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**2021 VIRTUAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 23, 2021**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

President Travis Thompson, SAU #16, Exeter Regional Cooperative, called the 2021 Virtual Delegate Assembly to order at 10:06 a.m.

President Thompson led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Thompson introduced the NHSBA Officers and Board of Directors in attendance:

Amy Facey, First Vice-President (Souhegan Cooperative)  
Brenda Willis, Second Vice - President (Derry Cooperative)  
Shannon Barnes, Immediate Past President (Merrimack)  
John Widmer, Lakes (Gov. Wentworth Regional)  
John Falconer, North Country (Colebrook)  
Holly Kennedy, South West (Hinsdale)  
Matt Pappas, South East (Rochester)  
Pam McLeod, South West (Alton)

President Thompson introduced NHSBA staff and others in attendance:

Barrett M. Christina, NHSBA Executive Director  
William Phillips, NHSBA Staff Attorney  
Amanda Aldous, NHSBA Operations Manager  
Rebecca Wilson, NHSBA Director of Governmental Relations

Scott Casey, Vistacom Information Systems (VPOLL)

**2. Certification of Delegates:**

President Thompson directs all to the VPOLL system to certify the delegates. The staff work through several tech issues for the delegates trying to access VPOLL. President Thompson recognized Amy Facey, First Vice President, to certify that a quorum of delegates was present.

Amy Facey certified the number of delegates present as forty-three (43) via VPOLL and seven (7) via voice recognition, thus being a total of fifty (50) delegates present, which met the twenty percent requirement under the NHSBA Bylaws to conduct the business of the Delegate Assembly.

A discrepancy was detected as there were fifty-six delegates logged into the VPOLL software but only fifty (50) delegates acknowledged their presence. President Thompson asked that members voting by VPOLL refresh their screen and again cast their vote in order to recertify the exact number of delegates present. Mr. Thompson then recognized delegates that could not log into the VPOLL software and recorded their voice votes. The technical issues were now resolved, and President Thompson asks First Vice President Facey to recertify the delegates. Mrs. Facey certified the number of delegates present as fifty-nine via VPOLL and three (3) via voice recognition, thus being a total of sixty-one (61) delegates present.

President Thompson declared a quorum present and called the 2021 Virtual Delegate Assembly of the New Hampshire School Boards Association to order.

**3. Procedures and Simplified Rules of Order:**

President Thompson informed the Assembly of some “procedures and simplified rules of order”. Mr. Thompson asked that no amendments be made, with the approval of the delegates, in order to try and manage the assembly virtually. President Thompson continues by explaining the process that would be utilized, as well as the rules under which this portion of the meeting would be run. President Thompson asked for a motion to adopt the procedures and simplified rules of order.

A motion to accept the procedures and simplified rules of order was made by Joseph Cormier, Laconia and promptly seconded by Deborah Brown, Franklin.

A point of order was made by Kelly McConnell, Hanover and Dresden. Kelly asked that motions be sent to the panelists and attendees not just to the panelists so that the whole assembly could see.

**Motion to accept the procedures and simplified rules of order was adopted by a vote of 59 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention.**

**4. Adoption of Agenda:**

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

The motion was made by Lorrie Carey, Merrimack Valley, and properly seconded by Joseph Cormier, Laconia.

**Motion to accept the 2021 Agenda was adopted by a vote 58 yes, 0 no, and 0**

**abstentions.**

**5. Adoption of Minutes from 2020 NHSBA Delegate Assembly:**

President Thompson asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 2020 Delegate Assembly, as presented.

The motion was made by Deborah Brown, Franklin, and properly seconded by Brenda Willis, Derry Cooperative.

Parliamentarian, William Phillips, suggested that to the extent possible, that votes are accepted “as is” in terms of numbers/percentages, unless there is a close vote on a single topic. This suggestion was supported by the delegates.

