where Hollis Brookline instructors seem to have used their positions to espouse one-
5 sided political viewpoints. The Hollis Brookline COOP has been an excellent school system. This is most
6 certainly due to the efforts of the School Board in determining curriculum and school policy.

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8 He stated concern school policy is not always followed carefully by instructors. For that reason, he proposed
9 the Board amend policy [IB](#) – Academic Freedom, to ensure instructors have the freedom necessary to
10 effectively teach their assigned subject matter. The policy will encourage instructors to avoid discussions of
11 political, social or religious values unless they relate to the School Board approved curriculum.

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13 Our district had a long discussion about equality, justice, and unity at our Annual Meeting this year. One of the
14 takeaways he has heard voiced by the Superintendent, and which he agrees with, is that parents do not want
15 instructors in the school system pushing an ideology on their students. Adopting the proposed Academic
16 Freedom policy will help ensure that the high-quality education promoted by our School Board is delivered to
17 all our students. He questioned next steps to have the proposed amendment considered.

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19 Member Williams stated she would be happy to follow up with Mr. Garruba.

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21 Mr. Garruba commented on the school re-opening plan stating the present schedule includes half-day learning
22 on Fridays, which is essentially robbing our students of 10% of their education. It is not acceptable. He
23 questioned how students can be expected to compete with others who have received the entirety of their
24 education. The justification for this was based on the fear of the unknown back in 2020. We now know that
25 COVID-19 is not a risk for children and a vaccine is available for others. Providing anything less than a full 5-
26 day school week would be a grave injustice to our students. He requested the Board ensure the students get the
27 complete education they deserve.

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29 Drew Mason, District Moderator

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31 Thanked the Board and Administration noting this has been a tough year for the schools. It has also been a
32 tough year for those who must run meetings and elections. There have been 6 meetings and 4 elections all
33 during the pandemic. The school system has been helpful in providing facilities and working with others to
34 provide safe and effective elections and meetings. He expressed a special thank you to Superintendent Corey
35 who has fielded countless emails, phone calls, and Zoom sessions from him dealing with all the various ideas
36 and plans.

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38 Mr. Mason noted the Legislature passed the Bill that will allow the district to maintain the apportionment
39 formula. It sits on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

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41 Tiffany Testa, 101 Mooar Hill Road, Hollis

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43 Expressed gratitude commenting being an educator in a school that only came back 6 weeks ago, she can speak
44 to the authentic value of the unbelievably hard decision making the Board and Administration had to go
45 through. She is so thankful, as a parent, to know the bit of normalcy her children received. She thanked
46 Superintendent Corey for the unbelievable stress that he went through. There are always those that say nay. He
47 has stood courageously in all aspects of all the things we have gone through.

1 She thanked the Board for beginning to think about continuing the work of DEI and SEL and all our students
2 need to be critical thinkers and deep learners. It is a whole package; curriculum, relationships, critical thinking,
3 culture, and the way that we are going to raise our students to be good citizens.

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5 ***Chairman Deurloo Babcock requested those wishing to provide public comment stand and be recognized.***

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7 Jonathan Garruba, 30 Meadow Drive, Hollis

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9 Spoke of representing his daughters who, like many, have suffered dramatically because of COVID. As school
10 is more than just academics, he is concerned about both the quality of education and social development
11 available to students this past school year. Given the pandemic it is understandable, but he wished to ensure we
12 are striving to move forward and make that better in the next school year.

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14 He felt, in numerous cases, the policies that were implemented this year were less than we would like them to
15 be going forward. The State of Emergency has ended. That does not mean that COVID has ended. However,
16 planning for future activities should be commensurate with the actual risk as we know it today. The COVID
17 death rate for children 14 years and under is 1/10th the death rate due to auto accidents. Children are literally 10
18 times more likely to die in a car accident on the way to and from school than from COVID. If we treated car
19 accidents the way we treat COVID we would all be too afraid to drive.

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21 Suicide attempts among adolescent girls is up 50% over 2019. That is a factual number from girls admitted to
22 hospitals. It is not an understatement to say that the COVID related changes in school and social dynamics have
23 resulted in negative mental health and self-harm for our students. The intangible effects on mental and physical
24 health are more widespread and largely unmeasurable. Our children are missing out on critical social
25 development which is arguably as important as academics.

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27 Given the health risks of COVID versus the negative impacts that COVID policies have had on his children
28 personally, it is clear to him that continuing any COVID-related policies does more harm than good. We must
29 be striving to return to normal. Anything less is an injustice to the students.

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31 Mr. Garruba referenced some of the policies that have caused his children and family severe anxiety and stress
32 and should not be continued; return to full-week of school, shortened school days and half Fridays are clearly
33 less education than previous, full in-person class should be available to all students with a certified in-person/in-
34 classroom teacher. There were many cases where his children were in school, and a teacher was not. There
35 should be no special considerations as a result going forward. No contract tracing requirement; that was a
36 significant impairment for his children. It caused social anxiety and helped inhibit them from interacting with
37 other students and were unable to make additional friends from the Brookline community because they literally
38 could not get out of their seat and sit and talk to someone next to them.

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40 There are no outside mandates and no outside requirements. The fate of our children is our responsibility as a
41 community. We have the autonomy and the authority to make our own decisions.

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43 ***Chairman Deurloo Babcock noted the 15 minutes allotted for public comment. The last two speakers who***
44 ***stood to be recognized would be permitted to provide comment, and others wishing to speak were welcomed to***
45 ***do so at future meetings.***

1 Barbara Shobe, 18 Maple Knoll Drive, Hollis

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3 Moved into Town 6 months ago hearing Hollis is amazing. She is disappointed. She spoke of mask use stating
4 the Board has apparently reserved the right to re-mask the students upon a whim next fall. The school
5 Administration has been protecting rules based on faith and disproven science. Rules are put in place to protect
6 people, not the other way around. Her children have been mocked, ridiculed, and shamed for knowing facts
7 simply because it goes against the narrative.

