SPECIAL HOLLIS SCHOOL BOARD MARCH 17, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Hollis School Board was conducted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:03 a.m. at the Hollis Primary School.

Robert Mann, Chairman, presided:

Members of the Board Present: Tammy Fareed, Vice Chairman

Brooke Arthur, Secretary

Amy Kellner (participated electronically)

Carryl Roy

Members of the Board Absent:

Also in Attendance: Andrew Corey, Superintendent

Gina Bergskaug, Assistant Superintendent

Bob Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

As Amy Kellner was participating electronically, in accordance with the Right to Know Law, Chairman Mann requested she state, for the record; where she was, why her attendance in person was not reasonably practical, who, if anyone, was with her, and whether or not she was able to hear the proceedings.

Ms. Kellner responded she was in self-quarantine, her attendance in person was not reasonably practical given this reason, she was alone, and could hear the proceedings. Chairman Mann stated, for the record, those present at the meeting were able to hear Ms. Kellner and reminded the Board all votes would be taken by Roll Call.

DISCUSSION

Superintendent Corey informed the Board, and viewing audience, the District would be moving to remote learning on March 18, 2020, and spoke of the need to deliberate on items related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DELIBERATIONS

• To see what action the Board will take regarding the Superintendent's recommendations

MOTION BY MEMBER FAREED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO NEGOTIATE WITH STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF AMERICA TO CONTINUE COMPENSATION FOR BUS DRIVERS DURING THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER ARTHUR

ON THE QUESTION

Superintendent Corey noted the request, at this time, is to negotiate through April 3, 2020.

Chairman Mann indicated he is not opposed to utilizing the bus drivers to distribute food, as necessary. Asked if the boards would be provided updates, Superintendent Corey indicated he would update each board individually.

Asked if food would be made available to the elderly, he stated the intent to make food available to anyone in need, but that the District is waiting on permission from the State.

Assistant Superintendent Thompson stated additional information on End68 would be available in newsletters.

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

Yea: Tammy Fareed, Brooke Arthur, Amy Kellner, Carryl Roy, Robert Mann

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Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY MEMBER ROY TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO COMPENSATE HOURLY EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE REQUIRED TRAININGS FOR JOB REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS TEACHER AND STUDENT SUPPORT DURING THIS DESIGNATED STATE OF EMERGENCY MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER FAREED

ON THE QUESTION

Superintendent Corey stated the request is for hourly employees to complete required trainings such as Registered Behavior Technician (RBT), Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI), and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). It also includes food delivery. Funds have already been budgeted. Employees are able to access their sick or personal time, but unemployment benefits are not fully known at this time.

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

Yea: Tammy Fareed, Brooke Arthur, Amy Kellner, Carryl Roy, Robert Mann

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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY MEMBER FAREED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO OFFER MEALS THROUGH THE SAU41 FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM, AND, IF NECESSARY, TO EXPEND DISTRICT FUNDS, TO ENSURE OUR FAMILIES HAVE THE ABILITY TO ACCESS MEALS DURING THIS DESIGNATED STATE OF EMERGENCY MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER ROY

ON THE QUESTION

Superintendent Corey spoke of the potential that not everyone who comes for bagged meals could be already deemed eligible for free and reduced lunch. Their circumstance might change given this State of Emergency, and he does not want to turn any families away.

Amy Cassidy, Food Service Director, is gathering more information from the State, but we would like to have the authority to get this going if we do not have a definitive answer from the State.

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

Yea: Tammy Fareed, Brooke Arthur, Amy Kellner, Carryl Roy, Robert Mann

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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY MEMBER FAREED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT DURING THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY, SCHOOL BOARDS CAN "MEET ELECTRONICALLY" IF THEY CAN COMPLY WITH RSA 91-A:2, II AND THE PRESIDING OFFICER DECLARES THE MEETING AN "EMERGENCY" MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER ROY

ON THE QUESTION

Superintendent Corey stated he would like to hold the meetings at Hollis Brookline Middle School as it has the greatest streaming capability and the greatest amount of space should members of the public wish to attend. Asked if the meeting would be open to the public, Superintendent Corey stated the public would be able to come and would be able to participate via the functionality of a Zoom meeting.

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

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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY MEMBER FAREED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO APPOINT A DESIGNEE TO SERVE AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER SHOULD WE MOVE TO "MEET ELECTRONICALLY" UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 91-A:2, II DURING THIS DESIGNATED STATE OF EMERGENCY MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER ROY

ON THE QUESTION

Superintendent Corey stated the requirement was that one person would be physically present, but it could be the Chair, the Superintendent, or an Assistant Superintendent.

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

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MOTION BY MEMBER FAREED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PAUSE THE POLICY REGARDING HB1612, STUDENT ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, UNTIL THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS CONCLUDED MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER ROY

ON THE QUESTION

Superintendent Corey stated he does not want to limit the ability of teachers during this time of remote learning. He wants to respect the freedom of teachers to communicate with parents.

Asked if students would be protected using SAU41 Chromebooks, Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug stated the SAU41 filter would not be in effect when students were on their home Wi-Fi. Asked about students in need of devices, Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug stated that 132 students were identified as not having a device. The District began checking them out to families this morning.

Vice Chairman Fareed asked if the suspension of HB1612 is temporary. Superintendent Corey stated the motion states until the State of Emergency has concluded, which, at this time is until April 3, 2020.

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

Yea: Tammy Fareed, Brooke Arthur, Amy Kellner, Carryl Roy, Robert Mann

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MOTION BY MEMBER FAREED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THIS DESIGNATED STATE OF EMERGENCY

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER ROY

ON THE QUESTION

Superintendent Corey stated that he is asking for the authority to make decisions as they become necessary. For example, once the Board members have approved the manifests via email, he does not want to require Board members to come into the building to sign the manifests.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER ROY TO ADJOURN MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER MANN

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Yea:	Tammy Fareed, Brooke Arthur, Amy Kellner, Carryl Roy, Robert Mann
Nay: MOT	ION CARRIED
The M	Tarch 17, 2020 special meeting of the Hollis School Board was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.
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