**Motion to accept the 2020 minutes from the Delegate Assembly was adopted by a vote of 45 yes, 0 no, and 16 abstentions.**

**6. President’s Report:**

President Thompson thanked all who helped to make the delegate assembly happen and to all the board members for their hard work and dedication over the past year during this unprecedented time. Regarding the Annual Delegate Assembly, President Thompson offered to the delegates a consideration to move all future Delegate Assemblies to the fall so that it aligns with legislative efforts and creates less travel restrictions for delegates.

Executive Director Christina added that the primary reason to move this Assembly to the fall would provide NHSBA more time for legislative advocacy and to find bill sponsors. Director Christina also reiterated that it would be better to host the Assembly in the fall to eliminate anything that would be typically out of NHSBA’s control such as traveling during inclement weather.

**7. Nominating Committee Report:**

President Thompson recognized Immediate Past President, Shannon Barnes, to present the Report of the NHSBA Nominating committee, as found in the booklet for the Delegate Assembly.

Mrs. Barnes, of the Merrimack School Board and NHSBA’s Immediate Past President presented the Report of the Nominating Committee. Those nominated were as followed:

**President:** Travis Thompson, Exeter Regional 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

**Lakes Region:** John Widmer, Governor Wentworth Regional School Board

**Lakes Region:** Kris Raymond, Allenstown School Board

**Lakes Region:** Timothy Dow, Franklin School Board

**North Country Region:** John Falconer, Colebrook School Board

**North Country Region:** James Noyes, Bethlehem School Board

**South West Region:** Ege Cordell, Chesterfield School Board

A motion was made by Immediate Past President Barnes and seconded by Tom von Jess, North Hampton, to accept the Report of the NHSBA Nominating Committee, as presented.

Arthur Beaudry, Manchester, asked if there has ever been a principal officer on the NHSBA Board of Directors from a city. Director Christina answered by stating that the Board has had a few members in prior years who were from cities such as Somersworth, Keene, and Rochester.

**Motion to accept the Nominations Committee Report was adopted by a vote of 60 yes, 1 no, and 0 abstentions.**

President Thompson congratulated the 2021 officers and the reelected NHSBA Board Members.

**8. Treasurer's Report:**

President Thompson recognized First 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.

**9. Resolutions:**

Mr. Thompson again asks the delegates to refer to the VPOLL platform to confirm their attendance and he recorded those who could only provide a voice vote. President Thompson totals the VPOLL votes and voice votes and concludes that there are only fifty-nine (59) delegates present which was different than what the Assembly started with earlier. President Thompson referred to Parliamentarian Phillips as to what the process is at this point.

Parliamentarian Phillips suggested to the delegates that this may be a good time to make a motion to reconcile.

Katherine Heck, Conval, notified Mr. Phillips that she was having technical difficulties with the voting platform and had to refresh her browser. Chris Bober, Hillsboro Deering, made a motion to reconcile the attendance of the delegates and a second was promptly made by Benjamin Leavitt, Epping.

Lisa Steadman, Monadnock Regional, also notified Mr. Phillips that she missed the vote.

President Thompson stated that with the recent updates from Ms. Heck and Ms. Steadman that the delegates currently present are now sixty-one (61) which matches what was recorded earlier. Parliamentarian Phillips agrees and asked Chris Bober if he was willing to withdraw his motion. Chris Bober, Hillsboro Deering, responds to Mr. Phillips that he withdraws his previous motion.

First Vice President, Amy Facey, to re-certify verified that of the 160-member school boards, 61 are in attendance.

A point of order by Chris, Bober, Hillsboro Deering, was made. Mr. Bober asked if there should be a separate motion to accept the vote was just taken. Mr. Phillips explained that the reason for the reconciliation was for attendance for future voting during the remainder of the Assembly. Mr. Phillips continues by stating that for the remainder of the meeting he recommends that the only time another motion to reconcile would be needed is when the results are close. Otherwise, he recommends that if the results are overwhelmingly apparent that the vote is yes or no then we do not need to reconcile. President Thompson and Mr. Bober both agree.

