

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
KINGSWOOD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Members Present: Krista Abear, Stefanie King, Dr. James Manning, James Pittman, Charlene Seibel, Dana Streeter, John Widmer. **Excused:** Timothy Eldridge, Wendi Fenderson

Student Representative: Fallon Peacock

Middleton Representative: Kelly Tivnan

Also present: Superintendent Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes, WCTV and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert would like to add food service and special education. She said Academic Affairs will not bring forward the following policies this evening which are shown on the agenda: JICS, JICD and JICD-R, JICI and JICK.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES/MANIFESTS

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 28, 2021, Buildings and Maintenance Committee meeting.

Moved: Dr. Manning– **Seconded:** Mr. Pittman

Vote: Minutes approved 2-0-0.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021, Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

Moved: Ms. Seibel – **Seconded:** Ms. King

Discussion: Ms. King noted a couple of corrections.

Vote: Amended minutes approved 3-0-0.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021, School Board meeting.

Moved: Ms. King – **Seconded:** Mr. Streeter

Discussion: Mr. Pittman and Ms. King noted a couple of corrections.

Vote: Amended minutes approved 6-0-1 on a roll call vote. Mr. Pittman abstained.

Motion: To approve the accounts payable (\$1,368,718.03) and payroll (2,701,182.66) manifests totaling \$4,069,900.69.

Moved: Mr. Pittman – **Seconded:** Dr. Manning

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0 on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Carrie Duran, Wolfeboro, thanked the community for pulling together for a successful first trunk or treat at Crescent Lake School. It was a true community effort with help from staff, parents, the honor society, DECA students, as well as the Wolfeboro police and fire departments.
- Justin Morgan, Wolfeboro, expressed his displeasure with the mask mandate and how it divides the public participants from attending meetings in the same room. He feels masks and vaccines should be optional.
- Nick McNally, Wolfeboro, said the community has a lack of trust with the School Board because the community feels the board does not answer questions and avoids certain topics.

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- Tom Bickford, Wolfeboro, thanked the School Board for following DHHS guidelines to keep the schools open and our children safe.
- Ozzie Cooper, Wolfeboro, said she is appalled at the mandates the board is imposing on our children.

Student Representative to the School Board

Fallon Peacock gave a detailed report of school happenings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

COVID-19 Update

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said Carroll County is still in high transmission, but the positive cases in our schools has declined. She said the Pfizer vaccine has received emergency approval from the FDA for children ages 5-11 and CDC is expected to make a recommendation this week. The roll out may be a bit slower than it was for adults, and the District will not be able to hold on-site clinics immediately, but sites will be available throughout the state. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will not endorse shortening the quarantine period and DHHS has total authority over quarantine under RSA 141-C. Consequently, this section of the District's Stay Open Plan will remain as is.

Right-to-Know Requests

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert gave an accounting on the approximate amount of time and money spent on recent right-to-know requests. Since June 2021, there have been 12 requests costing approximately \$11,000-\$15,000. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said the District is receiving right-to-know requests, about right-to-know requests, so it may be more efficient to post the requests on the District website. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert told how some municipalities, who are receiving an inordinate number of requests, are hiring a private company to manage their right-to-know requests. The School Board had a lengthy discussion about posting right-to-know requests on the District website.

Motion: To empower the Superintendent to posts right-to-know requests on the District website.

Moved: Mr. Pittman – **Seconded:** Ms. Seibel

Vote: Motion passed 5-1-1 on a roll call vote. Ms. King voted no and Ms. Abear abstained.

NH Charitable Foundation Award

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said a \$500 grant has been awarded to the District for direct support to the music/voice programs made possible by the David M. Brooks Music Fund.

Food Service

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said the food service department experienced setbacks with the supply chain. She said there are no current issues with produce, but there have been delays, substitution and cancellations of paper products. The District has also been short with milk orders and we have not been able to get specialty items like yogurt, but food service continues to serve record number meals. She thanked the team for their hard work.

Special Education

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said NH Department of Education special education audits have changed over the years and they are now more frequent, smaller, and more targeted. In October, the high school had an onsite review of student individual education plans to determine if the District is providing appropriate goals and services in the area of transition. They received a compliance rating of 100%. She thanked the special education team for their hard work.

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NH School Boards Association

Mr. Widmer briefed the Board on the annual Delegate Assembly resolutions. He said NHSBA is going to develop a scholarship application process for student school board representatives. Currently there is a scholarship for children or grandchildren of board members. He also said the NH School Boards Association withdrew their membership from the National School Board Association. NHSBA will continue doing its work on behalf of the students in the State of New Hampshire.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs

Ms. Abear said Curriculum Director Katey Hills gave an overview to the committee on learning assessment and intervention. She explained that aside from in-person remediation in the classroom, the District is using a program to help fill learning gaps. The program, Exact Path, creates individualized and targeted intervention lessons for teachers to use to focus on specific competencies or areas where students need help. The plan is to give the diagnostic or benchmarking assessments in the fall and spring and to have students work on their Learning Paths as needed throughout the year. Last year it was a pilot program and this year it is being utilized district-wide. NWEA will phase out as this tool will be more useful. Ms. Abear said the committee focused on policies and decided to keep agenda item HB2/Discriminatory Practice Prohibitions for their next meeting. The committee is presenting Policies EHB, Public Access to District Records; GBEB, Professional Dress Code; JI, Student Rights and Responsibilities; and JIC and JIC-R Student Conduct/Code of Conduct for Board approval. She said Policy JICA, Student Dress Code will be presented to administrative team as well as the student representative to the school board for comments before being brought to the board. Also Policies JICD & JICD-R, Student Discipline and Due Process; JICI, Weapons on School Property; and JICK, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention/Bullying will be discussed at their next meeting.

Motion: To approve Policy EHB, Public Access to District Records, as amended changing the charge for public records from .10 a page to .20 per page.

Moved: Ms. Seibel – **Seconded:** Ms. King

Discussion: Mr. Pittman thought there may be recent legislation that defines cost.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion: To approve Policy GBEB, Professional Dress Code, as amended adding that principals, or their designees, are authorized to interpret this policy in their respective buildings as appropriate and necessary.

Moved: Ms. Seibel – **Seconded:** Ms. King

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion: To approve Policy JI, Student Rights and Responsibilities as presented and Policies JIC and JIC-R, Student Conduct/Code of conduct; as amended to include the RSA for students found in possession of a firearm.

Moved: Ms. Seibel – **Seconded:** Ms. King

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0 on a roll call vote.

Finance

Mr. Widmer said the finance committee will be meeting with administrators on their budgets on November 16-18, 2021 at Crescent Lake School.

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Human Resources

Mr. Widmer said the committee met with GWEA Executive Board to review and revise the memorandum of understanding that was put in place when COVID hit because now there are many items that are no longer appropriate. Ms. King asked what the remote work expectations are for staff who have to quarantine with no symptoms. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said it would depend if they can teach content area from home and if we have a qualified substitute teacher. Ms. King also asked about periods of remote work, when teachers have to be home, it seems that the protections for using home networks and personal electronic equipment for the purpose of teaching have been removed. Ms. King wonders if it might be beneficial to maintain those protections.

Motion: To approve the changes to the Memorandum of Understanding with GWEA as presented.

Moved: Mr. Pittman – **Seconded:** Ms. Abear

Vote: Motion passed 6-0-1 on a roll call vote. Ms. Seibel abstained.

ADVANCED PLANNING

Mr. Widmer read upcoming events from the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Nate Williams, Effingham, suggested the District sell the plexiglass barriers no longer being used to help offset the costs of right-to-know (RTK) requests. Mr. Williams supports the idea of putting the RTK requests on the website.
- John Eastman, Middleton, expressed his frustration with the mask mandate. He asked if putting RTK requests on the District website is a form of retaliation and said he would like to see a breakdown on the costs. He said if questions were answered in public forum the District could save on these expenses.
- Bobbi Boudman, Wolfeboro, said she does not have a problem with RTK requests going on the website, but personal emails and minors names should be redacted.
- Nick McNally, Wolfeboro, said transparency on all issues is the key.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: At 8:32 pm a motion was made to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Moved: Dr. Manning – **Seconded:** Mr. Pitman

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board left the Lecture Hall and help non-public in a classroom. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert presented a nomination and resignation. Legal and personnel matters were discussed.

Motion: To accept the Superintendents nomination of Stephanie Kerr as a Kingswood Regional Middle School Science teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Track 1/Step 1 - \$42,552 (prorated)

Moved: Ms. King – **Seconded:** Mr. Pittman

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept, with regret, the resignation from Stephanie Milligan from her teaching position at Ossipee Central School effective immediately.

Moved: Ms. Seibel – **Seconded:** Dr. Manning

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

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Motion: At 9:22 pm a motion was made to end non-public session.

Moved: Dr. Manning – **Seconded:** Ms. Seibel

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting resumed in the Lecture Hall. There was no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 9:25 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Dr. Manning – **Seconded:** Mr. Pittman

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board 12.06.21