

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
KINGSWOOD ARTS CENTER
OCTOBER 26, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Krista Abear (left 9:27 pm), Julianne Cardinal, Timothy Eldridge, Wendi Fenderson, Dr. James Manning, James Pittman, Charlene Seibel, Dana Streeter, John Widmer

Middleton Representative: Kelly Tivnan

Also present: Superintendent Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Administrators, WCTV and community members

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Widmer thanked everyone for attending. He said the Board is here tonight to listen to community input for when the Board deliberates on the best time to fully reopen school. Mr. Widmer presented a slide show providing information on how many schools in the region are hybrid, offer remote services, how many schools are open fully along with the number of COVID cases. Mr. Wider shared the results from the District's parent and teacher surveys, space and staffing considerations, as well as the tool that was developed to track information regarding the virus and its effect on our GWRSB communities and those bordering us. The tool was developed using metrics from both the CDC and Department of Health Human Services. The metrics are updated weekly for the purpose of providing information to the school board. Before proceeding with public input, Mr. Widmer reminded the audience that the Board will not be responding but only listening to questions or concerns. He said emotions and frustrations are high and asked that everyone, no matter how frustrated, speak respectfully.

III. PUBLIC INPUT ON FULL OPENING OR REMAIN HYBRID

Twenty one people addressed the Board and many others submitted text messages and email messages with input on a full reopening or to remain hybrid. Many would like to see a plan outlining the phases for a full reopening; what the threshold is, the timeline, the indicators. They would also like to see the triggers outlined for closing if after opening we need to close and return to hybrid or remote learning.

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Widmer thanked everyone for the input and said the Board and administration have much planning to do before the November 9th school board meeting to determine the best direction to go for the students in the District. In putting a plan together they will need to determine staffing and social distancing within the different buildings.

V. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: At 8:31 pm a motion was made to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss a student/legal matter.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert updated the Board on a student/legal matter.

Motion: 8:58 pm a motion was made to end non-public session.

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

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Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

- Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert let the Board know that she will be meeting with KRHS Principal and Athletic Director about the Cross Country Meet of Champions which is scheduled to be held in Nashua.
- Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said she is going to look into a designated COVID hot line for families to report COVID cases. A designated line will allow the District to get a head start on contact tracing.
- The School Board decided to relocate the November 9th meeting from New Durham School to Kingswood Arts Center. They talked about agenda items and 6' and 3' social distancing and how to mitigate exposure in classrooms. They also discussed various phasing possibilities.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 10:10 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board 11.09.2020