President Thompson provides an overview of the resolution process and asks the delegates if any new resolutions are to be offered.

Erica Helm, Strafford, asks that the Strafford and Nottingham school boards would like to put forth a resolution about the distribution of IDEA funding. Ms. Helm notes that the resolution was included in the delegate assembly packet however it was submitted late.

Mr. Phillips mentions that this resolution is included as part of the proposed resolution process and will be addressed during the proposed resolution agenda.

Kelly McConnell, Hanover and Dresden, asks a question as to what the process would be for discussing the vaccine resolution as a body.

Mr. Christina responded by stating that if there is time at the end of the Assembly to discuss a pressing issue that didn't necessarily relate to the resolutions process but was an important topic for school boards to talk about then the body may allow time just before the adjournment of the meeting to have a non-binding discussion. Parliamentarian Phillips agrees with Director Christina and states that Ms. McConnell can either make a point of discussion or a proposed resolution at the end of the resolutions process.

Barbara Kizska, Timberlane Regional, requested to remove continuing resolution number 6 when voting on the block of continuing resolutions. Arthur Beaudry, Manchester, moved to vote on the remaining continuing resolutions numbered 1-5 as a block.

President Thompson noted that all resolutions in the Policies, Resolutions, and Statement of Belief Manual would continue without changes, unless a specific motion was made by a delegate. No motions were made.

**No motion was made.**

**Proposed Continuing Resolutions for 2021: Resolutions 1 - 5:**

President Thompson presented Continuing Resolutions #1-5 as a block. Mr. Thompson recognized that Mr. Beaudry had previously made a motion to accept continuing resolutions numbered 1-5. A second was promptly made by Benjamin Leavitt, Epping.

**Motion to accept the Continuing Resolutions 1-5 was adopted by a vote of 57 yes, 1 no, and 2 abstentions.**

Parliamentarian Phillips clarifies that Continuing Resolution number 6 on page 35 of the delegate assembly booklet. President Thompson reads Continuing Resolution number 6 to the Assembly and acknowledges that Barbara Kizska, Timberlane Regional, has requested that it be removed. Mr. Thompson asks Ms. Kizska to unmute herself to speak to her reasoning for pulling this continuing resolution out of the block or speak to the resolution.

Ms. Kizska believes this resolution should be removed based on the principal of local control and allow districts the option to decide individually. Her example of this was if a district supports biathlon training which includes the use of firearms then the district should be allowed to make that decision at their discretion.

No further discussion is offered.

Parliamentarian Phillips clarifies the process on how Continuing Resolution number 6 should be voted on. Mr. Phillips states that each delegate will have the opportunity at this time to vote on Continuing Resolution number 6 individually by making a motion, a second, and then voting to keep this resolution as a continuing resolution.

A motion to approve Continuing Resolution number 6 was made by George Downing, Keene and was promptly seconded by Matt Pappas, Rochester.

A point of order was made by Chris Bober, Hillsboro Deering, asking if Ms. Kizska was making an amendment to Continuing Resolution number 6? Parliamentarian Phillips confirms that no amendments were made, Ms. Kizska was asking for a vote.

Director Christina clarifies that the delegates are aware that they're voting to keep Continuing Resolution number 6 as is. Mr. Christina recognizes Dan Klein, Oyster River, to speak to the Assembly.

Mr. Klein, Oyster River, restated his Board's support for Continuing Resolution number 6 as it creates a state-wide consistency with regard to firearms law.

Arthur Beaudry, Manchester, reaffirms that per the simplified rules of order no amendments are to be made. President Thompson acknowledges this and thanks Mr. Beaudry.

Edward Levasseur, Somersworth, asks the question if this resolution was previously been approved by the delegation?

Parliamentarian Phillips confirms that this resolution has been previously approved.

