

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2019  
BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL – 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

**Also present:** Superintendent Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes, Peter Pijoan NH Community TV, Ed Comeau/NH Government Oversight and community members.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

**III. AGENDA REVIEW**

No changes

**IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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

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

**Vote:** Ms. Cardinal and Mr. Eldridge abstained with all other members voting in the affirmative.

**Motion:** To approve the notes from the July 22, 2019 Buildings & Maintenance Committee meeting.

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

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

**V. PUBLIC INPUT**

Effingham resident Chris Perry asked the school board to review the offense levels outlined in the student conduct policy.

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Kingwood Complex – Letter from Community Member

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert shared a letter from Wolfeboro resident Grant Hatch on how water runoff from the Kingswood Complex is negatively impacting nearby properties. The letter said several properties have yard damage and water issues in their basements. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said she contacted White Mountain Survey Company, Inc., who did the original work, for a proposal to evaluate the storm drainage related to the Kingswood Complex.

**Motion:** To approve the agreement between White Mountain Survey & Engineering, Inc. and the GWRSD for professional services in response to an abutter's claim that the GWRSD is causing damage to their property. Estimate fee for the service is approximately \$3000.

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

Audit Questionnaire

Business Administrator O'Blenes notified the board that the audit is scheduled for the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>. She said the firm would like a governance questionnaire completed by the school board.

Payment Schedule

Business Administrator O'Blenes said she had a request from the Town of Ossipee for an alternate payment schedule. They would like to take the amount owed and divide it equally by twelve payments. The Board talked about the set assessment schedule saying different percentages are due

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at various times. Higher amounts are scheduled when the towns send out tax bills so they have the resources to pay. Ms. O'Blenes said the district has the bond payments in July and August and needs the higher percentage payments during this time. The Board decided not to change the current schedule but will work with a town if there is a hardship.

School Lunch Prices

Ms. O'Blenes said school lunch prices have not increased since 2014-2015 and recommended that the district raise elementary lunch prices only from \$2.65 to \$2.80 per meal for full pay students. The middle school and high school lunch rate is \$3.

**Motion:** To increase the elementary lunch prices for full pay students from \$2.65 to \$2.80.

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, School's Out! Program

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert shared the results of the Federal 21st Century Community Learning Survey that is part of a grant through the NH Department of Education. The survey is given to families who participate in the Ossipee Central afterschool program (School's Out!) and is conducted in order to adhere to the grant provisions. The results were very positive.

Calendar/Length of School Day

Lise Tierney, GWEA President, wrote to the Board asking that they seriously consider adding 15 minutes to the school day beginning on the first day of school so the school year will not end so late. She said ending late conflicts with summer camps, family plans and attendance is low. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert expressed concerned because students at the Tech Center would miss instructional time. It may also effect contracts for many support staff. It was noted that if a sending district's last day of school is before Kingswood ends they lose these days as well. There was discussion on counting hours versus 180 school days as well as eliminating voting in schools. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert reminded the board when the date is set for the 2020 primary election (has not been set by the Attorney General's Office) we will need to make this a "no school" day and add a day to the end of the school year. The decision was to have Ms. Cuddy-Egbert form a work group and report back to the Board.

School Opening

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said the District will hold a new staff orientation on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup> is Jumpstart at the High School/Open Houses at the Elementary Schools, August 29<sup>th</sup> will be the District Opening Day at Kingswood Arts Center, and September 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first day for students.

Review of Administrator's Retreat

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert thanked Heather Cummings for planning the two day retreat. Student learning objectives and goals for each school were discussed, including focusing on instructional strategies, higher order thinking skills and revitalizing the Professional Learning Community Concept. A representatives from Homeland Security was in attendance day two so all schools had another security assessment which is recommended every three years. They were very complimentary and said the District has one of the best surveillance systems they have seen.

Field Trip Request

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said Effingham students will be taking an out-of-state field trip to the Green Mountain Conservation in Parsonfield, Maine.

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NH School Boards Association

Mr. Widmer said the Board of Directors did not meet over the summer. Their first meeting is scheduled for October. Currently there are many trainings sessions getting started.

**VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Widmer said expressions of sympathy were sent to Maryann Belanger, Tresa Livernois and Nancy Harwood. He read a card from Sheila Foley expressing her gratefulness for the past 40 years. He also shared handmade cards from Tuftonboro Central School students thanking the board for supporting Camp Invention.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs

The following policies were presented for reaffirmation: GBAA: Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence; JBAA: Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence; JICK: Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Bullying; JICK-E: Report of Harassment and/or Violence.

**Motion:** To reaffirm Policy GBAA, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To reaffirm Policy JBAA, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To reaffirm Policy JICK, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Bullying

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To reaffirm Policy JICK-E, Report of Harassment and/or Violence

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

The committee presented Policy ACA, Nondiscrimination Notice for a first read. Ms. Fenderson said they would like to reaffirm ACA-E, Discrimination Complaint Form and ACA-R Discrimination Complaint Form Instructions.

**Motion:** To reaffirm Policy ACA-E, Discrimination Complaint Form

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To reaffirm Policy ACA-R, Discrimination Complaint Form Instructions

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

Ms. Fenderson concluded with Policy JJIBB, New Athletic Teams. The committee has done a lot of work but they will meet again to look at teams, participation level and funding.

Buildings & Maintenance

Ms. Cardinal reported the committee met last month to review two solar energy proposals. Both companies show significant cost savings. The committee generated another list of questions for both companies. The answers will align the proposals so the committee can compare the projects and costs savings. The committee will provide more information at the next meeting. Ms. Cardinal said the

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staff have done an excellent job this summer. Phil Custeau will give a presentation on projects next month.

**IX. CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

Advanced Planning

Mr. Widmer read the events listed at the bottom of the agenda. One correction: Grade 9 jump start day is August 28<sup>th</sup> not the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Public Input

- Gordon Lang, teacher at KRHS, said he is interested in Lise Tierney's proposal to extend the school day by 15 minutes. He said it would have been nice to have this opportunity last year. He said students from sending districts lose instructional time if their school finishes before GWRSD and he has had to give exams to these students early. He said it sounds like the board is keeping their options open.
- Brenda Lush, para educator in the district, said the teacher she works with is excited about the proposal but as a support staff she worries about the hours. It is more complicated with support staff contracts.

Closing Comments by Board Members

Ms. Abear said it has been an interesting, different meeting. Past meetings have been celebratory for new members but she called this meeting nitty gritty. Mr. Streeter thanked the board and superintendent for supporting the after school program at Ossipee Central School. He said Jen Berkowitz and staff do a wonderful job with an average of 50 students per day. They also work well with the Ossipee Rec Center. Ms. Edwards said she is very proud with the comments by Homeland Security. Ms. Cardinal said welcome back to the students and staff. Ms. Trites welcomed everyone back. Mr. Eldridge welcomed everyone back and watch out for the busses.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

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

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

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

**Motion:** To accept the resignation from Cara McNevech and release her from her contract.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Julie Burr as a 100% teacher at KRMS for the 2019-2020 school year. Track 1/Step 2 - \$41,923

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

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

**Moved:** Mr. Eldridge – Ms. Edwards

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Morgan Kozyra as a 100% teacher at Tuftonboro Central School for the 2019-2020 school year. Track 3/Step 1 - \$42,945

**Moved:** Mr. Eldridge – Ms. Edwards

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Melissa Lefebvre as a 100% teacher at Ossipee Central School for the 2019-2020 school year. Track 3/Step 14 - \$81,712

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**Moved:** Mr. Eldridge – Ms. Abear

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Jessie Mardis as a 105.41% teacher at Kingswood Regional Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year. Track 3/Step 4 - \$47,963

**Moved:** Mr. Eldridge – Ms. Edwards

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Krissy Rogers as a 100% teacher at Crescent Lake School for the 2019-2020 school year. Track 1/Step 10 - \$55,573

**Moved:** Mr. Eldridge – Dr. Manning

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Kimberly Shields as a 50% teacher at Carpenter School for the 2019-2020 school year. Track 1/Step 10 - \$27,786.50

**Moved:** Mr. Eldridge – Ms. Edwards

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**Motion:** 8:49 PM a motion was made to come out of non-public session.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** 8:49 PM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

**Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board 09.16.19