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9 The most protective N95 mask is still only 95% effective. Wearing any cloth or disposable mask is equal to
10 deterring a mosquito with a chain link fence. A-symptomatic spread has been proven by science to not occur.
11 If children are at school, logically, they are healthy and have no reason to wear a mask. This is medical
12 tyranny. In the last month we have had a few heat waves. Most of SAU 41 classes do not have air
13 conditioning. Her children were forced to wear masks while trying to make paper fans to relieve suffocating
14 heat. If a student were to pull the mask down under their nose, their passive aggressive teachers were telling
15 them that she could not understand them until they put the mask on properly. This is bullying, abuse, public
16 shaming of 7, 8, and 9-year-old children.

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18 For reference, the flu killed 188 children in each of the previous seasons, 2018 and 2019. There is no record of
19 flu illnesses or deaths for 2020 because they renamed the flu as COVID-19. There was a total of 100 children
20 who died from COVID-19 in 2020. Why are we forcing masks on children for a virus that is safer than the flu?
21 The plan for next year for masks is optional because the School Board and officials are reserving the right to
22 reinstate the masking whenever they see fit.

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24 Chairman Deurloo Babcock clarified this Board is that of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District.
25 The district does not have children that are under 12 years of age.

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27 Ms. Shobe questioned, and was informed the district for the age group she discussed, and another Board she
28 could bring her concerns to is that of the Hollis School District.

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30 Sue Connelly, 59 Dupaw Gould Road, Brookline

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32 Spoke of having been a teacher in the Hollis School District and Hollis Brookline for 30 years. It has been an
33 incredible year. As she said to her students this morning, she was before the Board to say thank you to the
34 students. She works with 100 kids. They are wonderful. Yes, they have worn masks all year, which she has
35 been extremely grateful for. She thanked the Board and Administration for all their efforts. Staff worked all
36 year long, and she agrees there have been days they have been out, but she knows personally it has been a
37 struggle. Her son has been away in Oregon for 8 months and he had to live with the same things we are living
38 with. Our community has been incredibly supportive, and the end-of-year celebration was amazing. The
39 veterans all came, and the high school students came back and helped run an incredible day.

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41 All she has heard from her students are positive comments of appreciation for what a great year we have had in
42 our district all year long. She thanked the Board and Administration for allowing them to be in-person and
43 remote when they needed to be. She thanked Principal Barnes for all his support and commented on how he
44 will be missed.

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46 ***Although the 15-minute period allotted for public comment had been reached, Chairman Deurloo Babcock***
47 ***indicated the last member of the public standing to be recognized would be permitted to provide comment.***

1 John Ferlins, 88 Dow Road, Hollis
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3 Commented on the concerns expressed concerning the mental health and social adjustment of the students. Key
4 is maintaining and enhancing the mental health of our students and not detracting from the education they need
5 to prepare them for the future. What is harmful is the promotion of Critical Race Theory. It is highly divisive.
6 It destroys self-esteem of our young kids who are told that because they are white, they are inherently racist.
7 This is not helpful to their social development or their academics. This is not something that we can justify as
8 being mere education. This is straight out indoctrination. He has heard presentations of Chinese people who
9 have suffered through the Great Leap Forward in China and the censorship that has been going on, and the
10 people who are on the wrong side of the messages being bullied. He sees some of the same type of things
11 happening here when hearing about kids being bullied in the classroom when speaking against Critical Race
12 Theory. He has heard of media comments being censored and not posted. He urged everyone to pay more
13 attention to this issue. He cannot understand how anyone can be a promotor of Critical Race Theory knowing
14 how harmful it is to our students. They are more concerned with an ideological indoctrination than they are in
15 benefiting our kids from an educational fulfillment.

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17 Unfortunately, he thinks it has started to become embedded in our school systems. He submits the enemy is
18 inside the gates and we must identify who is supporting Critical Race Theory here in Town. Maybe they
19 qualify for reeducation as he does not believe a lot of them understand that this is also based on Marxism.

20 **PRINCIPAL AND ATHLETIC REPORTS**

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23 Principal Barnes noted the information provided with the [agenda](#). The HBMS report highlights the end-of-year
24 celebration, teacher of year nomination; congratulations to Mr. Capraro for his nomination.

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26 The athletic report notes the phenomenal year. Being in school 5 days/week is an honor. We had more kids in
27 in the final round of tournament events than perhaps any other year. They came away with a lot of 2nd place
28 trophies. We are proud of our students' fight in all of that.

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30 The HBMS intramural program was largely successful, and they are looking forward to getting back to normal
31 next year. The addition of the bleachers was a welcome site at the turf field. It will be a great place to gather
32 for many years to come.

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34 The HBHS was the first school ever to be able to host the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard pop-up STEM event. He
35 commented in his 18 years, that was easily the best career day type presentation he has seen, based on student
36 participation.

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38 The theatre program performing arts have been phenomenal in finding creative ways to work around lack of
39 performance time, etc. Adventurelore was out earlier in the day conducting team building activities with the
40 students.

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42 Principal Barnes spoke of being proud of the students and SAU team for what has been accomplished over the
43 past year.

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45 Chairman Deurloo Babcock congratulated Mr. Capraro and the students who have been mentioned for their
46 accomplishments in Project Lead the Way. She thanked the staff for getting us through this year.

1 Chairman Deurloo Babcock spoke of many text messages she received from people who were pleased with the
2 graduation ceremony.

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4 Member Williams echoed the gratitude towards students, teachers, and parents commenting it was with lots of
5 patience, planning, cooperation and pivoting that we got through the year.

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7 Member VanCoughnett expressed gratitude to the Graduation Committee and everyone that helped make that
8 event and Senior Week so special.

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10 ● Middle School Master Schedule - Update

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12 Principal Barnes noted the schedule that was provided with the agenda packet. He remarked the averages look
13 fine to him given what the goals are of having small class sizes. The areas of IMP Math and Reading Wilson
14 will be hand scheduled as they are primarily students with IEPs. The 8th grade class is a smaller group of
15 students.

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17 Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug stated many of the home-school students are expected to return and are not
18 counted in the 166-grade size listed. Asked if it is a relatively uniform distribution, she replied it is. The times
19 when it is not is when you have a student who is in the off-team math class whether IMP Math or grade 7
20 Algebra, etc., and then you must force them into a schedule based on that singleton or if they choose Chorus or
21 Band because that is going to force them into all their other classes.

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23 Vice Chairman Solon questioned if there is anything that can be seen on the horizon that would challenge the
24 two-team model. Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug responded no. For the rising 3rd graders there seems to
25 be a large bubble in both districts. We have a couple of years to plan for that. It seems to be relatively stable.
26 Two teams can manage what we are seeing. The SAU is welcoming its largest population of kindergarten
27 students in both districts.

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29 Asked if the bleacher installation is complete, Superintendent Corey stated the bleachers are installed. The
30 press box requires footings to hold the weight and the handicap ramp. They are 100% usable currently. They
31 are waiting for the final signed document from the structural engineer regarding the footings. He thanked Brian
32 Bumpus, Athletic Coordinator for his efforts and commended the company the bleachers were acquired from
33 who coordinated getting workers and going from State to State and following all the different rules and
34 regulations across the country. The district acquired used bleachers, which are in remarkably great shape.

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36 Vice Chairman Solon asked that the gratitude of the Board be extended to the donor who helped fund that.

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38 Asked what the summer looks like in terms of renting out space on the field, Superintendent Corey noted the
39 Athletic Coordinator has fielded a few inquiries. Nothing has been confirmed to date. Asked if it is something
40 the district wants to actively promote, he stated there have been a couple of organizations with whom it would
41 be interesting to entertain a discussion as they are well-respected consistent renters that generate significant
42 revenue, which would easily cover the cost of any field cleanings and revenue to offset athletics. Asked who
43 would make that connection, he spoke of a few parents who have inquired. The Athletic Coordinator will
44 entertain those calls in the coming weeks.

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46 Vice Chairman Solon questioned if the Board should put a group together to actively promote the use.
47 Superintendent Corey spoke of being in contact with the Boosters and HB Elevates, and does not see the effort
48 as something that would become an SAU duty. Those organizations are more than willing to assist. He
49 encouraged Board members having an interest in those areas to make that interest known to him.