Jack Widmer, Governor Wentworth, asked if there was a vote to accept the NHSBA Policies, Resolutions and Statement of Beliefs manual?

Parliamentarian Phillips and Director Christina clarified that President Thompson stated earlier that unless there was a motion from a delegate to seek to withdraw something from the manual, it will remain as is without a formal vote.

Matt Pappas, Rochester, states that several of our schools are used for voting and often children are in the building while voting is going on, it's incumbent on us to keep kids safe, firearms are not allowed due to safety. Mr. Pappas urges the delegation to vote in support of this resolution.

Edward Levasseur, Somersworth, asked if someone could clarify the vote count on Continuing Resolution number 6 from the 2020 delegate assembly as he was not in attendance.

Parliamentarian Phillips responds that attendees can find the vote from the 2020 delegate assembly on page 15 of their delegate assembly booklet. The votes for this resolution were forty-five (45) in favor, four (4) opposed and three (3) abstentions.

Much discussion about how to potentially amend Continuing Resolution number 6. Director Christina asked the delegation that they do not go down the rabbit hole of discussing guns on school grounds, but rather they continue the discussion focusing on whether or not to withdraw this resolution itself, and not get into the content of the resolution.

Royal Richardson, Chester, stated that this is an issue that has been previously discussed and the emphasis should be on the legislature to address this issue rather than leaving it up to individual districts to discuss. Mr. Richardson expressed his full support to keep Continuing Resolution number 6 as presented.

A motion to end debate was made by Tom von Jess, North Hampton. It was seconded by Chris Bober, Hillsboro Deering.

President Thompson asks the delegation to vote on closing the debate.

**Motion to end debate on Continuing Resolution 6 was adopted by a vote of 59 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.**

President Thompson asks for a motion to keep Continuing Resolution number 6 in the block of Continuing Resolutions.

As previously recorded, a motion to keep Continuing Resolution number 6 was made by George Downing, Keene, and was promptly seconded by Matt Pappas, Rochester.

**Motion to accept Continuing Resolution 6 as presented to remain in the block was adopted by a vote of 51 yes, 5 no, and 4 abstentions.**

**Proposed New Resolutions for 2021: Resolutions 7 through 14:**

**Resolution #7:**

This resolution is brought forth by the Contoocook Valley School Board. This resolution is recommended by the NHSBA board of directors.

No motions were made to adopt Resolution number 7 as presented.

**Resolution #8:**

This resolution is brought forth by Contoocook Valley School Board and is recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors.

A motion to accept proposed resolution number 8 was made by Tom von Jess, North Hampton, and promptly seconded by Barbara Kizska, Timberlane.

No further discussion is needed.

Arthur Beaudy, Manchester, asks for clarification on proposed resolution number 8. Mr. Beaudy states that the resolution specifically references towns, would this resolution pertain to cities as well?

Director Christina apologizes for missing the reference and asks to update the proposed resolution to include cities.

Parliamentarian Phillips states that per the vote from the delegation earlier, no amendments are to be made. Mr. Phillips recommends that the delegation accepts the change to proposed resolution number 8 as a scrivener's error.

Director Christina asks that the delegates who are opposed to accepting the change to proposed resolution number 8 object after the initial vote is taken.

**Motion carried by a vote of 59 yes, 1 no, and 0 abstentions.**

No objections were made to amending proposed resolution number 8 due to scrivener's error and the resolution will reflect that cities be included.

**Resolution number 8 has passed.**

**Resolution #9:**

This resolution is brought forth by the Raymond School Board. This resolution is recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Chris Bober, Hillsboro Deering, and properly seconded by George Downing, Keene to adopt the resolution.

Elizabeth Kuzsma, Amherst, clarifies resolution number 9 by stating that the resolution should reference Continuing Resolution number 4 and not Continuing Resolution number 6.

