

**HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Monday, January 25, 2021 – 6:15pm

VIRTUAL LOCATION:

<https://zoom.us/j/98701494885?pwd=V3VTTE5rS3ArVlcvajJ4MIZOK3BwUT09>

Meeting ID: **987 0149 4885**

Passcode: **816360**

Audio by Phone Only: 888 475 4499 US Toll-free; Meeting ID: **987 0149 4885**

The mission of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board is to articulate and develop the educational goals of the community and to allocate community resources effectively and responsibly. It strives to create with educational professionals, a dynamic learning environment in which all students are inspired to realize their individual potential, learn critical academic skills, develop intellectual curiosity and moral courage, and prepare to be active citizens.

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Kathryn McGinn

Chris Bober

Paul Plater - Absent

Rich Pelletier

Herla Iadonisi

Administration:

Patricia Parenteau, Superintendent

Jennifer Crawford, Director of Curriculum
Instruction and Assessment

Mary Henry, Business Administrator

Stacey Vazquez, Director of Student Support Services

Jeni Laliberte, Lower HDES Principal

Donna Furlong, Upper HDES Principal

Jim O'Rourke, HS Principal

Marc Peterson, MS Principal

A. Call Meeting to Order

1. Chair McGinn called the meeting to order at 6:14pm
2. As Chair of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

1. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:
 - a. We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting.

- b. ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 888 475 4499 and Meeting ID: 987 0149 4885, or by clicking on the following website address:
<https://zoom.us/j/98701494885?pwd=V3VTTE5rS3ArVlcyajJ4MIZOK3BwUT09>
 - c. Meeting ID: 987 0149 4885
 - d. Passcode: 816360
2. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:
 - a. We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board at: <https://www.hdsd.org/>
3. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:
 - a. If anybody has a problem, please call Carol Fogarty or email at: cfogarty@hdsd.org.
4. Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:
 - a. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Roll call attendance - each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

- i. Roll
 1. Kathryn McGinn - Present
 2. Chris Bober - Present
 3. Paul Plater - Absent
 4. Rich Pelletier - Present
 5. Herla Iadonisi - Present (late)

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

1. Chair McGinn led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

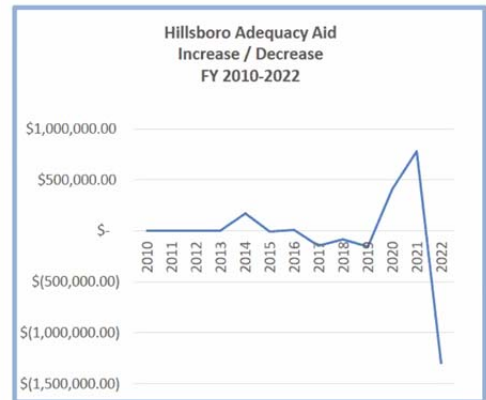
C. School Funding – Rep. Marjorie Porter, Sen. Jay Kahn, Rep. Mel Myler and Rep. David Luneau

1. [Mary Henry](#)
 - a. In 2011 the Formula for adequacy aid changed

1. Resulted in a \$158 million dollar cut
- b. Stabilization Grants were created
 1. assured no less than 2011 funds
 2. Hillsboro-Deering was eligible
- c. 2012-2014
 1. Adequacy Remains the same
- d. 2015
 1. Formula amended
 - a. Decreased by 4% per year
 - b. Beginning 2016-2017 year
 - c. Projected for 25 year period
 - i. Hillsboro scheduled to lose 44% of State Aid
 - ii. Deering scheduled to lose 43% of State Aid.
- e. 2019-2020 budget
 1. return of stabilization grant to 100%
- f. 2020-2021
 1. “One time” Fiscal Disparity Aid - Not COVID Relief
 2. “One time” Additional aid for free and reduced meals
 - a. Not COVID Relief
 3. FY2020-2021 gave twins artificial tax rate
- g. 2021-2022
 1. No longer receiving “One Time” Fiscal disparity aid
 2. Not COVID relief
 3. Hillsboro-Deering receives \$873,798.24 ledd in state aid



Hillsboro-Deering Adequacy Aid Increase/Decrease by Town FY 2010-2022



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2. **Rep. Marjorie Porter, Sen. Jay Kahn, Rep. Mel Myler and Rep. David Luneau**
 - a. Rep. Marjorie Porter
 1. The amount of adequacy aid the state sends to the school is determined by the number of students enrolled in the schools
 - a. Due to parents taking their children out of the schools due to Covid and reduction in free and reduced lunch applications.

