

**NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
2017 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2017
CENTER AT TRIANGLE PARK (FORMERLY LGC)
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

1. Welcome and Introductions:

President Donald Austin, Somersworth, called the 2017 Delegate Assembly to order at 1:30pm.

President Austin led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Austin introduced the NHSBA Board of Directors in attendance:

Heidi Chaney, 1st Vice-President (Shaker Regional)
Shannon Barnes, 2nd Vice-President (Merrimack)
David Cummings, (Epsom) (Lakes)
John Falconer, Immediate Past President(Colebrook)
John Scranton, (Goshen) (At-large)
Travis Thompson, (Exeter Coop) (Southeast)
Jack Widmer (Governor Wentworth) (Lakes)
Brenda Willis (Derry Coop) (South Central)

President Austin introduced NHSBA staff and others in attendance:

Theodore Comstock, NHSBA Executive Director
Barrett M. Christina, NHSBA Deputy Executive Director and Staff Attorney
Orville “Bud” Fitch, NHSBA Staff Attorney
Terry Comstock, NHSBA Office Administrator
Amanda Hodgman, NHSBA Administrative Assistant
Rebecca Denison, NHSBA Assistant

Dean Eggert Esq., Wadleigh, Starr, and Peters, serving as
Parliamentarian for the Assembly.

2. Certification of Delegates:

Heidi Chaney, First Vice-President, certified that a quorum of delegates was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda:

President Austin asked for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Moved by Jack Widmer, seconded by Travis Thompson.

Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

4. Adoption of Minutes from 2016 NHSBA Delegate Assembly:

President Austin asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 2016 Delegate Assembly, as presented. Moved by Cindy Chagnon, seconded by Sue Allen.

Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

5. President's Report:

President Austin reported on the major activities of the NHSBA Board during the 2016 year. Highlights included attending the National School Boards Association in Boston with 1st Vice-President Heidi Chaney, Executive Director Ted Comstock, and Deputy Executive Director Barrett Christina. He also reported on NHSBA efforts to enhance collaboration with stakeholder groups in New Hampshire. He noted that representatives from NHASP, NHSAA, NHIAA, NHASEA, and UNH had all attended NHSBA Meetings, and made presentations on each organization's activities.

He also reported that the office transition had gone very well. He thanked Executive Director Ted Comstock and Office Manager Terry Comstock for their many years of service to NHSBA.

6. Nominating Committee Report:

President Austin called on John Falconer, NHSBA Immediate Past President, to present the Report of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Falconer presented the Report, as found in the booklet for the Delegate Assembly.

President Austin noted that the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and NHSBA Board was to continue the 2016 Officers for the 2017 year. He noted that this was to ensure a smooth transition between executive directors. He further noted that to accomplish this, there would need to be a suspension of an NHSBA bylaw, which states that an officer can serve only one year in each of the officer positions. He stated that such an action was advised by outside legal counsel, and was consistent with parliamentary rules of procedure. He also explained that such a suspension would be non-precedential, and said suspension would be applicable only for the 2017 year.

President Austin asked for a motion to suspend the applicable bylaw. John Scranton moved as follows: "I move suspension of the NHSBA ByLaw, Article III, 2., on term of officer position, to allow the 2016 Officers to continue in their current offices for the

2017 year.” The motion was seconded by Brenda Willis.

Motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

President Austin then asked for a motion to accept the Report of the Nominations Committee, as included in the booklet for the Delegate Assembly. Moved by John Scranton, and seconded by Ed Murdough.

Motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

President Austin congratulated the reelected officers, and the new NHSBA Board Members.

7. Treasurer’s Report:

President Austin recognized Second Vice-President Shannon Barnes to provide the Treasurer’s Report. She presented the Report, as found in the booklet for the Delegate Assembly.

The Report was placed on file.

8. Executive Director’s Report:

Executive Director Comstock referred the delegates to his Report, found in the booklet for the Delegate Assembly. He provided highlights of various NHSBA Services, including policy, professional development, labor/legal information, legislative information, administrative searches, and student scholarship programs.

Director Comstock noted that these services were provided by one of the smallest school boards association staffs in the United States. He also reported that these services were provided to members with no general dues increase for the past eight years.

Director Comstock thanked the Board for its development of a comprehensive transition plan, and reported that the plan had gone very smoothly this year.

He reported that Orville “Bud” Fitch had been hired as the new staff attorney, and Amanda Hodgman had been hired as the new administrative assistant.

