

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2019
CRESCENT LAKE SCHOOL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Krista Abear, Julianne Cardinal, Timothy Eldridge, Dr. James Manning, James Pittman, Dana Streeter, Stacy Trites, John Widmer and Student Representative Connor Demasi

Excused: Wendi Fenderson

Middleton Representative: Kelly Tivnan

Also present: Superintendent Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes, Crescent Lake School Principal Brian Beaverstock, staff and parents, Elissa Paquette/Granite State News, NH Community TV, Ed Comeau/NH Government Oversight and community members

II. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

School District Clerk Michelle Capone administered the oath of office to James Pittman.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert had two items to add: athletic request and trip to Effingham Planning Board. Mr. Widmer said he will also talk about his presentation in Effingham.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the notes from the November 4, 2019 Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019, school board meeting.

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

Discussion: Correction on the last page

Vote: Amended minutes approved unanimously

Motion: To approve the notes from the November 12, 2019 Finance Committee meeting.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote

Motion: To approve the notes from the November 13, 2019 Finance Committee meeting.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote

Motion: To approve the notes from the November 14, 2019 Finance Committee meeting.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019, school board meeting.

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

Vote: Ms. Cardinal abstained with all other members voting in the affirmative

Motion: To approve the manifests as presented (\$4,435,595.17).

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote

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VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Batson, Team Wolfeboro, asked if the District received the results from the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) but the State has not released them yet.

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Connor Demasi gave a detailed account of school events.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert introduced Mr. Beaverstock and said his transition to Crescent Lake School has been smooth. Mr. Beaverstock is doing a great job and is a wonderful addition to the administrative team.

Principal Beaverstock

Mr. Beaverstock welcomed everyone to the "Home of the Awesome Otters". He said it has been a great first trimester and this past weekend the Roboters competed at the State level for the Best Project Award they received at the Regional Competition in November. He said Crescent Lake School has a "morning meeting" – a routine to help students establish social and emotional skills. Each month they focus on a new theme and at the end of the month there is a school wide celebration (community building process). He introduced the grade 4 team of teachers and asked the school board and administration to participate in a mock morning meeting with students. Appreciation was extended to the teachers and students for demonstrating this activity to the School Board.

Later Start to the School Day

High school psychology teacher Kimberly Kelliher and students Brad and Ben shared research their class has done on the relationship between the teenage brain, how much sleep a teenager needs and how the start of the school day can be a factor. The class proposes that grades 7-12 in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District begin school at 8:00 am and end at 2:55 pm.

Food Service Presentation

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert introduced Cindy Joseph, Food Service Director. Ms. Joseph thanked Karen Michalski, Assistant Food Service Director, adding that Karen is her right hand person. Ms. Joseph said the food service program is a Child Nutrition Program and the team is proud to serve the children of this district healthy and delicious meals. Not only do they serve breakfast and lunch, they also participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program at four of our Elementary Schools, and the After School Snack Program at Ossipee School. All meals meet or exceed the required standards set forth in the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010. Ms. Joseph said she is very proud of the work the program does on a daily basis. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert thanked Ms. Joseph for the presentation and said under Ms. Joseph's leadership the department strives to have positive and nurturing interactions with all of the students.

Preliminary Adoption of 2021 Budget

Mr. Widmer gave an overview of the proposed 2021 budget. The budget as a whole has a decrease of .92%. The successful negotiation of three contracts last year (teachers, support staff, and administrators) in which all three groups picked up a portion of their health insurance premiums which made a significant impact on lowering the proposed budget. Three new positions are proposed. An art teacher at the High School which has been requested now for four years. The art department continues to grow and there are students who are waiting to take art classes but can't because there are not enough options in the schedule, there are also students ready to take a third level of art but there is no class for them to take. A student support center position at the Middle School is included in the proposal. This position will make someone available to work with students to help them control behaviors so they can be successful in school. Technology continues to expand districtwide and a

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technology assistant is needed to keep everything up and running throughout the district. Also included in the budget is a 20% increase in the diagnostic prescriptive teaching position at Ossipee Central School and a 10% increase in the diagnostic teaching position at Crescent Lake School. Both increases are needed due to an increase in the number of special education students and the severity and complexity of their needs. Other increases: health services increased due to our contract with Huggins Hospital, snow plowing, and repair and maintenance primarily due to maintaining the busses. Mr. Widmer said the district will again present warrant articles for Capital Improvements and a Turf Field Capital Reserve.

Summer Use of Parking at Kingswood Complex

As a result of the vote by the Board at the last meeting, Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said a Park 'N Ride Agreement between the Governor Wentworth Regional School District and Wolfeboro Trolley Company was drafted. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said the term is July 1 through August 30, 2020. She read the stipulations outlined in the agreement.

