

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019  
LAKES REGION TECHNOLOGY CENTER – 7:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Members Present:** Krista Abear, Bridget Edwards, Julianne Cardinal, Timothy Eldridge, Wendi Fenderson, Dr. James Manning, Dana Streeter, Stacy Trites and John Widmer

**Middleton Representative:** Kelly Tivnan (7:51 pm)

**Also present:** Superintendent Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes, Patti Morrissey, Brian Beaverstock, Peter Pijoan NH Community TV, Elissa Paquette Granite State News.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

**III. AGENDA REVIEW**

No changes

**IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** To approve the notes from the August 12, 2019 Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

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

**Vote:** Ms. Fenderson, Ms. Abear, Mr. Eldridge and Ms. Trites voted in the affirmative with all other members abstaining

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019, School Board meeting.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To approve the notes from the September 4, 2019 Buildings & Maintenance Committee meeting.

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

**Vote:** Ms. Cardinal, Mr. Eldridge, Dr. Manning and Mr. Streeter voted in the affirmative with all other members abstaining.

**Motion:** To approve the manifests as presented (\$1,767,658.26).

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**V. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Widmer welcomed Connor. Connor said his report this evening will be short since school has only been in in session for two weeks. He said FFA is finishing up their Hoop House for the Food Pantry and Kingswood Sports teams are competing early on in the season.

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Buildings & Maintenance Presentation

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert complimented Phil Custeau and the maintenance staff for all the work they completed over the summer. She turned to Mr. Custeau who shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining many of the more complex projects that were done.

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School Opening

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said it was a very smooth opening. She thanked Heather Cummings for coordinating with the Wellness Committee to offer various health related activities for opening day. It was a fantastic day and there was positive feedback on how useful the sessions were.

Field Trips

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert informed the board about two out-of-state field trips.

Delegate Assembly

NH School Boards Association Delegate Assembly is scheduled for January 25, 2020. Mr. Widmer will attend as a NHSBA Board of Directors member and asked if any other board member would like to attend. Ms. Fenderson said she would like to attend. The deadline for submitting resolutions is November 4, 2019. Mr. Widmer explained the process on how submitted resolutions get to the Delegate Assembly.

Kingwood Complex Drainage – Letter from Community Member

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said Jim Rines, White Mountain Survey Company, plans on starting the review of the drainage at the Kingwood Complex the last week of September.

Calendar/Length of School Day

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert talked with the administrative team and met with a group of teachers and reviewed the current school year calendar to see if there are options that will make the school year end earlier. They focused on the long break over Thanksgiving and the chopiness of the November schedule as well as having one more blizzard bag day. It is difficult to change November this year but a draft will be presented soon for next year. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert shared a revised calendar for 2019-2020 which includes a day out for the presidential primary, three blizzard bag days and a date certain ending of June 19<sup>th</sup>. Changes like this are possible because we exceed the number of hours required by the Department of Education. The revised calendar also aligns better with our sending districts and honors all contracts.

**Motion:** To accept the modifications to the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

Legislative Update

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said 52 LSR's were submitted over a two day period. Since the Governor vetoed the State budget we must wait to see if they can reach a compromise. The budget would have restored stabilization and fully funded kindergarten. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert talked about unfunded mandates. The NHRS State portion that was passed onto Districts beginning in fiscal year 2011 and including 2019-2020 is over \$5 million. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert has called a few agencies for a list of all State unfunded mandates but no one has been keeping a list. She said she has requested a list from another SAU, who may have been tracking unfunded mandates, but she has not received anything information.

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said she had a call from Bridget Edwards today and sadly she will be relocating out of Effingham so October will be her last meeting as a school board member.

NH School Boards Association

Mr. Widmer said we already discussed Delegate Assembly so the only news he added was that the board will be meeting this week.

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**VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs

Ms. Fenderson presented a few policies to the full board for approval.

**Motion:** To approve the revisions to Policy ACA (USDA Nondiscrimination Statement) and Policy ACA-E (USDA Complaint form).

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To approve Policy JLCF Student Wellness Activity

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

Buildings & Maintenance

Ms. Cardinal said the committee met September 4 and is recommending Barrington Solar Power for the solar power project at Effingham Elementary School. She recapped the process leading up to this point and gave many details about the project.

**Motion:** To approve the recommendation from the Buildings & Maintenance Committee to enter into a contract with Barrington Power for the solar power project at Effingham Elementary School.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**X. CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

Advanced Planning

Mr. Widmer read the events listed at the bottom of the agenda.

Public Input

- Patti Morrissey, Principal at Effingham Elementary School, said she is very excited about the solar project and the solar station.
- Elissa Paquette, Granite State News, said she covers selectmen's meetings and wondered if the board would consider sharing information (ie: maintenance presentation, unfunded mandates) with the towns which may ease an end of year disconnect feeling.

Closing Comments by Board Members

Everyone welcomed Connor Demasi as the student representative. Ms. Abear said it was really nice to see Mr. Custeau's presentation; he did a wonderful job. She also said the revised calendar is great. The proposal was very creative and being done collectively with administrators and teachers was impressive. Ms. Abear said she likes Ms. Paquette's comment on communicating with the towns. Mr. Streeter thanked Mr. Custeau and the maintenance staff for the wonderful work they do. He also said he appreciates the efforts of the Buildings & Maintenance Committee for all their work on the solar project. Ms. Cardinal thanked Ms. O'Blenes for all her work on the solar project and to Ernie Brown who was a big part of making this project happen. Dr. Manning remarked on the new teacher reception and said a couple of staff mentioned how nice our buildings look. Ms. Trites wished she could have been at the reception and wishes the best to all new staff. She thanked the Buildings and Maintenance Committee for all their work on the solar project and to maintenance staff for caring for things the way they should be done. Ms. Fenderson appreciated Mr. Custeau's presentation and said safety is very important. She said it has been an exciting start to the school year. Ms. Edwards and

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Mr. Eldridge agreed with above comments. Connor Demasi thanked everyone for the warm welcome. He appreciated Mr. Custeau's presentation and said it was nice to see the changes in the schools. Ms. O'Blenes said Mr. Custeau always has the taxpayers in mind. He will not outsource work if it can be done in house. Mr. Widmer commented on how nice the new teacher reception was. It was nice to meet the new teachers and hear how happy they are to be here. He said we have a great district and we just added more great people.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

**Motion:** To enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss personnel, student and legal issues.

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

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

**Motion:** To accept the resignation from Al Poirier with appreciation for his service to the district.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Tracey Holmes as a 100% teacher at Ossipee Central School for the 2019-2020 school year. Track 3/Step 13 - \$71,048

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert discussed Appendix 4 Coaching Stipends in the agreement between the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board and the Governor Wentworth Education Association.

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert shared a request from a parent to have their child continue at the high school while they pursue residency within the District's boundaries.

**Motion:** To accept student as a tuition student effective October 1<sup>st</sup> if the family does not provide beforehand the required documentation showing they are living in the district (rental or ownership).

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert shared a letter with the Board regarding payment schedule from towns to the school district. The Board directed the Superintendent to get a legal opinion regarding restructuring of the payments.

**Motion:** 9:19 PM a motion was made to come out of non-public session.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** 9:19 PM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary