

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2020
TUFTONBORO CENTRAL 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, Wendi Fenderson, Dr. James Manning, James Pittman, Dana Streeter, Stacy Trites, John Widmer

Student Representative: Connor Demasi

Excused: Middleton Representative: Kelly Tivnan

Also present: Superintendent Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes, Principal Ryan Gilpatrick, Elissa Paquette/Granite State News, Ed Comeau/NH Government Oversight and community members

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

III. AGENDA REVIEW

Three items added: NH Department of Education Bureau of Federal Compliance Report, Visit to Consumer Science KRMS, Court Order GWRSD v. Town of Ossipee.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the notes from the January 13, 2020 Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

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

Vote: Ms. Fenderson abstained with all other members voting in favor

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020, School Board meeting.

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

Vote: Ms. Fenderson abstained with all other members voting in favor

Motion: To approve the manifests as presented (\$1,985,442).

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote

V. PUBLIC INPUT

None

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Connor Demasi gave a detailed account of school events.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Principal Gilpatrick

Mr. Gilpatrick talked about how the school year is going. He said Math has been the focus and it is good to see the progression with the math cohort. Curiosity lab has been added (school wide objective) and it is a nice environment for students to learn. Mr. Gilpatrick talked about the many clubs offered by the school and the PTO. There are activities each month for the students. There is also an enrichment program (The Outing Club), currently for grades 4-6, which cultivates curiosity in the classroom but it also extends outside the classroom. The Tuftonboro Central School pep squad showed school spirit to the School Board with a "Lets Go Owls" cheer and the first grade read pages from a book they wrote and illustrated. A copy of their book was given to each School Board member. The students were given a round of applause for their presentations.

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CATCH-E

Ms. Bronson, elementary health education teacher, talked to the School Board about Catch My Breath, a youth E-cigarette prevention program. Ms. Bronson attended a program at Plymouth State University and would like to incorporate Catch My Breath into her lessons.

Motion: To move forward with the Catch My Breath initiative presented by Ms. Bronson.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote.

Deliberative Session Review

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said there was a comment to minimize the number of pictures on a single slide because larger photos are easier to see. Mr. Widmer said he thought the meeting went very well and the presentation is easily understandable. Mr. Pittman suggested that the segment on the state of each of the schools that a board member from that community give the presentation. It will add variety and give Mr. Widmer a break from doing all the presentations.

School Calendar 2020-2021

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert, as requested at the January meeting, drafted a 2020-2021 school calendar that meets the needs of the District and the Town of New Durham. This calendar closes schools for federal elections but schools will remain open for local elections.

Motion: To adopt the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous vote.

Solar Project Agreement

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said the District has reached an agreement with Barrington Power for the solar project at Effingham Elementary School.

Field Trips

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert advised the Board on upcoming overnight and out-of-state field trips.

Amicus Brief Con Val Lawsuit

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert heard from John Tobin via the NH School Boards Association. Mr. Tobin is seeking local school board support because he is filing an amicus brief with the NH Supreme Court for the ConVal lawsuit. It was decided to invite Mr. Tobin to the March meeting to talk with the Board.

NH Department of Education Bureau of Federal Compliance Report

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said the District was monitored and the compliance team suggests that federal language be inserted into District policies and procedures that include Federal grant funds.

Consumer Science KRMS

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert told how the KRMS Consumer Science class made mittens and a pouch warmer for our bus drivers from recyclable materials.

Court Order GWRSD v. Town of Ossipee

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said the District received the order from the Superior Court in regards to the Town of Ossipee's payment schedule for maintenance of the District's schools. The District prevailed and the Town of Ossipee must pay the District the billed amount rather than through the equal monthly payments they have started to make.

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NH School Boards Association (NHSBA)

Mr. Widmer announced that student scholarship applications is now open for public high school students in their senior year and are children, stepchildren, or grandchildren of a current school board member and whose board is a current member of NHSBA. He also shared the results from the Delegate Assembly in which five proposed resolutions were voted on.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Widmer said sympathy wishes were sent to Kaylin Dean and Kimberly Galimberti on the passing of loved ones. Congratulatory wishes were also sent to Tyler Reed on the birth of his son.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs

Mr. Eldridge presented Policy JJIBB Interscholastic Athletics and Policy EEAEAA Bus Driver Drug-Free Policy for a first reading. Changes to the athletic policy include a revision to the name as well as funding changes. Policy EEAEAA includes federal language changes as we move to an online data base.

Buildings & Maintenance

No report. Mr. Widmer thanked Ms. Cardinal for addressing two articles at Deliberative Session: buildings and maintenance capital reserve and the solar project.

Finance

No report. Mr. Widmer said if there are any questions on the budget or warrant articles to please call.

Human Resources

No report

X. CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Advanced Planning

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

Public Input

None

Closing Comments by Board Members

Dr. Manning said he felt Deliberative Session was a good meeting and he hopes the communities turn out to vote. Ms. Fenderson commented on the student presentations saying what a great job they did. She agreed with Dr. Manning on Deliberative Session and said the District has a lot to be proud of. Mr. Eldridge agreed. He said the students did a fantastic job and he thanked Ms. Bronson for the presentation on the Catch-E program. Ms. Cardinal said the students did a great job and it is nice to hear that Tuftonboro Central offers so many activities for students. Ms. Trites agreed and she thanked Mr. Widmer for being the liaison to the NHSBA for so many years. Ms. Abear told Conner DeMasi that she enjoys his reports and she knows that February is a very busy time for the students leading up to vacation. She said Cynthia's Challenge is an uplifting activity. Mr. Pittman said the first grade students' composure while presenting was great! He said he hates to miss words of wisdom from the far end of the table but the board table setup makes it hard to hear. Mr. Widmer said we may need to have microphones available at all meetings. Mr. Streeter thanked Mr. Gilpatrick for hosting and Ms. Chrysaides for the refreshments. He said he is impressed many levels of learning and improving skills. An example was the first graders book project. They got their ideas out on paper and will worry about correct spelling in time. He was very impressed with the book and what the students have done.

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NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: At 8:40 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 received a retirement letter from Nancy Bell (June 2020) with gratitude and appreciation for her service to the District. They also received resignation letters from Kathy Lee Thornton (June 2020) and Jo Williams (June 2020).

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

Mr. Streeter said he talked to the Psychology Class about the proposal they presented for a later start time. He said he explained some of the dilemmas we face would be coordinating with the sending districts as well as with the bus schedule.

Mr. Eldridge asked a general question relating to personnel.

Motion: 9:25 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: 9:25 PM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

XI. **Vote:** It was a unanimous vote

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary