



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Remote Emergency Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2021**

An Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency was signed by Governor Baker and allows for remote meetings and hearings by public bodies through April 1, 2022.

The reason for the emergency meeting is as follows:

- A shortage of bus drivers available to properly transport children to the Haverhill Public Schools;
- The Governor has mobilized the National Guard to provide bus driving services;
- An amendment to the bus contract between NRT and the Haverhill Public Schools is necessary to utilize the services of the National Guard;
- Such amendment to the NRT contract is required to be in place on or before September 30, 2021;
- Only the Haverhill School Committee is authorized to approve said amendment;
- An emergency meeting of the Haverhill School Committee is necessary to approve the NRT bus contract amendment in a timely manner.

Roll Call.

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and requested a roll call of the members.

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| Mrs. Sapienza Donais | Present | Attorney Rosa | Present |
| Ms. Sullivan | Absent | Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello | Absent |
| Attorney Magliocchetti | Present | Mr. Wood, Vice Chair | Present |
| Mayor Fiorentini, Chair | Present | | |

Also present were Dr. Margaret Marotta, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Michael Pfifferling, Assistant Superintendent.

Agenda

- 1) Discussion on MOU between HPS and NRT Bus for the use of National Guard 7D Drivers.
- 2) Vote.
- 3) Adjournment.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the MOU between HPS and NRT Bus for the use of National Guard 7D Drivers. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Mayor Fiorentini requested a roll call vote:

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| Mrs. Sapienza Donais | Yes | Attorney Rosa | Yes |
| Attorney Magliocchetti | Yes | Mr. Wood, Vice Chair | Yes |
| Mayor Fiorentini, Chair | Yes | | |

5 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Vice Chair Wood asked if NRT would have the proper staffing when this agreement ends on November 5, 2021 or if this was another short-term solution.

Assistant Superintendent Pfifferling responded that as of November 4, 2021, there will be a shortage of four (4) drivers and Mr. McCarthy is aware that those shortages needed to be addressed prior to the expiration date.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais asked about bus monitors for the National Guard driven buses.

Mr. Pfifferling answered that the plan was for six (6) HPS bus monitors to be assigned to these busses (experienced monitor with inexperienced driver). He added that ESP would be paired with experienced drivers (morning would be elementary and afternoon would be high school).

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to (7:06 pm) to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Mayor Fiorentini requested a roll call vote:

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| Mrs. Sapienza Donais | Yes | Attorney Rosa | Yes |
| Attorney Magliocchetti | Yes | Mr. Wood, Vice Chair | Yes |
| Mayor Fiorentini, Chair | Yes | | |

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