

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

A meeting of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board was conducted on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 8:38 p.m. at the Hollis Brookline Middle School.

Holly Deurloo Babcock, Chairman, presided:

Members of the Board Present: Tom Solon, Vice Chairman
 Beth Janine Williams, Secretary
 Kate Stoll
 Cindy VanCoughnett
 Krista Whalen

Members of the Board Absent: Elizabeth Brown

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

DELIBERATIONS

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

**MOTION BY MEMBER DEURLOO BABCOCK 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 STOLL**

ON THE QUESTION

Member Williams commented much to the dismay of high schoolers, it seems to be working out very well holding the back parking lot and allowing the buses to roll out as it reduces the traffic along the main roads in Hollis. It seems as though the transportation company and administration have done a great job brainstorming.

Vice Chairman Solon requested clarification were the contract not approved, what the recourse would be for the upcoming year, and was told there would be a rollover or the rollover could be rejected, and the SAU could go out to bid. It was confirmed that, approval of the contract rather than utilizing the option of the rollover would result in a savings.

Vice Chairman Solon commented, should the situation that was discussed regarding bus schedules persist, he is uncertain there would be support for investing in tracking so that parents could see when the buses will arrive in real-time. Superintendent Corey noted real time tracking was discussed and is something that is going away in the industry.

Member Whalen commented on the contract being a win/win. Going to a five-year contract and going from a 4% increase to a 3% increase for the last two years.

Member VanCoughnett remarked there was concern with going from a small local business to a large bus company. They have done a great job. They have done a lot for the drivers as far as accommodations. The drivers we have had for some time remain happy and are able to share their experiences with the newer drivers.

MOTION CARRIED

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- 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 DEURLOO BABCOCK 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 WILLIAMS

ON THE QUESTION

Member Williams suggested an email be sent out from the SAU informing parents of the early release dates.

Asked if early release dates have been historically included on the calendar, Superintendent Corey stated the district has not had early release dates until going through COVID. He is uncertain he would support them in the future; perhaps quarterly.

The suggestion was made that the current calendar could be amended to include the dates and re-distributed.

Vice Chairman Solon suggested the early release times be identified. Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug commented there would be a different dismissal for every school. It could be more confusing to have all of the information provided in a single communication.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER STOLL TO ADJOURN

SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS

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The October 14, 2021, meeting of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Date _____

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