Director Christina responds by stating the NHSBA response on page 41 of the delegate assembly booklet there was a typographical error on the initial Continuing Resolutions document that NHSBA provided to the Raymond School Board. Mr. Christina explained that the issue was addressed in the response to Raymond's proposed resolution and apologies for the confusion.

Parliamentarian Phillips suggests follow the same process that was followed in proposed resolution number 8.

No further discussion is needed.

**Motion carried by a vote of 59 yes, 1 no, and 0 abstentions.**

No objections were made to accepting the NHSBA Board of Director's clarifying response for proposed resolution number 9 due to scrivener's error.

**Resolution number 9 has passed.**

**Resolution #10:**

This resolution is being brought forth by the Monadnock Regional School Board. This resolution is not recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors.

An Alternate Resolution has been offered by the Board.

Gina Cannon, Concord, states that there is a significance difference in the tenor between initial resolution and alternative language. The alternate resolution supports simply “not discriminating” versus “inclusion” which is outlined in the submitted proposed resolution.

Lisa Steadman, Monadnock Regional, agrees entirely that there is a difference in tenor however, the Monadnock School Board is in favor to accept the alternative language as it is a step in the right direction.

A motion to accept alternate resolution was made by Barbara Kizska, Timberlane, and properly seconded by Chris Bober, Hillsboro Deering.

Susan Levenson, Nottingham, stated that the Nottingham School Board preferred the original proposed resolutions.

Kelly McConnell, Hanover and Dresden, appreciate the alternative resolution as it suggests, if not explicitly states, that education happens in all aspects of the lives of students.

No further discussion is needed.

**Motion carried by a vote of 57 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstentions.**

**Alternative resolution number 10 has passed.**

**Resolution 11:**

This resolution is submitted by the Monadnock Regional School Board and is not recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors.

No motions were made to adopt Resolution number 11 as presented.

**Resolution 12:**

This resolution is submitted by the Oyster River School Board and is not recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors.

Dan Klein, Oyster River, asks to formally withdraw proposed resolution numbered 12. The Oyster River School Board adopted and submitted this on a misunderstanding of legal guidance on the mandate of cameras. Recently the Oyster River School Board learned that their legal counsel agrees with NHSBA’s analysis of this resolution.

Parliamentarian Phillips states that unless there's a motion to adopt or second proposed resolution number 12 this resolution will die on the floor. This is consistent with the process the delegation has been previously following.

No motions were made to adopt Resolution number 12 as presented.

### **Resolution 13:**

This resolution is submitted by the Nottingham and Strafford School Boards and is not recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors. President Thompson announced that this resolution was submitted after the Tuesday November 10, 2020 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 affirmative vote (41 delegates). President Thompson asks to make a motion to consider and discuss proposed resolution 13.

A motion was made by Edward Levasseur, Somersworth. A second was made by Joseph Cormier, Laconia.

Director Christina makes a point of clarifying by stating he received a notification from the SAU 44 superintendent asking to let the delegation know that this proposed resolution is also supported by the Northwood School Board. Unfortunately, by the time NHSBA was informed that Northwood signed on to support this resolution the materials had already been printed and mailed out. Although the materials do not reflect this change Mr. Christina did want to inform the delegation.

Royal Richardson, Chester, commented that he wanted to voice his support of this resolution on behalf of the Chester School Board.

No further discussion is needed.

**Motion carried by a vote of 44 yes, 12 no, and 3 abstentions.**

A motion to adopt proposed resolution number 13 was made by Edward Levasseur, Somersworth, and properly seconded by Kathy Brosnan, Nottingham.

Gina Cannon, Concord, asked how would the NH DOE be able to override the National DOE regulations?

Point of order made by Wayne Goertel, Hooksett, asking to see a number value for the voting results not just the percentages of the votes taken.

Amanda Aldous shares screen and brings up a previous vote to show that there are both total number of votes and percentages provided during the presentation of results.

There was much discussion around the issue of gaining clarity on how funds are disbursed, and to ensure that there is a consistent method of calculating these costs and how they are dispersed.

