

Hillsborough County Delegation Meeting
Bouchard Building, Goffstown, NH
November 27, 2007 6:30 PM

Present: Representatives: D. Essex, C. Beck, S. Spratt, J. Hammond, A. Peterson, L. Foster, R. Drisko, C. Gargasz, B. Hall, P. Bergin, R. Hansen, T. O'Connell, G. Daniels, S. Stepanek, P. Leishman, R. Day, L. Emerton, N. Kurk, P. Manney, R. Fletcher, D. Scannell, P. Long, A. Simon, F. Sullivan, W. Infantine, M. Reuschel, P. Garrity, M. Farley, S. Vaillancourt, M. Pilotte, B. Shaw, J. Beaulieu, A. Forest, C. Soucy, I. Messier, J. Graham, K. Hawkins, J. Spaulding, M. Villeneuve, N. Elliott, P. Hinkle, R. L'Heureux, P. Batula, M. Mooney, R. Ginsberg, a. Matarazzo, L. Movsesian, L. Rosenwald, D. Cote, M. Gorman, J. Clemons, C. Jean, E. Hogan, B. Francoeur, C. Lisle, A. Kopka, B. Lasky, J.G. Bergeron, R. Haefner, J. Knowles, M. Knowles, R. Ober, L.Ober, A. Renzullo,. Also present: Comm. Clemons, C. Kirby, B. Moorehead, D. Reidy, M. Rusch, G. Wenger,

Chairman Essex, (District #1) called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM and requested Rep. Messier, (District #17) to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Chairman Essex stated that since this is a meeting of the Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation, members of the Delegation are to be seated, if extra seats are available, members of the public may be seated. Only members of the Delegation are eligible to address the Convention and make motions.

Chairman Essex stated the purpose of the meeting is to vote on the cost items for the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hillsborough County Nursing Home and Local AFSCME 2715.

Chairman Essex requested the Clerk, Rep. Movsesian to call the roll. Rep. Movsesian stated that the roll call is at 60, there needs to be 62 for a quorum.

Chairman Essex took a brief recess at 6:50.

Chairman Essex reconvened the meeting at 7:05 stating that there is currently a quorum present.

Motion by Rep. Manney, (District #7) second by Rep. Farley, (District #15) to approve consistent with RSA 273-A the cost items in the Tentative Agreement for the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hillsborough County Nursing Home and Local AFSCME 2715.

Rep. Hinkle (District #19) stated that he would like to speak for the taxpayers noting he would like to see more details that are in the contract, stating that there are costs in the details that are not being discussed. He stated that he would address some of these issues during the next budget cycle. He also stated that the County has to begin to take a look at saving money for the taxpayer. For this reason he will not support the contract.

Rep. Manney stated that this is a win-win situation for the County, the employees from this bargaining unit have been without an increase since 2003 and it is difficult to recruit and hire qualified people. She noted that this is overall a good deal for the County, money was left on the table and employees will now be paying more for their share of health insurance and the contract is not retroactive. She urges everyone to support the motion.

Rep. Vaillancourt, (District #15) stated that at the Executive Committee the vote was 10-5 to approve the contract, and he voted in favor at that time, however, he stated that he will vote against the contract tonight for the reasons that were cited at the Executive Committee level. He stated that the contracts are usually done during the budget cycle and this is being approved outside of the cycle, which is a bad precedent to set. He noted that everyone needs to be treated fairly. He also added this was a close call for him because this is an overall good deal for the County.

Rep. Manney responded by stating that these negotiations have been going on for quite a long time and it was time to settle the Contract, reiterating the fact that the Nursing Home cannot hire good people for 2003 wages.

Rep. Day (District #7) supports the motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hillsborough County Nursing Home and Local AFSCME 2715.

Chairman Essex reiterated the motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Chairman Essex requested that anyone who came in late to come up and register. He also thanked everyone for attending and being patient while awaiting for a quorum.

Motion by Rep. Movsesian, second by Rep. Pilotte to adjourn at 7:15. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Rep. Lori Movsesian, Clerk
Hillsborough County Executive Committee

Date Approved: _____

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