- i. Resulted in a steep decline in the aid the schools can expect to receive for the current budgets that they are trying to pass.
 - b. Sen. Jay Kahn
 - 1. LSRs Bill 887
 - a. Part 1
 - i. There is a 7,000+ difference in the Average Daily attendance
 - 1. Average decrease is around 1,500 students per year
 - b. Part 2
 - i. The bill says to take the higher average student counts of the two years and carry that forward for FY2022
 - ii. 10,000 fewer households filed for free and reduced lunches - Due to waiver given by the Department of Agriculture
 - c. Part 3
 - i. Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid - As of July 1, 2021
 - ii. Bill 887 would restore this aid
 - 2. Inflationary Increase - usually happens in even years
 - a. Bill would waive this inflationary increase for this fiscal year.
 - c. Rep. David Luneau
 - 1. The difference between the two LSRs (887 and 1052 that have been presented comes down to the fiscal disparity aid. - around \$772,000
 - 2. What can you do?
 - a. Contact your local representatives!
 - d. Rep Mel Myler
 - 1. The districts that are actually spending more in less affluent districts, have lower outcomes than more affluent districts that spend less and have higher outcomes.
- 3. Board Questions
 - a. Iadonisi
 - 1. Thank you so much
 - b. Bober
 - 1. Thank you so much for coming and explaining all of this to us.

D. Informational Clips and Discussion

- 1. **Adequacy Aid**
 - a.
- 2. **H-D Cooperative Agreement**
 - a. Cooperative District formed on August 13, 1954
 - 1. Current Allocation Formula
 - a. 50% Equalized Value
 - b. 50% Average Daily Membership (ADM)
 - b. RSA 195:4-16 Provides Guidelines

c.



Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District Allocation Formula

To Be Apportioned	FY 2020-2021		
Total Appropriation from MS 22:			\$ 26,269,549
Less Fund Balance and Revenues from MS 24			\$ 5,001,670
Tax Assessment			\$ 21,267,879
Adjustments:			\$ -
Town Specific Revenues			\$ -
To Apportion			\$ 21,267,879

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Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District Allocation Formula

Adequacy Aid for Fiscal Year			
	Grant	SWEPT Retained Tax	Total State Aid
Deering	\$ 943,126	\$ 396,229	\$ 1,339,355
Hillsboro	\$ 6,212,523	\$ 1,005,194	\$ 7,217,717
Total	\$ 7,155,649	\$ 1,401,423	\$ 8,557,072



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Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District Allocation Formula

	Year: FY2020-2021	Year: FY2020	
	ADM	ADM %	Equalized Valuation
			Eval %
			Combined Percent
Deering	188.11	0.185951	239,002,940
Hillsboro	823.50	0.814049	594,882,788
Total	1,011.61	1.000000	833,885,728



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Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District Allocation Formula

			Less Town Specific	Total	Less Final	Local Tax
	Rate	Apportionment	Revenues	Apportioned	State Aid	Assessment
Deering	0.236283	5,025,238	0	5,025,238	1,339,355	3,685,883
Hillsboro	0.763718	16,242,662	0	16,242,662	7,217,717	9,024,945
Total	1.000001	21,267,900	0	21,267,900	8,557,072	12,710,828



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Revised Estimated Revenues Summary

	Estimated	Change Amount	State Adjusted
Subtotal of Revenues	\$11,308,790	(\$7,247,572)	\$4,061,218
Unassigned Fund Balance (MS-25)	\$677,455	\$262,997	\$940,452
Less Voted from Fund Balance	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance Retained	\$477,455	(\$477,455)	\$0
Total Revenues and Credits	\$11,508,790	(\$6,507,120)	\$5,001,670

Assessment Overview

Total Appropriations	\$26,269,549
Total Revenues and Credits	\$5,001,670
Net Assessment	\$21,267,879

Explanation of Adjustments

Account	Reason for Adjustment	Warrant Number
3290-3299		03

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\$28.73

**Tax Rate Breakdown
Hillsborough**

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$6,351,812	\$594,877,788	\$10.68
County	\$605,917	\$594,882,788	\$1.02
Local Education	\$9,054,507	\$594,877,788	\$15.22
State Education	\$1,005,194	\$554,246,268	\$1.81
Total	\$17,017,430		\$28.73

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Emerald Lake Village	\$224,839	\$93,683,100	\$2.40
Total	\$224,839		\$2.40

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$17,017,430
War Service Credits	(\$190,500)
Village District Tax Effort	\$224,839
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$17,051,769

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Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

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\$24.81

**Tax Rate Breakdown
Deering**

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,625,630	\$239,002,940	\$6.80
County	\$229,539	\$239,002,940	\$0.96
Local Education	\$3,656,300	\$239,002,940	\$15.30
State Education	\$396,229	\$226,451,640	\$1.75
Total	\$5,907,698		\$24.81

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$5,907,698
War Service Credits	(\$2,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$5,855,698

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	Deering	Deering	Deering	Deering	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Hillsboro
FY	Tax Assessment	Rate	Student Count	Amount per Student	Tax Assessment	Rate	Student Count	Amount per Student
2016	\$ 2,978,864	0.2250750%	198.99	\$14,969.92	\$7,824,512.00	0.7749250%	939.44	\$ 8,328.91
2017	\$ 2,857,164	0.2197055%	191.53	\$14,917.58	\$8,191,881.00	0.7802945%	913.5	\$ 8,967.58
2018	\$ 3,145,444	0.2249015%	195.36	\$16,100.76	\$8,928,955.00	0.7750985%	903.99	\$ 9,877.27
2019	\$ 3,151,106	0.2310395%	197.01	\$15,994.65	\$8,449,546.00	0.7689605%	895.55	\$ 9,435.04
2020	\$ 3,297,208	0.2281610%	187.58	\$17,577.61	\$9,150,391.00	0.7718400%	868.43	\$10,536.71
2021	\$ 3,685,884	0.2362830%	188.11	\$19,594.30	\$9,024,945.00	0.7637180%	823.5	\$10,959.25

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k. Comes down to the Town valuation and Student count.

l. Full presentation with audio recordings will be posted on the website.