A motion to adopt proposed resolution number 13 was made by Joseph Cormier, Laconia, and seconded by Barbara Kizska, Timberlane.

No further discussion is needed.

**Motion carried by a vote of 41 yes, 14 no, and 3 abstentions.**

**Resolution number 13 has passed.**

**Resolution 14:**

This resolution is submitted by the Manchester Board of School Committee and is not recommended by the NHSBA Board of Directors. President Thompson announced that this resolution was submitted after the Tuesday November 10, 2020 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 affirmative vote (41 delegates). President Thompson asks to make a motion to consider and discuss proposed resolution 14.

A motion was made by Lorrie Carey, Merrimack Valley. A second was made by Deborah Brown, Franklin.

No further discussion is needed.

**Motion carried by a vote of 51 yes, 7 no, and 0 abstentions.**

Arthur Beaudry, Manchester, thanks the delegation for considering this resolution. He states that he understands NHSBA supports fully funding education, but this issue is completely different than typical school funding issues. This resolution is specific to the COVID-19 pandemic. It addresses the significant reduction in families completing and returning paperwork for free and reduced meals counts and unfortunately there's no incentive for families to do so because they are already receiving them. Mr. Beaudry states that it's not that the Committee does not want to advocate for fully funding education itself, but due to COVID and lack of response from parents in returning forms for free and reduced meals, it poses an issue which currently costs Manchester 4.1 million dollars that they can not recoup. The Manchester Board of School Committee would like to see State come in and review the numbers for last year and make decisions on funding based on pre-covid free and reduced meals numbers.

Joseph Cormier, Laconia, concurs with Mr. Beaudry in that his Board has expressed concern that the State will look at the free and reduced meals numbers this year and may find that the

numbers will be much lower than in years prior which in turn would reduce the funding to districts. Mr. Cormier expressed that the Laconia board supports this resolution.

Francine Wendleboe, Newfound Regional, made a comment that it's not just a failure that the parents are not completing and submitting their forms as her district has been consistent with following up with these parents. However, there is a significant number of students that have unenrolled from the free and reduced lunch program have now moved to private schools or are home schooling. Ms. Wendleboe suggested using a percentage of the prior year's numbers to determine this year's funding.

Tom von Jess, North Hampton, asks the question to Mr. Beaudry, is there also a decrease in Manchester's expenses as well seeing as the students aren't there?

Mr. Beaudry, Manchester, responds that Manchester has continually fed their students free and reduced meals regardless of their remote attendance. Mr. von Jess clarified his question by asking Mr. Beaudry if there has been a significant reduction in expenses due to students being homeschooled or attending private schools and no longer need free and reduced meals?

Mr. Beaudry believes that Manchester may be feeding less students however, their food and nutrition account has actively been in a deficit situation. To the point they've need to shift monies from the general fund to help with the deficit.

Kris Raymond, Allenstown, asks the question - would legislative bill HB623 somewhat encompass this proposed resolution in that Rep. Luneau on introducing HB623 is trying to get education funding the same as the prior year?

Director Christina and Director Wilson provide clarification on this proposed resolution and HB623.

Lorrie Carey, Merrimack Valley, stated that the Merrimack Valley will stand to lose about 1.2 million dollars due to this formula. Her district is also experiencing the same issue of free and reduced meals program of parents not completing and submitting forms and in fact the district is incurring additional expenses now to deliver these meals to students while they're remote learning. Ms. Carey agrees with this resolution.

Lisa Steadman, Monadnock Regional, comments that this issue is not about what the students are eating it is about the formula that drives the free and reduced meal program.

Point of order made by Edward Levasseur, Somersworth, asking if we've voted to allow consideration for this resolution. President Thompson confirmed that the vote was made, and the results were 51 yes, 7 no, and 0 abstentions.