Motion: To authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement between the Governor Wentworth Regional School District and Wolfeboro Trolley Company, Inc. for a Park "N Ride to shuttle people from the Kingswood Complex to downtown Wolfeboro during the months of July and August 2020.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote

KRHS/LRTC Accreditation Letter

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said a letter was received from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC) in which they voted to award to Kingswood Regional High School and the Lakes Region Technology Center continued accreditation. The committee was impressed with many of the programs and services and the Superintendent highlighted the commendations and recommendations. The schools must submit a two year progress report which is due September 1, 2021.

School Calendar Update

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said she is still talking with the Town of New Durham regarding holding elections outside of the school. The town can handle town elections but federal elections are a problem due to the regulations.

Update on Storm Drainage Evaluation

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said she received a letter from White Mountain Survey & Engineering, Inc. summarizing the meeting with property owner Mr. Hatch. As they walked the property Mr. Rines explained to Mr. Hatch what was causing the drainage problems in his yard and demonstrated that it was not runoff but due to more frequent and intense storms from climate changes.

Field Trip

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert informed the Board of an out-of-state/overnight field trip for New Durham School students to attend Ecology School in Maine.

American Education Week

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said teachers and staff were presented with a thank you letter and lanyard for all they do. She said we are grateful for their role in creating a community for our students and for one another where there is always someone to turn to.

Athletic Request

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said she received an athletic request for the swimming program to be recognized as a 90/10 program. Ms. Trites said per Policy JJIBB she would like the athletic director to

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prepare a written evaluation of the team to support his request for its continuance. She said Academic Affairs is currently working on revisions to the athletic policy.

Effingham Planning Board

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said she, Ms. O'Blenes and Mr. Jack Bingham of Barrington Power presented an overview of the Effingham Elementary Solar project to the Effingham Planning Board. There were many good questions and a supportive response from the Planning Board.

NH School Boards Association (NHSBA)

Mr. Widmer explained the process for the Delegate Assembly and that either he or Ms. Fenderson will be there to represent the District and vote.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Widmer said get sympathy wishes were sent to Barbara Melnik, Stephanie Milligan, Norm Breton and Caryn Chassie on the passing of loved ones. He also said that he was in Effingham on Wednesday to explain the budget and it was a very good meeting.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs

Ms. Trites said the committee hopes to have a revised policy on athletics in the next month or two.

Buildings & Maintenance

Ms. Cardinal said she looks forward to Barrington Electric's presentation at Deliberative Session.

Finance

Mr. Widmer said the final budget adoption is scheduled for January 13th.

Human Resources

No report

XI. CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Advanced Planning

Mr. Widmer read upcoming events from the bottom of the agenda.

Public Input

Elissa Paquette said she attended the parade in Wolfeboro and was very complimentary on the high school band. She said they sounded great and looked fantastic in their new uniforms.

Closing Comments by Board Members

Ms. Tivnan said the middle/high school play was very good. The students did a fantastic job. Connor Demasi said he enjoyed Ms. Kelliher and her students' presentation on why teenagers need more sleep. He agrees 100%. Ms. O'Blenes thanked the students' for the presentations this evening. Ms. Cummings said she is grateful for food service because what they do for our kids is amazing. She said Mr. Rogers would like our neighborhood. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert agreed on the food service program comments and thanked Principal Beaverstock for the great student activity. Ms. Trites said the kids are always great and thanked them for their presentation. Mr. Eldridge thanked Principal Beaverstock, he said the middle/high school play was fantastic, he enjoyed the food service presentation (which is one more example of what it takes to make this whole program work), and regarding the high school later start time where do we go from here? Will a committee discuss this for the future or will the times stay status quo. Ms. Cardinal said the presentations tonight were great and she thanked Mr. Widmer and the budget committee for all their work. Dr. Manning agreed with everyone's comments. Ms. Abear said it was nice to see the kids present and she liked hearing about all the clubs that

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students can participate in. She said negotiations went well last year and reaching an agreement on health benefits is a huge financial savings for the tax payers. Mr. Streeter thanked Principal Beaverstock and said it was nice to see how morning activities go because social media as it is today is a lack of verbal communication so activities like this are good at all levels. He said the Psychology class presentation was good and it was great to see current issues being studied and presented in meaningful ways. Mr. Pittman thanked everyone for the warm welcome and said he looks forward to his work as a school board member. Mr. Widmer thanked Principal Beaverstock and said working with students is his favorite part of a meeting. He said he appreciates the hard work from administrators who understand wants and needs and bring forth responsible budgets. Appreciation went out to Ms. Frank for the delicious refreshments.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: At 8:58 pm a motion was made to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss personnel and legal issues.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote

The board unanimously agreed to accept resignations from: Kevin Coffey (2020), Glenn Wilson (2020) and Billy Palmatier (2021) with gratitude and appreciation for their service to the district.

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert updated the board on a legal issue.

Motion: 9:30 PM a motion was made to come out of non-public session.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 9:30 PM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

XII. Vote: It was a unanimous vote

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board 01/13/2020