

HEAC Meeting of June 17, 2021

In attendance: Kitty Michelotti (presiding), Fred Fraser, George D'Orazio, Jen Pereira, Stefanie Marsh, Amanda Weeden, Shireen Meskoob. Public -Michelle Levell.

3:34pm Meeting called to order

March and amended May minutes approved. Motion Stef, 2nd GD

Chairman's Report: Regarding the email sent out by Jen after last week's meeting; it is concerning that learning pods are being asked to declare as homeschoolers but are subject to state testing and standards. Both the Commissioner and Katie Murphy of the DOE responded to emails that the requirement was a function of the funding.

Commentary included requesting to have learning pods fall under ways of satisfying compulsory attendance as stated in 193-1 instead of the jurisdiction of homeschooling as stated in 193-A. To protect homeschoolers and keep types of education separate, it is important to differentiate between homeschooling and alternate forms of education with different requirements and rules. Shireen will check in with Nate Greene to gain more information on this.

Member Reports:

-NHHC: Equal access laws with both Laconia and Dover were resolved with good outcomes. A well-worded letter with quotes from both the law and the district's own handbook, coupled with the promise of a follow-up can go a long way towards encouraging compliance.

- Granite State Home Educators: Rochester did not contest and admitted to being non-compliant. This morning's hearing was a stipulation of facts. An accountability hearing has been scheduled for the fall.

Old Business: The Annual Report was approved. Motion FF, 2nd Stef  
Annual report will be presented to the Board of Education on July 8, 2021

New Business: KM made a motion to use wording from Stef and suggestions from all of HEAC to write to the Commissioner and request learning pods be designated as another way of satisfying the compulsory attendance law.

Announcements: Used curriculum Sale Saturday June 5, Emmanuel Church in Rochester

4:11pm Meeting adjourned motion FF, 2nd Stef

Minutes taken by KM