Chris Bober, Hillsboro Deering, stating that he is in support of this resolution. Given this resolution passes would this allow the NHSBA to advocate for this?

Director Christina provides clarification on the process for proposed resolutions.

A motion was made by Lorrie Carey, Merrimack Valley. A second was made by Arthur Beaudry, Manchester.

No further discussion is needed.

**Motion carried by a vote of 54 yes, 5 no, and 0 abstentions.**

**Resolution number 14 passes.**

This concludes the official business portion of the Delegate Assembly.

Director Christina asks President Thompson to address a request made by Kelly McConnell, Hanover and Dresden, to discuss teacher vaccinations in Phase 1B. Mr. Christina stated that Ms. McConnell did provide him with a proposed resolution in the case the delegation wants to review it.

Edward Levasseur, Somersworth, asked to have this proposed resolution placed in the chat for the delegation to review. Mr. Christina provided the proposed resolution: "NHSBA should support giving teachers a Phase 1B priority for vaccination in the state of NH."

Point of clarification from President Thompson. Mr. Thompson states that all other proposed resolutions that were sent in after the deadline were provided before the delegate assembly which allowed time for his board and other individual boards to review and discuss them. By continuing with this process, would it be setting a dangerous precedent to propose a resolution that no one has seen before?

Nick Belsky, Chesterfield, states that no one has had time to discuss this with their individual boards so how could they vote?

Parliamentarian Phillips responds by stating according to the NHSBA bylaws, proposed resolutions are allowed to be brought forward during the assembly only if a 2/3rds affirmative vote of the delegation is made. Mr. Phillips clarifies that at this point Ms. McConnell from Hanover and Dresden is not proposing a resolution however, she has put the information in resolution form for discussion only.

Chris Bober, Hillsboro Deering, makes a point of order by asking if the delegation would be willing to vote to limit discussion but not to prevent people from sharing?

Director Christina and Parliamentarian Phillips agree to let Ms. McConnell speak first and then move the discussion from that point on.

Kelly McConnell, Hanover and Dresden, states that she realizes that it's late in the day and apologizes for keeping people. Ms. McConnell was not officially proposing a resolution however, we have a governor who has recognized the need for in person k-12 education and safety is necessary, but from a functional standpoint we cannot have in person learning without teachers and staff in the building. We cannot teach students if teachers need to quarantine due to community spread not necessarily an outbreak in the school themselves.

Unfortunately, there is a conflict that appears here. As of now, teachers cannot receive their vaccination until March and I would like to see that date moved to an earlier one and make it a higher priority.

Ms. McConnell makes one addition that she believes due to the nature and timeliness of this issue a resolution may not need to be an ongoing resolution but rather the delegation have a discussion about this issue and take a position on it.

Joseph Cormier, Laconia, makes a motion to consider this discussion and it is promptly seconded by Carrie Neill, Barrington.

Point of order by Mr. Phillips by asking Joseph Cormier to clarify his recent motion. Mr. Cormier states he is making a motion to consider the proposed resolution.

Director Christina posts the question to be voted on: NHSBA should support giving teachers a Phase 1B priority for vaccination in the state of NH.

Parliamentarian Phillips clarifies that we are currently looking for a vote to consider the above resolution.

Director Christina states that if this resolution were to pass that the most he could do is send a letter to the Governor that provides NHSBA's position. Director Wilson concurs and states there are no current LSR's that address vaccinations at this time.

Point of order from Kelly McConnell, Hanover and Dresden, by stating that she would like to officially propose this as a resolution for efficiency purposes.

Point of order from Arthur Beaudry, Manchester, by stating that the current proposed resolution only addresses teachers. He would like to see that this resolution include all district faculty.

Parliamentarian Phillips asks the person who moved to consider this resolution to withdraw that motion, then have Ms. McConnell reform her proposed resolution as suggested by Mr. Beaudry, and then have a motion to consider the resolution.

Joseph Cormier, Laconia, withdraws his initial motion.