He congratulated Deputy Executive Director Barrett Christina as being named NHSBA Executive Director, effective July 1, 2017. Director Comstock complimented Mr. Christina on his excellent work for NHSBA for more than eleven years, and stated that NHSBA was very fortunate to have a person of Mr. Christina’s ability and experience assuming the Executive Director position.

9. Resolutions:

President Austin began the Resolutions Section by explaining the process that would be utilized, as well as the rules under which this portion of the meeting would be run.

President Austin noted that all resolutions in the Policies, Resolutions, and Statement of Belief Manual would continue without change, unless a specific motion was made by a delegate.

No motion was made.

Proposed Continuing Resolutions for 2017: Resolutions 1- 6:

President Austin presented Continuing Resolutions #1 through #5, noting that #6 would be merged for consideration into Proposed Resolution #9.

President Austin asked for a motion to adopt Continuing Resolutions 1-5 in a block. Motion was made by Heidi Chaney, seconded by Jack Widmer.

Motion was adopted on a unanimous vote.

Proposed New Resolutions for 2017: Resolutions 7 through 18:

Resolution #7:

On behalf of the NHSBA Board, Heidi Chaney moved that this Resolution be adopted, as presented, with a second by Nancy Hendricks.

This motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #8:

This Resolution was not recommended by the Board of Directors. Maria Barth moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Susan Levenson.

Discussion ensued with focus on such issues as applicable federal law, student safety, and implications of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Ed Murdough offered an amendment, as follows: “Be it resolved that the “open carry” gun law be amended to prevent guns on school property, except by law enforcement.”

After discussion of the amendment, a vote was taken. The vote was not to adopt the amendment.

Given that the original Resolution was not recommended by the Board of Directors, the Resolution was not adopted.

Resolution #9:

This Resolution was recommended by the NHSBA Board, with alternative language. The alternate language was discussed, which is included in the booklet for the Delegate Assembly.

It was noted that current continuing Resolution #6 would be deleted, and replaced with the alternative language of Resolution #9.

Heidi Chaney moved that Resolution #9, with the alternative language, be adopted. Motion was properly seconded by Cindy Chagnon.

Motion was adopted by voice vote.

Resolution #10:

This Resolution was recommended by the NHSBA Board, as proposed. On behalf of the NHSBA Board, Heidi Chaney moved that this Resolution be adopted, as presented, seconded by Jack Widmer.

Motion was adopted by voice vote, unanimously.

Resolution #11:

This Resolution was recommended by the NHSBA Board, as proposed. On behalf of the NHSBA Board, Heidi Chaney moved that this Resolution be adopted, as presented, seconded by Sue Allen.

Motion was adopted by voice vote, unanimously.

Resolution #12:

This Resolution was recommended by the NHSBA Board, as proposed. On behalf of the NHSBA Board, Heidi Chaney moved that this Resolution be adopted, as presented, seconded by Jack Widmer.

Motion was adopted by voice vote, unanimously.

Resolution #13:

This Resolution was recommended by the NHSBA Board, as proposed. On behalf of the NHSBA Board, Heidi Chaney moved that this Resolution be adopted, as presented, seconded by Sue Allen.

Motion was adopted by on voice vote.

Resolution #14:

This Resolution was not recommended by the NHSBA Board. Paul Dargie made a motion to adopt the Resolution, as proposed, with a second by Bunny Behm. After discussion, the Motion failed by count of voting cards.

Given that the Resolution was not recommended by the Board of Directors, the Resolution was not adopted.

Resolution #15:

This Resolution was not recommended by the NHSBA Board. Tim Josephson moved that this Resolution be adopted, as proposed, seconded by Ege Cordell. After discussion, a Amendment was offered by Tim Josephson, seconded by Ege Cordell, as follows: "NHSBA supports the study of the establishment of additional state adequacy aid for public Pre-Kindergarten in the State."

After discussion, the Resolution, as amended, was adopted by voice vote.

Resolution #16:

This Resolution was not recommended by the NHSBA Board.

As no motion was made to adopt the Resolution, the Resolution was not adopted.

Resolution #17:

This Resolution was not recommended by the NHSBA Board.

As no motion was made to adopt the Resolution, the Resolution was not adopted.

Resolution #18:

This Resolution was not recommended by the NHSBA Board.

As no motion was made to adopt the Resolution, the Resolution was not adopted.

10. Adjournment

President Austin stated that the business of the Delegate Assembly had been concluded, and the Assembly was adjourned at 3:07p.