1 **DISCUSSION**
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3 ● FY21 Revenue and Expense Report
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5 Projected (as of 6-8-21) is a balance of \$1,978,167. Major aspects of that include cost avoidance in special
6 education, co-curricular programs that were not offered, and less professional development as people were not
7 going out-of-district. There was a slight shortfall in revenue (\$47,044). The total unreserved fund balance is
8 anticipated to be \$1,931,123. Taking from that the funds allocated to the Athletic revolving Fund (\$50,000),
9 Maintenance Trust Fund (\$115,000) and Retained Fund Balance (\$180,760; last year's amount), the projected
10 fund balance is \$1,585,363.
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12 ● Unreserved Fund Balance – Update
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14 At last month's meeting, there was discussion of proposed use of anticipated year-end fund balance. Referring
15 to the document titled "Proposed Use of Anticipated Year End Fund Balance", Superintendent Corey noted the
16 HBHS main office security renovation, recommended by Homeland Security, which would be in next year's
17 budget at \$91,000. The Budget Committee recommended this. What the Superintendent recommended was
18 serious consideration to the next phase of the roof (most expensive section – 10 phases in total) (\$190,000). By
19 this summer, if moving forward, would be through Phases 5 and 6. The projection would be to be completed
20 with the roof by FY26 (20–25-year lifespan).
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22 Also recommended is completion of the circular drive (two lanes all the way around the back of the high school
23 (\$65,000).
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25 Also discussed last month was a look at upcoming enrollment increases. NESDEC reports and what we are
26 seeing in our elementary schools, indicate children are on the way. The Administration is working with a
27 company in Brookline that is reviewing enrollment and building upgrades. Listed at the bottom of the
28 worksheet provided was the projected scope of work should the Board choose to allocate \$30,000 towards this
29 effort. It is believed this would result in a comprehensive framework of where the district would be going and
30 aligns with one of the goals the Board had set during evaluation season; to ensure more of the strategic planning
31 is taking place. He believes this to be a cost-effective way to start that process. It is believed a few years away
32 some smaller numbers will be seen in the middle school, but the numbers will swing around 2024-2025. He
33 would not want to be without plans in place to bring before the voters.
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35 When looking at the Main office security renovation, HBHS next roof section, circular drive, and planning
36 piece, the total is \$376,000.
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38 Vice Chairman Solon asked for clarification of the characterization of the circular drive as additional paving
39 and was informed it would be in addition to the \$80,000 that may be approved as an expenditure from the
40 Maintenance Trust Fund. The \$80,000 would take the paving up the back parking lot and start the two lanes. It
41 would be about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around. The \$65,000 will complete that bringing it back to the front parking lot.
42 It would become one lane when again approaching the bridge; two lanes all the way past the teachers' dirt
43 parking lot. Member Williams stated concern with teen drivers merging from two lanes into one in the area of
44 the second stop sign. Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug spoke of a traffic study done in Hollis a few years
45 back. Superintendent Corey noted a recommendation resulting from the study was to seek a second egress off
46 the property. That is not in this plan. Vice Chairman Solon stated his impression the two lanes would only go
47 as far as it would go where people are stopped for pick-up. He does not see the benefit of two lanes beyond that
48 point because you can only flow as fast as the bottleneck.
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1 Chairman Deurloo Babcock commented when there at the end of the day, you have all the kids coming from the
2 parking lot and the two lanes of pick-up all merging; three lanes into one. The proposal would provide a
3 secondary lane so that students from the parking lot could go one way and the two pick-up lanes another. Right
4 now there is the parking lot, those in the pick-up line, those who go around the pick-up line and those who go
5 through the parking lot; four different groups funneling into one spot. Superintendent Corey commented on the
6 need for retraining, and how students adapt quickly to changes. He remarked he hears the concerns and there
7 may be a need to start the merge at the teachers' parking lot.
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9 Member Williams stated she agrees with the proposal. Her only concern is with where the merging occurs.
10 Chairman Deurloo Babcock suggested merging at the stop sign at the Lacrosse field would loosen the
11 bottleneck a little.
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13 Asked if the buses would come the same way, Principal Barnes responded that is for the Board and
14 Administration to decide. One of the things experimented with this year was running pick-up in the front of the
15 building. They were able to double park cars there. It actually worked. It is a lot of monitoring at the end of
16 the day, but it is doable with current staffing. You free up some of the pick-up that goes in the back, which
17 would alleviate some of the problem. Member VanCoughnett commented the point of the proposal was to
18 address an emergency. If you have an ambulance parked somewhere on that back lot down the hill to the
19 Lacrosse field, they will not be able to get there. The study will have to be reviewed. Possibly merging past the
20 teacher lot might make sense, but you cannot go far because of the bridge.
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22 Superintendent Corey stated all the concerns raised are valid. It may impact the price slightly, but to get to the
23 point of going around the building, the quoted price is what was provided.
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25 Superintendent Corey requested the Board consider the cost of the HBMS roof (oldest section) (\$105,000;
26 current quote). The last piece he would recommend is the teacher's dirt parking lot (\$65,000). The total of the
27 items recommended by the Superintendent is \$546,000. When subtracting that from the projected fund balance,
28 the anticipated amount to be returned to the tax base is \$1,039,363.
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30 Vice Chairman Solon questioned and was informed the quotes have been updated since the time of the last
31 meeting. Asked if he would have to go out to bid for the \$30,000 project, Superintendent Corey explained it
32 would be various studies performed over the next 18 months and would not meet the threshold for requiring
33 that.
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35 Asked about the tech. plan, Superintendent Corey spoke of the monies received that could be expended on
36 technology. The technology is being collected and inventoried. He is uncertain the magnitude expected will be
37 needed. Technology is an easy use of ESSER Funds. The first goal will be to utilize the funding to reduce any
38 curriculum gaps seen followed by technology at the COOP district. Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug noted
39 the required purchase will be able to be identified in the FY23 budget discussions.
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41 Asked if there might be any significant offsetting savings of moving forward with window replacement,
42 Superintendent Corey stated the desire to do the project review of the building in advance of spending funds on
43 windows. The review will take over a year to complete.

1 Member Brown commented she would be acceptable to including the cost of paving the back lot at the HBHS.
2 Noted was that the Hollis School District was spending 75% of their unanticipated fund balance and the COOP
3 is return about 75% of its balance. If it is believed the Board should take advantage of those funds, she believes
4 it a good idea to go ahead and do so. Although understanding the need for an evaluation for future incoming
5 enrollment numbers, any study that is done that is based upon the previously completed NESDEC report is like
6 starting with the wrong foundation. She believes the need to do #s 2-15 listed under the scope of work, but it
7 cannot be based on #1.

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9 Superintendent Corey noted NESDEC is working with the Brookline School District on the potential workforce
10 housing. It is difficult to put a number of students on a development like that. They have more experience.
11 That will also project out to the COOP School District. There could be seen a quick rise in 7th and 8th grade
12 students from families moving in there. He has reached out to NESDEC. They will take a deeper look at the
13 number of years believed before the crunch hits the COOP district.

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15 Vice Chairman Solon remarked this has been done before in Brookline. What you get is milestones and
16 identification of what is needed when they are reached. It has value and, if done as hoped, provides trigger
17 points that identify when you reach this enrollment in your elementary schools, you have got 3 years to get this
18 capability into your COOP. It allows you to have a plan in place that you can start the three-year process of
19 getting bond approval.

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21 Member Brown commented that is her only concern, but others may have more confidence in the numbers that
22 will be generated. Chairman Deurloo Babcock remarked she agrees about the generalness, but if the
23 Administration is getting NESDEC to customize it more to our needs then, although she believes there is the
24 need to be careful about the numbers, she is uncertain where else they would be generated from.

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26 Member Brown questioned if actual enrollment numbers would be used. Vice Chairman Solon remarked we
27 tell them what numbers to use, e.g., what will we need if we are going to have the high school at 1,200 students,
28 etc.

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30 Member Brown responded what we are seeing right now is such an unusual growth pattern in the housing
31 market. She wonders if we will have a hard time until that round of construction gets done and the kids show
32 up. It may be that we get some clarity by fall. Chairman Deurloo Babcock questioned if it is known how close
33 each town is to buildout. Superintendent Corey stated he is in regular communication with the Town of Hollis.
34 The Town is particularly good about keeping the SAU advised of development and potential impacts to the
35 SAU. He noted the various projects that require that continual communication occur, e.g., the water system run
36 by the Hollis School District; how much the Rocky Pond can take and what the Master Plan will be 5 or 10
37 years from now if water becomes an issue. The same relationship exists with the Town of Brookline.
38 Superintendent Corey spoke of his comfort level that accurate data can be obtained.