Kelly McConnell, Hanover and Dresden, proposes a resolution that NHSBA should support giving all k-12 teachers and staff a Phase 1B priority for vaccination in the state of NH.

A motion to consider this proposed resolution was made by Carrie Neill, Barrington and was promptly seconded by George Downing, Keene.

Point of order from Benjamin Leavitt, Epping, by asking the question are we making a proposal to have a discussion on this proposed resolution before we move ahead with taking a formal vote to adopt this proposed resolution, correct?

Parliamentarian Phillips responds by stating "yes".

No further discussion is needed.

**Motion carried by a vote of 39 yes, 11 no, and 0 abstentions.**

Gigi Klipa, Deerfield, Tamara Ham, Lincoln Woodstock, and Nicole Saginor, Cornish, state they need to leave due to another obligation but expressed their support of discussion for this resolution.

Parliamentarian Phillips states again that the proposed language is that “NHSBA should support giving all k-12 teachers and staff a Phase 1B priority for vaccination in the state of NH”.

Tom von Jess, North Hampton, raises a good point and directs it to Director Christina by asking “do we need a resolution or do we just need to request that NHSBA contacts the Governor to present NHSBA’s position that teachers, staff and administration should receive 1B priority?”

Director Christina concurs with Mr. von Jess and states that this would be the best way to address this.

President Thompson will differ to the will of the body, however, is not comfortable voting on a proposed resolution that he has not personally spoken to his individual board about. Mr. Thompson did state that although he would not be voting he does 100% support the intent of this resolution. Mr. Thompson would be more comfortable with NHSBA sending a letter to the Governor instead of voting on this resolution.

Parliamentarian Phillips states that the body has two options at this point:

1. Amend the existing language and vote on it; or
2. Not move and second the proposed resolution as written and then simply have someone make a motion after the resolution has died on the floor to make a motion to request.

Lorrie Carey, Merrimack Valley, supports a letter to the Governor rather than make this a resolution. Ms. Carey states that this is not something that poses an issue in years to come. Additionally, this resolution only covers teachers and staff from k-12 and her district has preschools so this would not cover everyone. Ms. Carey is not comfortable with crafting a resolution on the spot.

Tom von Jess, North Hampton, states that he believes we should vote down the proposed resolution and request that the NHSBA submit a letter to the Governor to express the delegations support for 1B vaccination priority.

Francine Wendelboe, Newfound Regional, supports a letter the Governor however, perhaps we should review the message we are sending. We know the great majority that are affected by this are the elderly. Should we really be allowing young and healthy teachers the ability to jump ahead of elderly people with underlying health conditions? Ms. Wendelboe thinks that

allowing this would send a terrible message and the teachers that are already over the age of 65 or teachers that have serious underlying health conditions are already eligible under 1B.

Point of order from Kelly McConnell, Hanover and Dresden, by stating that her ultimate goal is a letter of support from the NHSBA is sufficient. Ms. McConnell would be willing at this time to withdraw if that helps.

Parliamentarian Phillips states that the body would need to follow the options that he listed earlier.

A motion to table the discussion was made by Lorrie Carey, Merrimack Valley, and it was properly seconded by Francine Wendelboe, Newfound Regional.

**Motion carried by a vote of 47 yes, 4 no, and 0 abstentions.**

A motion to adjourn by April Villani, Pembroke.

President Thompson asks if there is any objection of general consent for NHSBA to craft a letter on this topic to the Governor.

No objections made. The letter to the Governor was made by general consent of the body.

Additional discussion was had in regard to forwarding a letter to the Governor opposed to adopting this resolution.

## **Adjournment**

President Thompson acknowledges April Villani's earlier motion to adjourn the meeting and asks for a second. The motion was properly seconded by Tom von Jess, North Hampton.

Mr. Thompson stated that the business of the Delegate Assembly had been concluded, and the Assembly was adjourned by a vote of 46 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions at 1:29pm.