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2019 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
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1. Welcome and Introductions:

President Shannon Barnes, Merrimack, called the 2019 Delegate Assembly to order at 1:15pm.

President Barnes led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Barnes introduced the NHSBA Board of Directors in attendance:

Travis Thompson, 1st Vice-president (Exeter Region Cooperative)
Amy Facey, 2nd Vice-president (Souhegan Cooperative)
Donald Austin, Immediate Past-President (Somersworth)
John Falconer (Colebrook) (North Country)
Nancy Hendricks (Londonderry) (South Central)
Jack Widmer (Governor Wentworth) (Lakes)
Brenda Willis (Derry Coop) (South Central)

President Barnes introduced NHSBA staff and others in attendance:

Barrett M. Christina, NHSBA Executive Director
William Phillips, NHSBA Staff Attorney and Director of Policy Relations
Nicole Heimarck, NHSBA Director of Governmental Relations
Amanda Hodgman, NHSBA Operations Manager

Matthew Upton Esq., Drummond Woodsum law firm, serving as
Parliamentarian for the Assembly.

2. **Certification of Delegates:**

President Barnes recognized Travis Thompson, First Vice-President, to certify that a quorum of delegates was present.

Travis Thompson certified the number of delegates present as fifty-seven (57), which met the twenty percent requirement under the NHSBA Bylaws to conduct the business of the Delegate Assembly. President Barnes declared a quorum present and called the 2019 Delegate Assembly of the New Hampshire School Boards Association to order.

3. **Adoption of Agenda:**

President Barnes asked for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda.

So moved by Nancy Hendricks, Londonderry School Board.

Seconded by Corey Mason, Sanborn School Board.

Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

4. **Adoption of Minutes from 2018 NHSBA Delegate Assembly:**

President Barnes asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 2018 Delegate Assembly, as presented.

So moved by Jack Widmer, Governor Wentworth School Board.

Seconded by Cindy Chagnon, Bedford School Board.

Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

5. **President's Report:**

President Barnes reported that during 2018 NHSBA focused on programs that bring great value to membership. Subscription based membership, school board membership services, CBA, strategic planning, policy services, evaluating superintendent performance, school board's role in personnel matters, to name a few.

President Barnes acknowledged the efforts of NHSBA staff specifically reporting on the number of hours spent at state house and NHDOE advocating on behalf of the membership's interests, attending local districts, and by providing policy samples to keep boards compliant. Additionally, President Barnes reported on the regular communications which occurred across many professional Associations in NH. President Barnes continued by congratulating Director Christina and his exceptional team.

In closing, President Barnes thanked the membership for trusting her to serve as President. President Barnes proceeded to acknowledge 1st Vice-President, Travis Thompson, as the new 2019 NHSBA President.

6. Nominating Committee Report:

President Barnes presented the Report of the NHSBA Nominating Committee, as found in the booklet for the Delegate Assembly.

Mr. Austin, of the Somersworth School Board and NHSBA's Immediate Past President presented the Report of the Nominations Committee. Those nominated were as follows:

President: Travis Thompson – Exeter Region Cooperative School Board

First Vice-President: Amy Facey – Souhegan Cooperative School Board

Second Vice-President: Brenda Willis – Derry Cooperative School Board

Immediate Past President: Shannon Barnes – Merrimack School Board

Board Members from South East Region: Donald Austin – Somersworth School Board and Angela Cardinal – Farmington School Board

Board Members from South West Region: Matt Ballou – Wilton-Lynborough School Board and Holly Kennedy – Hinsdale School Board

Donald Austin moved to accept the report of the NHSBA Nominating Committee, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Nancy Hendricks, Londonderry School Board.

The Report was **adopted**.

President Barnes congratulated the 2019 officers and the reelected NHSBA Board Members.

7. Treasurer's Report:

President Barnes recognized 2nd Vice-President, Amy Facey, to provide the Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Facey 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 Christina was please to identify that five new school boards became members of the Association in 2018 noting that membership dues have not increased for the ninth straight year. Director Christina mentioned that the continued growing membership is a testament to the services provided.