3. Board Comments

a. Pelletier

1. If I were from Deering I would not be happy to see how much per student they are paying.
2. Feels we should not publish this until after the Deliberative session
 - a. We have to take a look at the cooperative agreement to adjust the formula.
3. LSRs
 - a. How does this help us for Saturday's deliberative session?
 - i. All we have are promises, but nothing concrete.
 - ii. At best we may get \$450,000 out of \$2 million that we have to raise

b.Bober

1. Hopefully the two LSRs that they are trying to pass will help with the disparity aid
2. When we look at this in March, we can set it up as a Board Work session so we can look at what the best options for both communities going forward.

c.McGinn

1. We will be digging into this after the deliberative session

E. Public Comment

1. Alex Van Kovn

- a. Concerned about the adequacy aid, and the budget.
- b.If you have a budget and have a loss, you decrease your budget
- c.Instead of laying people off, you are increasing the teacher's salaries and benefits.
- d.People who are on a fixed income can't pay for this.
- e.Adequacy aid is only 3% of the budget
- f. You should be looking at the budget you need right now.
- g. Would like the Board to adjust their budget - and March is too late.

2. Lee Bosse

- a. Wishes the Legislative Reps were still here
 1. On targeting districts that need aid
 - a. The answer is a constitutional amendment
 - i. Urges the Board to back an amendment that would adjust how the schools are funded, and target those areas that need the funding the most
- b.The majority of property taxes come from the towns and the schools.
 1. The towns are made to look a lot better than the school Boards because they get state aid that they can use as they like.
 2. The state legislature should look at how the funds are distributed

3. Jessica Morris

- a. Hillsboro-Deering is in this chronic pattern of failure
 1. Community wants to see better test scores and pay less
 2. It's time to rethink how we are doing things.

- b. There has to be a way to enact significant change to raise the quality of the education and lower the cost.
 - c. There are hardworking and effective teachers in this district.
 - d. There are also significant areas of concern
 - e. Something has to change. We can't tax community members out of their homes.
4. John Segedy
- a. Other things that could have been cut from the budget - He gave a list of other options to the board, but they were not considered.
 - b. Commends the Board for cutting a number of teachers where they were not needed.
 - c. A few weeks ago he asked about the default budget, and would like to know if the cut positions are included in the default budget or not.
 - 1. The way it is now, unless the people lower the proposed budget there won't be much of a difference between the proposed and default budget.
5. Jill Smith
- a. Which number represents the equalized valuation?
 - 1. Mary Henry Answer
 - a. Slide 7 of the presentation.
 - b. 50% Equalized Valuation
 - c. 50% ADM
 - b. Does the state aid get applied to Hillsboro's budget, or Hillsboro-Deering?
 - 1. Mary Henry Answer
 - a. The state aid would be seen on the Hillsboro's side of the budget.
 - c. The state aid doesn't seem to be distributed equitably.
6. Don Mann
- a. We have people that called in, and want to speak - How do they do this if they can't raise their hand?
 - b. Would like it noted that a Deering resident was unable to ask a question to the Board
 - 1. Connection was poor.
7. Katie Lavoie
- a. From Deering
 - b. Has a question for Mary, but her connection was poor
 - 1. Chair McGinn instructed Ms. Lavoie to email [Mary Henry](#) directly to have her questions answered.

F. School Board Response to Public Comment

- 1. [Mary Henry](#)
 - a. The positions were removed from the default budget.

G. Deliberative Session

- 1. The governor just passed an executive order #83 saying that the Board could delay the deliberative session and voting.
- 2. Do we want to postpone due to COVID, or continue as scheduled?

- a. This executive order just came out a few days ago.
 - b. We are doing everything we can to make sure those who wish to come out can do so as safely as possible.
 - c. If we waited for the vaccine, we would be looking at postponing until around May
3. The Board decided to continue with the Deliberative Session set to take place on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 9am in the HS Gym.

H. Action Items

1. [Chris Bober](#) moved to authorize the Board Chair to write and distribute correspondence on behalf of the Board in support of LSR 887. No second given. Motion failed.
 - a. Motion tabled until the 2/1/2021 meeting.

I. Adjournment

1. Pelletier moved to adjourn. Bober seconds. Motion passed 4-0 @ 7:56pm
2. Roll Vote
 - a. Kathryn McGinn - Yes
 - b. Chris Bober - Yes
 - c. Rich Pelletier - Yes
 - d. Herla Iadonisi – Yes

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Fleagle