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40 ● Articles of Agreement – Potential Fall Meeting Date

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42 A few months back the Board voted to conduct a special meeting to approve changes in the Articles of
43 Agreement recommended by the committee. She stated her understanding a public hearing would have to be
44 conducted prior to that, and the desire to conduct a public forum/information session as well.

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46 Vice Chairman Solon stated what he envisions is the Board putting together a very brief information packet that
47 outlines the recommended changes and takes away the fear that the Board is trying to change the Articles of
48 Agreement. If the desire of the Board, there could be an information activity conducted prior to the public
49 hearing. There is the need to identify the dates. Chairman Deurloo Babcock spoke of the need to discuss this
50 with the Town Moderator.

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2 Vice Chairman Solon commented on having received inquiries after the agenda was published. Once providing
3 a copy of the proposed edits, the questions were addressed. If the Board is supportive, he will work with
4 members Brown and Williams to get an information packet together. He was looking for some direction on
5 what type of information session is desired and identification of dates to be made during the July meeting.

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7 Chairman Deurloo Babcock stated the importance of someone from the committee reaching out to the COOP
8 Moderator to identify potential dates. There is also the need to ensure there is SAU Administration available.
9 She believes a Zoom information session with two-way communication would be helpful. Asked, she stated her
10 belief there is not a need for all members to be present for an information session being put on by the
11 committee.

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13 Asked if there are any restrictions for the use of Zoom for things other than regular meetings given the end of
14 the State of Emergency, Superintendent Corey stated he would investigate that as he does not believe there are
15 for the type of event being discussed.

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17 Member VanCoughnett stated the desire for the public hearing to be the venue where questions and answers are
18 provided citing a concern should that information be shared during an information session, it may not be heard
19 by those participating at a public hearing.

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21 Vice Chairman Solon commented the Board had indicated the desire to have the special meeting in September.
22 Chairman Deurloo Babcock noted that September is a difficult time for administrators, etc. If it must be the
23 first week in October that would be acceptable. The driver is going to be the availability of the Moderator.

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25 ● Update on Mask Lawsuit

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27 Superintendent Corey informed the Board a Motion to Dismiss was filed. The outcome is not yet known.
28 When settled, the Board has asked for the cost to be identified. It is hoped information will be provided this
29 week.

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31 ● Draft School Plan for 2021-2022

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33 Assistant Superintendent Thompson spoke of the draft copy of the SAU 41 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
34 and Continuity of Services document provided with the agenda.

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36 The Department of Education (DOE) has required all school districts in the State to submit this plan no later
37 than June 21st as a condition of accepting our Federal ESSER funds.

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39 That plan has two components; it memorializes all the efforts a district has made for the 2020-2021 school year
40 and forecasting ahead to what our plans will be for the 2021-2022 school year. These are preliminary and
41 decisions that are being made right now are being made based on local conditions and the data that we have in
42 terms of COVID-19.

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44 He highlighted some of the things being considered for the 2021-2022 school year. It is the intent to move to a
45 masks optional model as opposed to masks being required. The district will reserve the right, if conditions
46 change, to require masks.

47 The district will look to relax social distancing guidelines. This is particularly true for the vaccinated
48 population of students. Right now that is students 15 and older. There is some indication that as early as late
49 August we will be vaccinating the age groups of 5-12.

1 Changes were announced at the last DHHS meeting regarding contact tracing. It is the intent of DHHS to
2 continue to contact trace; however, right now we operate under essentially a mandatory quarantine. That
3 mandatory quarantine will end and moving forward the decisions around quarantine will be based around the
4 clinical judgement of the nurses. What that means is the district is not under obligation to have students
5 quarantine. It will basically be done through an assessment by the nurse. We have relied on a lot of their
6 clinical judgement this year and will continue to do so next year.

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8 The goal is to move to pre-COVID operations. There remains a lot of work to be done when it comes to
9 responding to the pandemic, but the focus is going to be on ensuring that we are addressing instructional gaps
10 and, as speakers indicated tonight, also ensuring that we are meeting the social emotional well-being of all our
11 students.

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13 He reiterated it is mid-June and plans can change based on the direction of the data. The DOE has indicated
14 that we can make any changes that we need to after the submission date. The plan will be made available online
15 and will be subject to change.

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17 Vice Chairman Solon noted the plan indicates parents have the option of requesting a student wear a mask. He
18 asked if any district employees would have the option of requiring masks. Assistant Superintendent Thompson
19 stated decisions regarding the plan, including masks, will be made at the SAU level. The short answer is a
20 classroom teacher will not be able to make that determination.

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22 Member Williams remarked she is a parent that feels comfortable with this plan. In terms of masks, if she had a
23 choice right now, her children would not be wearing a mask in school, at this point. Things can change and that
24 may change. If a parent wants a student to wear a mask they could get on the bus or come into the school and
25 take it off. That is a risk that needs to be understood. Assistant Superintendent Thompson remarked the ability
26 to monitor and police that is challenging. Reasonable effort will be made at the classroom level. Member
27 Brown stated her hope is it is communicated to the parents. Those values must be instilled at home as so many
28 do.

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30 Member Williams asked for clarification on the changes to the social distancing guidelines. She noted vaccines
31 are currently available to children 12 and up. In the State, they are readily available. Assistant Superintendent
32 Thompson commented a key element in the plan is the Administration will always evaluate the
33 recommendations by NH DHHS. We look for their guidance when it comes to social distancing specifically for
34 groups of students that are not eligible to receive the vaccine.

