

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
JOINT BOARDS – LAKES REGION TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
GWRSD SCHOOL BOARD - KINGSWOOD ARTS CENTER  
MAY 10, 2021**

The Joint Boards meeting was held at the Lakes Region Technology Center prior to the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. The following Districts were represented: Governor Wentworth, Alton, Middleton and Moultonborough. The evening started just after 6:00 pm with a welcome from LRTC Principal Bruce Farr. Mr. Farr said it was a challenging year personalizing instruction and really getting to know children over a computer screen. He elaborated on CTE (career technical education) student successes this year. Utilization of technology to reduce “stand and deliver” lectures, expansion of construction trades into plumbing/electrical and now solar, teacher education with multi age classroom, marketing into social media, EMT enrollment and use of simulators, and work based learning opportunities third year design expansion. He said Running Start is now approved for the precision machine programs bringing the center to 11 programs with dual credit options for no cost to students. Mr. Farr said auto collision will be approved for the fall. Even during the pandemic they had an outstanding year participating in virtual state conferences.

Mr. Farr introduced Chef Brideau. Mr. Brideau thanked everyone for coming and said this is only the second function the students have hosted this year. The Culinary Arts students served a wonderful meal they prepared to the Joint Boards attendees. After a round of applause Mr. Meserve and skills students described the events they have been involved in and the benefits they received from the experience.

Mr. Farr reviewed the status of Career and Technical Education in the state and his vision of where it may go in the next few years. They are working on work based learning opportunities in marine technology and fire service. Computer networking will be adding cyber security to the curriculum. Health occupation is examining the possibility of having a LPN program in addition to the LNA program. The center will continue to purchase new technology and equipment to keep the lab current with industry and additional funds of staff development for both technical skills and curriculum development. He asked for a motion to support these goals under the Perkins Grant Initiative.

**Motion:** To approve the Perkins Grant Funds and support the initiatives as presented.

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

**Vote:** All voted in favor

The Joint Boards meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm. The school board proceeded to the Kingswood Arts Center.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm.

**Members Present:** Krista Abear, Julianne Cardinal, Timothy Eldridge, Dr. James Manning, James Pittman, Charlene Seibel, Dana Streeter, John Widmer

**Excused:** Wendi Fenderson

**Middleton Representative:** Kelly Tivnan

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

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**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**III. AGENDA REVIEW**

Added as action items were manifest approval and photo copier lease. Added as informational items were senior activities, vaccinations and last day of school.

**IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES/MANIFESTS**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Academic Affairs committee meeting as presented.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 3-0-0 on a roll call vote (Ms. Abear, Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Seibel)

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the April 5, 2021 School Board meeting as presented.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote

**Motion:** To approve the accounts payable (\$2,584,990.51) and payroll (\$2,986,655.71) manifests totaling \$5,571,646.22

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote

**V. SUPERINTENENT'S REPORT**

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert read a message sent to staff, on behalf of the School Board, extending deep gratitude for giving the best of themselves to the school community over the past year.

Summer School 2021

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said that the summer school plans are progressing and enrollment numbers are strong. The program will be 5 hours per day for 4 days per week from July 5-August 6.

Stay Open Plan

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said the District Reopening Plan, now called the Stay Open Plan, is a working document and will continue to change as new guidance is received from CDC and DHHS. She thanked the safety subcommittee for updating the plan and the COVID Advisory Committee for their help and feedback on the updates to the plan. Some of the significant changes include: move from 6 foot to 3 foot distancing, contract tracing is done by the school in collaboration with DHHS, the only travel quarantine requiring 10 days is international travel or on a cruise ship and those fully vaccinated and past the 14 day period or have been diagnosed positive within 90 days from onset or positive test are exempt from quarantine exposure. Field trips will be considered on a case by case basis.

**Motion:** To approve the District "Stay Open Plan" as presented.

**Moved:** Mr. Eldridge – **Seconded:** Mr. Pittman

**Vote:** Motion carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote

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General Assurances

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert presented the School Board with the Department of Education Fiscal Year 2022 General Assurances. It is required that School Board be informed of the federal funds the District will be receiving and to know the District is implementing the practices. A copy of the document must also be signed and initialed by the School Board Chair and Superintendent of Schools.

**Motion:** To accept the Fiscal Year 2022 NH Department of Education General Assurances, Requirements and Definitions for Participation in Federal Programs document as presented; signed and initialed by Ms. Cuddy-Egbert and Mr. Widmer.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote

Field Trip Request

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said field trips will be approved on a case by case basis. She will inform the Board on out-of-state activities. She said Effingham Elementary Grade 6 submitted a request for an outdoor field trip to Portland, Maine which is connected to the science curriculum and also serves as a culminating activity.

Donation from Ocean State Job Lots in Ossipee

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said the District received a substantial donation from the Ossipee Ocean State Job Lots for personal protective equipment and COVID related supplies. Their generosity was acknowledged with a thank you letter.

Photo Copier Lease

Ms. O'Blenes said the District went out to bid on photocopier equipment, and lease purchasing, sending the request for qualifications to 35 vendors and receiving 6 bids. A recommendation is being made to execute a five year contract with M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC for \$397,536.34.

**Motion:** To accept the proposal for photocopier equipment, and lease purchasing, as presented.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote

Legislative Update

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert gave a brief overview of educational related bills (HB 182, 71, 282, 388, 581).

Senior Activities

May 27, Academic Awards at the Arts Center. Invitation only.

June 3, Scholarship Night at the Arts Center. Invitation only.

June 4, Prom at Gunstock Mountain Resort.

June 5, Seniors escorted from the elementary school in their local community to high school to receive their caps and gowns.

June 6, Baccalaureate on Alumni Field.

June 7-9, Senior final exams.

June 8, Senior Athlete Awards Night at the Arts Center for senior athletes and their families.

June 10, Lakeside Graduation at the Arts Center.

June 11, Graduation on Alumni Field. Rain date is Saturday, June 12 at 10 am. If weather is still inclement in the morning it will be Saturday evening at 6pm.

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Vaccinations

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert has communicated with Carroll County Public Health and they are willing to work with District families who would like to receive the vaccine for their children aged 12 and up (the vaccine will also be available for family members). The clinic would be a drive through and the target date is May 27 and May 28.

Last Day of School

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said the last day of school will be a half day on June 23.

NH School Boards Association

Mr. Widmer said the NHSBA will be changing the Delegate Assembly to the fall; the third Saturday in October.

**VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Expressions of sympathy were sent to Phil Estes, Sue Randall and Sue McCullough on the passing of loved ones. Mr. Widmer presented Julianne Cardinal with a gift and thanked her for 8 years of service to the School Board. He said she has been a terrific board member and a valuable member of the Buildings and Maintenance Committee and she will be missed.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**VIII. CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

Advanced Planning

Activities and upcoming events were read from the agenda. The decision was made to hold the June 7 school board meeting at the Kingswood Arts Center.

Public Input

- Bob Simmons, Wolfeboro, requested an extension on public input to 30 minutes.
- Juanita Hill, KRHS PE Teacher, addressed mask wearing. She said people have very strong opinions and she presented her case as to why she feels the masks are unhealthy. She asked that the Board change their policy to make mask optional.
- Bob Simmons, Wolfeboro, said he read an article that was posted yesterday in the Patch that states the NH Legislature Joint Facilities Committee voted to remove the mask mandate at the capitol and legislative office building. He said he just wants the Board to have all the proper information to make the best decision for children.
- Jessica Williams, Wolfeboro, said there are no studies available to show that mask wearing is safe for children. She asked that masks be optional for children immediately.
- Bob Simmons, Wolfeboro, said he has watched a video from the head of CDC saying that kids who are outdoors playing sports do not need to wear masks if there is no close contact.

**IX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

**Motion:** At 8:52 pm a motion was made to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Board left the stage and entered a classroom.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert shared retirement and resignation letters. Nominations were presented.

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**Motion:** To accept with sincere appreciation for their service to the District retirement letters from Karen Berkowitz, Nancy Perkins and Sheryl Power and resignation letters from Denise Colcord, Patti Edson and Sarah Harris

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous roll call vote.

**Motion:** To accept Superintendents nomination of Talia Arsenault as a teacher at New Durham Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year. Track 1/Step 10 \$57,818

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous roll call vote.

**Motion:** To accept Superintendents nomination of Heather Holmes as a Spanish Teacher at Kingwood Regional High School for the 2021-2022 school year. Track 1/Step 2 \$43,616

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous roll call vote.

**Motion:** To accept Superintendents nomination of Sarah Kirouac as a Student Wellness Coordinator for the District for the 2021-2022 school year. Track 3/Step 6 220 days \$58,448

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous roll call vote.

**Motion:** To accept Superintendents nomination of Katie Walsh as a teacher at Ossipee Central School for the 2021-2022 school year. Track 3/Step 1 \$44,680

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous roll call vote.

A legal matter was discussed.

**Motion:** At 9:55 pm a motion was made to end non-public session.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous roll call vote.

The School Board went back to the stage and community members were still in attendance. There was no further business.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** 10:02 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 06.07.21