Director Christina recognized the NHSBA staff specifically touching on Staff Attorney Phillips's overwhelming number of policy reviews and legal inquiries along with Director of Governmental Relations, Nicole Heimark's, willingness to continue to foster multiple relationships across every stakeholder group including NHASP, NHSAA, legislature, NEA-NH and the NHDOE. Director Christina mentioned that the NHDOE has relied heavily on NHSBA to provide services due to limited capacity. Last, Director Christina recognized Operations Manager, Amanda Hodgman, for all her hard work and support of the Association.

9. Resolutions:

President Barnes 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 Barnes 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.

1st Vice-President, Travis Thompson, verified of the 162-member school boards 57 are in attendance.

No motion was made.

Proposed Continuing Resolutions for 2019: Resolutions 1 - 9:

President Barnes presented Continuing Resolutions #1 through #9 as a block.

Cindy Chagnon, Bedford School Board motioned to accepted resolutions #1 through #9 which was promptly seconded by Tim Josephson, Mascoma School Board.

A request for clarification on Resolution #2 was made by Arthur Beaudry, Manchester School Board. Mr. Beaudry asked if the resolution comes forward on the green pages will the resolution on the blue pages no longer be in effect?

Parliamentarian, Matthew Upton, clarified the process as there are two processes by which the matter could be handled. Parliamentarian Upton stated that by adopting this as a block resolution #2 is adopted in the green pages of the delegate assembly booklet.

A question by Lisa Steadman, Monadnock School Board, surfaced about replacing II:C. Executive Director Christina recognized that it would not replace II:C instead the resolution would be added to the NHSBA Policies, Resolutions and Statements of Beliefs Manuel.

Director Christina acknowledged that one of his roles in moving into the next year is to review the resolutions and clean them up.

The motion carried unanimously for resolutions #1 through #9.

Proposed New Resolutions for 2019: Resolutions 10 through 20:

Resolution #10 and Resolution #19:

This Resolution was not recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors. President Barnes acknowledged that both Resolution #10 and Resolution #19 were similar and recommended that the delegates examine them together.

Thomas Newkirk, Oyster River School Board, moved that Resolutions #10 and #19 should be examined together. The motion was properly seconded by Deborah Brown, Franklin School Board. Three delegates opposed the motion.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Thomas Newkirk, Oyster River School Board made a motion to adopt Resolution #10 which was properly seconded by Raleigh Ormerod, Keene School Board.

Many comments were offered regarding the conflicting state and federal gun laws, school safety and security, law enforcement's involvement, and policy implications. Delegates from multiple districts expressed their concern to have NHSBA push legislators more forcibly to create a statewide policy.

Parliamentarian Upton recommended to vote on Resolution #10 and Resolution #19 separately as each has different nuances.

Arthur Beaudry, Manchester School Board, moved to vote separately on Resolution #10 and Resolution #19. The motion was properly seconded by Art Bobruff, Kearsarge Regional School Board.

The motion carried by voice vote, unanimously.

President Barnes made a motion to vote on Resolution #10, as presented by Oyster River School Board. The motion was properly seconded by Raleigh Ormerod, Keene School Board.

The motion failed by a vote of 23 in favor and 32 opposed.

A motion was made by Shane Wells, Northwood School Board, to not reconsider a recount. The motion was properly seconded by Vincent Paul Migliore, Newfound Area School Board.

The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Director Christina thanked the delegates for engaging in an honest open discussion.

Nancy Bossi, Freedom School Board, made a motion to vote on Resolution #19, as presented by the Keene School Board. The motion was seconded by Denys Draper, Lafayette Regional School Board.

A point of order was requested by Vincent Paul Migliore, Newfound Area School Board, to discuss Resolution #19 separately due to nuanced differences. Mr. Migliore stated that the Newfound Area School Board voted no on Resolution #19.

The motion failed by a vote of 24 in favor and 32 opposed.

President Barnes asked the delegates if the vote satisfied the body.

The motion carried unanimously.

Arthur Beaudry, Manchester School Board, made a motion to support the recommendation provided by the NHSBA Board of Director's on Resolution #19. The motion was seconded by Peter Leavitt, Alton School Board.