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36 Member Williams addressed the comment that we are looking for their guidance. That is the only sticking point
37 she has struggled with is that it is exactly that, guidance. It is not mandated. It was alluded to that campus level
38 nurses will have the ability to use their background, education, and understanding of our student population and
39 what is going on here instead of being told what to do. She spoke of being thrilled that they will have more
40 autonomy to make those decisions. She is hopeful it will be continued to be kept in mind that it is a
41 recommendation, not a mandate. Assistant Superintendent Thompson agreed noting over the course of this year
42 the SAU has relied more and more on the clinical judgement of our nurses. The tone of the DHHS has changed,
43 and it is believed they agree with that as well.

1 Vice Chairman Solon questioned the expectations for staff; are they expected to be present for classes? If
2 parents wish for their students to remain remote, will the option remain available, and if so, how would they
3 receive their education remotely?
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5 Superintendent Corey responded faculty was notified when contracts were issued that the SAU expects to be in-
6 person, and that supervision is an essential part of the job. To his knowledge there has been no difficulty with
7 that. At this point, he does not expect to be offering remote learning. We will have some select students,
8 because of their medical conditions, who may qualify for it, and like we would during any school year, will
9 accommodate that request under their 504. Asked for clarification, he stated it will not be the sort of room in
10 Zoom we have been doing this year.
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12 The intent is to bring all furniture back in and be rid of the pods that have been used for storage. It is not the
13 intent to have half days on Fridays. There are discussions occurring between staff and the SAU regarding the
14 educational gaps. Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug will gain information from staff across the district next
15 week. The Administration may come back to the boards across the SAU and suggest 1 or 2 Fridays during the
16 second half of the year where we do a half day to coordinate the curriculum piece. We are returning to the
17 traditional high school schedule (2019 schedule).
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19 The plan will be viewed during Hollis and Brookline School Board meetings and will be submitted to the State.
20 When we get to August the hope is the plan will be able to be finalized and communicated to families.
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22 Member Williams questioned how students who may become quarantined due to COVID would be
23 accommodated. Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug noted the document was a template required to be done
24 for ESSER. The questions that were asked were answered, but all those questions are being discussed by the
25 SAU Leadership Team. The SAU will plan for all foreseeable scenarios.
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27 Chairman Deurloo Babcock commented this year students have utilized Google Classrooms to keep up with
28 their work, and even when they could not Zoom in, they were able to participate in a lot of the lessons that were
29 happening. She assumes these new skills are not gone. It is not the same as zooming into a class, but if you are
30 out for 10 days you can keep up.
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32 Member Brown commented this is not the only illness where students are out for an extended period. Assistant
33 Superintendent Thompson remarked there is an indication that DHHS is going to make some changes to their
34 guidance around the 10-day exposure quarantine. The State is also rolling out a program called Safer at Schools
35 where they will provide, in some cases, onsite testing. If not, there will be availability for students to be tested
36 in a quick amount of time so that they can return to school right away.
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38 Member Brown questioned if it is anticipated the district will be able to resume band, chorus, and other
39 activities in both the middle and high schools and was told it is absolutely anticipated.
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41 Superintendent Corey remarked we have learned some things about remote learning that may assist us. He
42 provided the example of a staff member breaking an arm or leg and not being able to come into the building. At
43 times, it is hard to find a qualified individual. There might be a benefit for us to offer that staff member the
44 ability, while they are recuperating, to Zoom in and provide the sub. From an expense point of view it is the
45 same as having to get a substitute. It is more looking at it from a curriculum standpoint. Especially at the
46 COOP there has been talk of not wanting to have small classes and we have conflicts. It could be that Zoom
47 would be our district and another pairing up to go from 4 students in an AP class to 8 or 12 students. It would
48 be known prior to sign ups that it would be an online class, etc.

49 We needed to file this document to get the ESSER funding, but our ultimate plan will look more like the 74-
50 page document that we have. Chairman Deurloo Babcock commented the 74-page document was uniform for

1 the 3 districts. Given the circumstances surrounding the vaccine the COOP is in a very different place. Almost
2 all our students are eligible. She is hopeful the plan will address that. Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug
3 responded absolutely. Some of that will be a wait and see; when will the vaccine become available for younger
4 students.

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6 **DELIBERATIONS**

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8 • To see what action the Board will take regarding policy **JLF** – Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect
9 - 1st Reading; 5-19-21

10 *Given its second reading;*

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12 **MOTION BY MEMBER WILLIAMS TO AMEND POLICY JLF – REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE**
13 **AND NEGLECT, AS PRESENTED, AND ACCEPT THE SECOND READING**
14 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER SOLON**

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16 **ON THE QUESTION**

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18 Chairman Deurloo Babcock stated the language was amended to address the fact that the employee is a
19 mandated reporter. It is their responsibility to ensure it is reported. In practice, most of our employees like to
20 do it with an administrator present. The desire was to ensure they made certain it happened but wanted them to
21 know they could do it with a school administrator. The language around an oral report was removed as it was
22 redundant.

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24 Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug remarked the Policy Committee pulled language from the Duty to Report,
25 understanding that is the law.

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27 Vice Chairman Solon questioned if it is the immediate report of the follow up that is referred to when saying it
28 can be completed in collaboration with the school administration and was told it is the immediate report. He
29 suggested the word “completed” is not the correct verb. Member Brown suggested replacing “completed” with
30 “made”.

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32 Asked, Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug stated legally they cannot delegate that task to an administrator.
33 Asked what the administrator can do, she stated they can sit next to them, have the conversation together, and
34 walk them through typing up the report. Vice Chairman Solon suggested the language state “the reporting may
35 include a member of School Administration.”

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37 Chairman Deurloo Babcock stated the suggestions could be taken back to the Policy Committee for
38 review/consideration. Noted was that the principals regularly send a procedural update to their employees, and
39 that is part of what they promise them, that they will sit with them if it happens in the building. Member Brown
40 suggested that language does not necessarily need to be included at all if it is in the staff manual. It would be
41 helpful to see what is in the staffing book.

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43 Vice Chairman Solon commented it is grammatically incorrect to say, “immediately report” and “followed”.

44 **MOTION CARRIED**

45 **5-0-0**

- To see what action the Board will take, if any, regarding the use of the Unreserved Fund Balance

The recommendation of the Superintendent was to encumber \$546,000 to cover the cost of the HBHS main office security renovation (\$91,000), the HBHS roof section (\$190,000), HBHS paving to complete the circular drive (\$65,000), project scope for enrollment increases (\$30,000), HBHS teacher lot paving (\$65,000) and replacement of the oldest section of roof at HBMS (\$105,000).

MOTION BY MEMBER WILLIAMS TO ENCUMBER AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$546,000) TO COVER THE COST OF THE ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER VANCOUGHNETT

MOTION BY MEMBER BROWN TO AMEND THE AMOUNT TO EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$842,000) TO INCLUDE THE COST OF PAVING THE BACK LOT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER VANCOUGHNETT

ON THE QUESTION

Member VanCoughnett commented on the discussion at the last meeting regarding whether we could rip up the whole back area to do it all at one time and still be able to function not knowing when the paving will be able to be done. For that reason and because it is already in the following year's budget, she would vote against the amendment.

Asked if the quoted price has been updated, Superintendent Corey stated his belief it is close to accurate, but he would not be able to say that it has been updated. Having discussions with the Boosters and the level of use expected with the turf field this summer for athletic training, etc., we may unintentionally create a problem where we limit access to almost the entire high school because of the amount of paving.

Chairman Deurloo Babcock stated the desire to return nearly \$1 million to the tax base. Member Brown stated concern with spending roughly \$100,000 to add a lane to go all the way around and then we are going to go pave up to that lane basically at some future date. Vice Chairman Solon stated that is how it would be done even if doing it at the same time. Superintendent Corey remarked the petition that goes through most of the area will be the natural stopping point working back to the back parking lot or to do the circular drive.

Member Brown remarked she feels whether it is done this summer or later, paving that large of a lot will always have an impact. It is one of those areas that has needed to be addressed for a while. Fixing that lot was part of the original plan for the turf field. Superintendent Corey stated the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan for 2025. If the circular drive is done, at least parents could drop off students at the softball field and there would be access to the turf field. With proper planning, we could make it accessible. He does not think anyone wants to shut down the back parking lot for a summer.

Member Brown stated if the funds are encumbered the work can be done when most appropriate. Member Williams echoed the remarks around returning funds to the tax base. It has been a difficult year for most and incredibly difficult for some. These projects are all important and have been prioritized well. There are some she would rather see wait, and that is one of them.

1 **MOTION FAILED**

2 **1-4-0**

3 *Members Williams, Solon, VanCoughnett and Deurloo Babcock voted in opposition*

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5 *Vote on the main motion to encumber an amount not to exceed \$546,000.*

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7 **MOTION CARRIED**

8 **5-0-0**

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10 ● To see what action the Board will take regarding the Administration's recommendation for the Hollis
11 Brookline Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

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13 FY22 Requested Items/Estimated Cost

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15	HBHS	Roof Section	\$ 35,000 (Phase 4 of 10)
16		Road Paving	<u>80,000</u> (working toward widened the road around the building)
17		Total:	\$115,000
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19		Current Balance:	\$140,575
20		To be added in FY22:	115,000
21		FY22 Expenditures:	<u>\$115,000</u>
22		Being Held	43,000 (towards future elevator expense)
23		FY22 Ending Balance:	\$ 97,575 (Anticipated)
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26 **MOTION BY MEMBER WILLIAMS TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES FROM THE HOLLIS**
27 **BROOKLINE MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ONE**
28 **HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$115,000), AS OUTLINED IN THE PUBLIC**
29 **HEARING**

30 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER VANCOUGHNETT**

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32 ON THE QUESTION

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34 Vice Chairman Solon stated he is not opposed to expending funds but is opposed to utilizing funds from the
35 trust in the same year they are allocated. If knowing the desire to expend this year the amount should have been
36 budgeted. This is creating a bad precedent for using that trust as a means of changing the budget.

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38 Member VanCoughnett remarked when the budget was discussed, over a year ago, this was not an area felt to
39 be an urgent need. Superintendent Corey spoke of the attempt to balance the overall budget impact because of
40 the pandemic. The last few years prior to this, we had been approving allocations to the trust with a steady
41 income flow to build it up. This year the Budget Committee felt strongly that it should be funded at the amount
42 needed.

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44 Chairman Deurloo Babcock stated she would support the motion but would like to see Vice Chairman Solon's
45 feedback shared with the Budget Committee.

46 **MOTION CARRIED**

47 **4-1-0**

48 *Member Solon voted in opposition*

49 Member Brown commented you cannot be focused entirely on returning money to the tax base. The way this
50 whole thing went, e.g., funding the maintenance trust and then spending the allocation immediately, etc., it all

comes out of the same budget in the end. This is kind of just like playing that shell game, which she does not like. Chairman Deurloo Babcock commented she feels similarly. This year there were some factors that played strongly in favor of returning funds to the tax base.

Vice Chairman Solon posed a Point of Order questioning if the agenda was amended to include Board action regarding the Administration's recommendation for the Hollis Brookline Athletic Expendable Trust.

