

**HOLLIS BROOKLINE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board was conducted on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:35 p.m. at the Hollis Brookline Middle School Library.

Holly Deurloo Babcock, Chairman, presided:

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

Members of the Board Absent:

Also in Attendance: Andrew Corey, Superintendent
 Bob Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

APPOINTMENT OF PROCESS OBSERVER

Chairman Deurloo Babcock appointed Cindy VanCoughnett as Process Observer.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Superintendent Corey noted Assistant Superintendent Bergskaug was unable to be in attendance, and requested the discussion item relative to the registration data update be removed. He noted there remains an 80/20 split of in-person and remote learners.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board. August 26, 2020

MOTION BY MEMBER SOLON TO ACCEPT, AS PRESENTED

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS

MOTION CARRIED

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Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board – **Non-Public** August 26, 2020

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MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS

MOTION CARRIED

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NOMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

PUBLIC INPUT

Brooke Arthur, 74 Ridge Road, Hollis

Spoke of the expectation there would be an update with regard to the anti-racism and equity work. Chairman Deurloo Babcock noted that update was provided at the Board's August 26, 2020 meeting.

DISCUSSION

- Memorandum of Understanding with the Union

Superintendent Corey stated the document has been presented to and approved by both the Brookline and Hollis School Boards. Following this meeting, it will be posted to the SAU website.

The Memorandum of Agreement deals with safety items that have been discussed with the unions. It outlines how the District will address instances such as illness and/or quarantine of students and/or staff, how the District will develop an evaluation system teachers will be subject to whether in-person or remote, and characterizes that anything we can do remotely this year we will try to do, e.g., open houses, parent/teacher conferences. The document represents the SAU and each of the 3 unions as they were negotiated together.

DELIBERATIONS

- To see what action the Board will take regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the Union

MOTION BY MEMBER SOLON TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AS PRESENTED

MOTION SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS

ON THE QUESTION

Vice Chairman Solon thanked the Administration, and all involved in putting the document together believing the intent is both good and important. He stated he would be voting in opposition to the motion as he believes there to be specifics particularly regarding the COOP School District's portion, that he does not feel adequately swing in favor of the students that are going to be learning remotely.

He is also concerned that the timeline, the way it played out, was done strategically in a way that put the Board at a disadvantage. It is not something he can support in its current form.

Chairman Deurloo Babcock thanked the Administration and the union for their time and the amount of energy and effort required to put this document together. She spoke of this being a difficult and challenging time and of how hard it must be for our teachers to understand and deal with what they have to in the coming months. She stated her support of the MOU believing ultimately everyone is trying to get to a place where all of our students are receiving the education they need.

MOTION CARRIED

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Members Solon and Williams voted in opposition

REPORT OUT BY PROCESS OBSERVER

Member VanCoughnett stated the meeting started a few minutes late, but finished early.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER SOLON TO ADJOURN

SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS

MOTION CARRIED

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The September 3, 2020 meeting of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School Board was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Date _____ Signed _____