An amendment was offered by Timothy Josephson, Mascoma School Board to state that NHSBA would lobby seeking clarification of the laws so that there is not such a mess of laws.

An additional amendment was offered by Raleigh Ormerod, Keene School Board, to state that "NHSBA calls upon the United States Congress, the New Hampshire Legislature and local public safety agencies to prioritize collaborative threat assessment and crisis planning with school districts; and further supports legislation at the federal, state and local levels that protect students and school district employees from on-campus *gun* violence." This amendment was properly seconded by Denys Draper, Lafayette School Board.

President Barnes asked the delegation to vote on the amendment to NHSBA's recommendation, as presented by the Keene School Board.

The motion failed by voice vote.

President Barnes asked the delegation to vote on the original proposed alternative resolution.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Executive Director Christina again thanked the audience for their participation.

Resolution #11:

This Resolution was recommended by the NHSBA Board to withdraw existing continuing resolution number two (2017) and Resolution X:A (2011) and to adopt NHSBA's recommended proposed alternate resolution. On behalf of the NHSBA Board of Directors, Donald Austin, moved that Continuing Resolution number two (2017) and Resolution X:A be withdrawn and NHSBA's recommended proposed alternate resolution be adopted, as presented. The motion was properly seconded by Arthur Beaudry, Manchester School Board.

Motion was adopted by voice vote, unanimously.

Resolution #12:

This Resolution was withdrawn by Merrimack Valley School Board in support of the Litchfield School Board's resolution, numbered 20.

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

Resolution #13:

This Resolution required no action by the NHSBA Board of Directors.

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

Resolution #14:

This Resolution required no action by the NHSBA Board of Directors.

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

Resolution #15:

This Resolution was not recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Art Bobruff, Kearsarge School Board, seconded by Gene Gauss, Pembroke School Board.

The motion failed by voice vote.

Resolution #16:

This Resolution was not recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Denys Draper, Lafayette School Board, seconded by Art Bobruff, Kearsarge School Board.

The motion failed by voice vote.

Resolution #17:

This Resolution was not recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors.

No motion was made to adopt the Resolution.

Resolution #18:

This Resolution was not recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Raleigh Ormerod, Keene School Board, and seconded by Denys Draper, Lafayette School Board.

The motion failed by voice vote.

Resolution #20:

President Barnes announced that this resolution was submitted after the Friday November 2, 2018 deadline. For this reason, the NHSBA Board of Directors declined to make a recommendation on this resolution. In order for this resolution to be considered by the delegation there will need to be a 2/3rds vote (35 delegates) from the floor. Christina Harrison, Litchfield School Board, made a motion to move this resolution to the floor. Beth Paris, Raymond School Board, properly seconded the motion.

A total count of remaining delegates was taken. A total of 52 delegates remain. President Barnes asked the delegates to raise their orange card if they are in favor of reconsidering resolution number twenty. A count of 37 delegates were in favor. Resolution number twenty was placed on the floor for discussion.

An amendment to Resolution number twenty was provided by Christina Harrison, Litchfield School Board, to read:

“The NHSBA supports modifying, to require the NH State Board of Education to restore support for local decision in Change of School Assignments and Manifest Educational Hardship requests by requiring the State Board of Education to fully fund such cases.”

The newly proposed amendment was seconded by Timothy Josephson, Mascoma School Board.

An additional amendment was made by Christina Harrison, Litchfield School Board, to read:

“The NHSBA supports modifying RSA 193:3, I, to require the New Hampshire State Board of Education to restore support for local decision in Change of School Assignments and Manifest Educational Hardship requests by requiring the State of New Hampshire to fully fund any change in school assignment made under RSA 193:3,1 so that the local school district will not be held financially responsible for any school assignment change prescribed by the State Board of Education which conflicts with the local school board decision.”

This amendment was seconded by Timothy Josephson, Mascoma School Board.

The motion to amend Resolution #20 carried by voice vote, with two in opposition.

The motion to pass Resolution #20 carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

President Barnes stated that the business of the Delegate Assembly had been concluded, and the Assembly was adjourned by general consent at 3:07pm.