

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
KINGSWOOD ARTS CENTER
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Members Present: Krista Abear, Julianne Cardinal, Wendi Fenderson, Dr. James Manning, James Pittman, Dana Streeter, John Widmer. **Excused:** Timothy Eldridge, Charlene Seibel
Middleton Representative: Kelly Tivnan

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

No changes

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To accept the meeting minutes from the August 24, 2020 School Board meeting.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To approved the manifest totaling \$2,465,963.95.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Jackson Boudman, Junior at Kingswood Regional High School, expressed his concern with the lack of social integration during remote learning. With school opening he shared the following to improve social integration. 1) do not use plexiglass dividers and wear face shields and maintain 6 foot distancing; 2) utilize the outdoors (erect tents) for lunch and group projects.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

School Opening Update

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said school opening plans are going well. Jump Start and the middle school transition visits went well. Over 70% of parents/guardians will be transporting their children which helps the transportation department. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said not all schools have received their plexiglass dividers but they are being purchased as an additional layer of mitigation. School principals have done a great job organizing Chromebook pickups. Student pick up and drop off procedures will be different this year. There will also be a screening tool in PowerSchool where parents/students will enter their daily temperature before going to school. Nurses will be in school early to ensure all students have been screened.

School Athletics Update

Aaron House, Director of Athletics, gave an update on athletics. Kingswood is beginning sports based on NHIAA start dates but later than several schools in terms of games. Soccer, volleyball and field hockey's opponents include: Plymouth, Kennett, Gilford, Winnisquam and Prospect Mountain. The Cross Country schedule is being built and Mr. House anticipates four races with local opponents. The football schedule is also being built with same approach for local

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opponents. Mr. House said Golf has an opportunity to begin with a match against Moultonborough Academy on September 16th, prior to the original October 1st approval date. NHIAA's Bass Fishing qualifying event is scheduled for September 24th, prior to the October 1st approval date. He asked the Board to consider for these two sports to begin earlier, September 10th, since they are both low risk sports. The NHIAA start date for these two programs was September 8th. He also asked if they are allowed to participate prior to October 1st, can the other sports be allowed to start/scrimmage prior to the original October 1st approval date (at the discretion of the Superintendent, KRHS and KRMS Principals and the Director of Athletics).

Motion: To allow Bass Fishing and Golf to begin competing aligned with the NHIAA dates.

Moved: Ms. Abear – **Seconded:** Ms. Cardinal

Vote: Motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To allow Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer and Volleyball to begin aligned with the NHIAA date of September 18th.

Moved: Ms. Abear – **Seconded:** Ms. Cardinal

Vote: Motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. House said cheerleading will only cheer at football games but will not compete interscholastically. He and the Middle School Athletic Coordinator are working on the middle school schedule. Ms. Abear asked about the protocol will be for mouth guards. Mr. House said we will follow the NHIAA mandates and currently mouth guards are required for football and field hockey.

Dr. James Noble

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said Dr. James Noble works at Concord Hospital and is consulting with the District. He will be invaluable in keeping the District up-to-date on changes in public health research and guidelines as it relates to COVID-19. She said this will assist in our efforts to keep everyone healthy and fully return to school when it is safe. Dr. Noble will help in developing a metric for the District using the State metric as a road map. Dr. Noble gave a presentation on issues regarding schools opening during the age of COVID-19.

School Lunch Prices

Ms. O'Blenes said annually she has to calculate Paid Lunch Equity in order to remain in compliance with federally assisted National School Lunch Program. To be in compliance she recommends raising the price for full pay students by ten cents per day. Elementary will change from \$2.75 to \$2.85 and middle/high from \$3.10 to \$3.20. The other option, to not increase prices, is to do a fund transfer from the general fund to the food service fund (\$14,095) but this is not recommended because next year the prices will be that much higher.

Motion: To increase the costs of full pay lunches at the elementary from \$2.75 to \$2.85 and middle/high from \$3.10 to \$3.20 effective immediately.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote

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Administrative Retreat

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said the team met remotely this year with a presentation from Jon Wortmann, who is a mental coach, trainer, and speaker. Mr. Wortmann provided self-care strategies to the team about how you can be a more effective leader by better managing stress.

NH School Boards Association

Mr. Widmer said that NHSB is accepting submissions for the 2021 Delegate Assembly. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert reported on the NH School Funding Fairness project. She said the NH Legislative Commission to study school funding has been meeting since January and is required to submit recommendations by December 1, 2020. NHSBA has been attending and tracking the work. NHSBA has been asked to distribute a petition supporting the efforts of the Commission. The petition is routed the long-standing NHSBA Resolutions.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. O'Blenes said she heard from Barrington Power that the Effingham Solar project looks to be done in the next two weeks. Eversource needs to swap the meters.

IX. CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Advanced Planning

First day with students is September 14 and the Board is scheduled to meet October 5.

Public Input

None

Closing Comments by Board Members

- Ms. Abear said she was impressed with student Jackson Boudman's public input expressing his concerns and his solutions on social integration. She said Dr. Noble's presentation was very informative.
- Mr. Pittman said it was a great presentation from Dr. Noble. He included a quote from Mark Twain which he felt was very germane to this; statistics tells many different stories. He is afraid people might get the impression there is nothing to worry about but he does not believe this was his intent.
- Mr. Streeter said the opening of schools process has been extremely stressful for a lot of people. He said there are no quick answers and hopefully the pieces of the puzzle will come together as smoothly as possible. Thank you for being patient.

X. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: At 8:44 pm a motion was made to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss personnel.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote.

Motion: To ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board and the Governor Wentworth Education Association regarding terms and conditions of employment under the reopening plan due to COVID-19.

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

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Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Nina Fullerton, at a prorated amount when she is released from her contract, as Reading Specialist/Math & Reading Interventionist at Carpenter School (.5) and Tuftonboro Central School (.5) for the 2020-2021 school year. Track 3/Step 13: \$72,469 (to be prorated).

Moved: Dr. Manning – Ms. Fenderson

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Heather Holmes as Spanish Teacher (one year position) at KRHS for the 2020-2021 school year. Track 1/Step 1: \$41,718.

Moved: Ms. Fenderson – Dr. Manning

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Melissa McClare as Grade 2 Teacher at Tuftonboro Central School for the 2020-2021 school year. Track 1/Step 10: \$56,684.

Moved: Ms. Fenderson – Mr. Pittman

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Margarita Proulx as World Language Teacher (.6) at KRMS for the 2020-2021 school year. Track 1/Step 1: \$25,031.

Moved: Dr. Manning – Ms. Fenderson

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: A motion was made not to delay the start of school from September 14 to September 17 for remote teachers.

Moved: Ms. Cardinal – **Seconded:** Ms. Fenderson

Vote: It was a unanimous vote.

Motion: 9:27 pm a motion was made to end non-public session.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 9:27 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 10/05/2020