Asked if the Board could take this action next month. Superintendent Corey stated the voters have approved the expendable trust going away to become the revolving account. Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug questioned if the full balance would go to the new trust.

Member Brown stated her belief there is not anything about the authorizing warrant that would allow us to move money from the expendable trust to the new revolving fund. She believes all of it needs to be expended and then the new revolving fund funded. Vice Chairman Solon stated his belief the warrant article explicitly stated that it would be used to fund the revolving account. Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug noted the languages reads in part "with said amount to come from unassigned general fund balance (resulting from the previously discontinued Athletic Expendable Trust..."

Member Brown stated it all needs to go into the General fund and then be authorized to go from the General Fund into the Revolving Fund. We must zero out the trust into the General Fund. Asked if that could occur at the next meeting, Superintendent Corey stated he would not recommend waiting.

Member Brown commented the concern with agenda adjustments is always public awareness of potential action by the Board. The fact that this was the subject of the public hearing provides the belief notice was provided.

A request was made to amend the agenda to include Board action regarding the Administration's recommendation for the Hollis Brookline Athletic Expendable Trust.

There being no objection, the agenda was amended as requested.

- To see what action the Board will take regarding the Administration's recommendation for the Hollis Brookline Athletic Expendable Trust

<u>FY20 Purchases – June</u>		<u>Actual Cost</u>
Field Maintenance		\$ 217.18
<u>FY21 Purchases – July – May</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Cost</u>
Field Maintenance	\$ 3,525.00	\$ 3,525.00
Transportation	5,200.00	.00
Athletic Balls	11,082.00	6,905.00
Training Supplies	4,321.00	2,964.17
Athletic Supplies	2,315.00	2,037.22
Awards	5,110.00	342.40
Uniforms	18,500.00	15,840.25
Additional Equipment	3,447.00	2,688.95
Replacement Equipment	5,275.00	4,991.10
Dues and Fees	<u>8,225.00</u>	<u>7,125.00</u>
FY21 Total thru May	\$67,000.00	\$46,419.09

Total Requested: \$ 217.18 FY20

1 \$46,419.09 FY21
2 **\$46,636.27**

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4 Current Balance: \$ 79,011
5 FY20 June Expenditures: 217
6 FY21 Expenditures: 46,419
7 FY21 June Expenditures ???????
8 To be added in FY22: 0 Athletic fees now going to the Athletics Revolving Fund
9 FY21 Ending Balance: **\$ 32,375** (Anticipated) Will be moved to the Athletics Revolving Fund
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11 **MOTION BY MEMBER BROWN TO TRANSFER THE ENTIRE BALANCE OF THE HOLLIS**
12 **BROOKLINE ATHLETIC EXPENDABLE TRUST TO THE GENERAL FUND AND TO APPROVE**
13 **THE EXPENDITURE OF FORTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS AND**
14 **TWENTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$46,636.27) FOR THE PURCHASES OUTLINED IN THE PUBLIC**
15 **HEARING**

16 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS**

17 **MOTION CARRIED**

18 **5-0-0**

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20 Superintendent Corey will seek a legal opinion as to whether the Board is required to make a motion at a future
21 meeting regarding funding the Athletics Revolving Fund.
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23 **HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGHLIGHTS**

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25 Member Williams spoke of having had the opportunity to help chaperone and be present for Field Day, Prom,
26 and Graduation. She has enjoyed being in the schools and witnessing the success the students have had.
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28 Member Brown spoke of the hard work to get the district to this point. Let's not let some of the current
29 communication and public sentiment steal the joy in the accomplishments we have had. We should be
30 exceptionally proud of where we are.
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32 Vice Chairman Solon spoke of a co-worker of his who has students at Souhegan. They came to play a game on
33 the turf field. In the past, he has heard all kinds of feedback on what it is like playing on the HB field. Their
34 kids raved about the turf and the experience.
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36 He believes the evidence speaks for itself in the leadership that has been cultivated within this SAU and district
37 and in the way the documents that we get to approve somehow seem to surface in all kinds of other districts and
38 organizations like NHIAA. It is never comfortable being on the leading edge and the ones to catch the first
39 stones, but when push comes to shove in an emergency, the cream has risen to the top.
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41 Member VanCoughnett commented on seeing the teachers at the start of the students' arrival during graduation
42 and hearing the music just made it see so normal. It was a great feeling.

1 **REPORT OUT BY PROCESS OBSERVER**
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3 Member VanCoughnett spoke of how well the meeting was run particularly given it had to start a little late.
4 Having 15 minutes of public input was helpful. It was good to hear from community members. The meeting
5 completed close to as planned.
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7 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**
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9 **MOTION BY MEMBER SOLON THAT THE BOARD, BY ROLL CALL, GO INTO NON-PUBLIC**
10 **SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3 II (c) TO DISCUSS A MATTER, WHICH IF DISCUSSED IN**
11 **PUBLIC, WOULD LIKELY AFFECT ADVERSELY THE REPUTATION OF A PERSON, OTHER**
12 **THAN A MEMBER OF THE BODY OR AGENCY ITSELF**
13 **MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS**
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15 *A Viva Voce Roll Call was conducted, which resulted as follows:*
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17 Yea: Elizabeth Brown, Beth Janine Williams, Tom Solon, Holly Deurloo Babcock, Cindy VanCoughnett
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19 Nay:

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20 **MOTION CARRIED**
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22 *The Board went into non-public session at 8:58 p.m.*

23 *The Board came out of non-public session at 9:14 p.m.*
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25 **ADJOURNMENT**
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27 **MOTION BY MEMBER WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN**
28 **SECONDED BY MEMBER SOLON**
29 **MOTION CARRIED**
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32 *The June 16, 2021, meeting of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.*
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36 Date _____ Signed _____