

1 Public Hearing  
2 Meeting Minutes  
3 RSA 40:13 (commonly known as SB2)  
4 February 27, 2017  
5 6:00 p.m.  
6 Hollis Brookline Middle School  
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8 Attending: Krista Whalen, Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board  
9 Andrew Corey, Superintendent SAU 41  
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11 6:00 p.m. Rules of the Public Hearing were reviewed by Superintendent Corey:  
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- 13 ▪ Speakers will be recognized by the Superintendent.
- 14 ▪ Please state your name and address for the record.
- 15 ▪ Speakers will be allowed to speak for two minutes. A speaker may be recognized  
16 again on the issue after all others have had an opportunity to speak once.
- 17 ▪ If your point has been substantially made by others, please be brief.
- 18 ▪ Comments/questions should be addressed to the Superintendent/Board member.  
19 Do not engage or debate other members of the public.
- 20 ▪ Input will be restricted to Hollis/Brookline residents of voting age (exceptions for  
21 administrators to answer questions).
- 22 ▪ Reminder to turn off or set silent electronic devices.
- 23 ▪ Please remain calm and respectful.  
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25 6:01 p.m. Superintendent Corey read the Warrant Article:  
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27 “Shall the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13  
28 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Hollis Brookline  
29 Cooperative School District on the second Tuesday of March?”  
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31 6:01 p.m. Superintendent Corey and Coop Board Member Whalen opened the public forum.  
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33 Testimony  
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35 James Belanger, 32 Plain Road, Hollis  
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37 Mr. Belanger stated that he was opposed to SB2. He asked if you would buy a car without a test drive;  
38 he presently feels that Brookline is test driving SB2, and the results are still not fully known. He stated  
39 that the first few years of an SB2 town, attendance at deliberative session is usually good, but over time,  
40 attendance goes down. He stated that if people attended the deliberative session that SB2 may work, but  
41 this has not proven to be the case.  
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43 As a State Representative, Mr. Belanger discussed the study committee regarding HB 182, which will be  
44 working this summer. A municipality or a school district would utilize their Charter to determine how SB2  
45 would function in their community. The community, through the charter, would determine how the  
46 process under SB2 would run, and how the default budget would be determined.  
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48 Mr. Belanger also stated that 50 communities have tried to change back from SB2 but had failed based  
49 on the super majority requirement to repeal. Mr. Belanger noted that Mount Vernon had one citizen

1 attend the deliberative session a few years back. He noted that the default budget could be higher than  
2 the proposed budget. He also stated that the State has been working on bills since 2009 to correct SB2  
3 (2009; 2 bills, 2010; 2 bills, 2011; 2 bills, 2012; 7 bills, 2013; 7 bills, 2014; 2 bills, 2015; 1 bill, and 2016; 3  
4 bills). In all these instances, SB2 was not changed and things still don't work. Mr. Belanger believes that  
5 HB 182 should correct the situation.

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7 Julie Forgaard, 51 Pepperell Road, Hollis

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9 Ms. Forgaard is opposed to SB2, and stated that we had already voted on the matter and it should not be  
10 allowed to come up on a yearly basis.

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12 Superintendent Corey asked if there was any further input. Seeing none the public hearing was closed at  
13 6:09 p.m.

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15 Respectfully Submitted,

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19 Andrew Corey  
20 SAU 41 Superintendent