

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
NEW DURHAM SCHOOL  
APRIL 4, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

**Members Present:** Brodie Deshaies, Timothy Eldridge, Wendi Fenderson, Stefanie King, Dr. James Manning, James Pittman, Charlene Seibel, Dana Streeter, John Widmer

**Also present:** Superintendent Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes, Curriculum Coordinator Kaitlyn Hills, Administrators Kelly Colby-Seavey, Guy Donnelly, Grady Charland, Kathy Tetreault, James Reilly, Kerry Hunt, Mary Dolan-Meyers, Brian Beaverstock, Patricia Morrissey, Andrea Fournier, Meaghan Cooper, Kathryn Small.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

**Motion:** To enter non-public session to discuss personnel.

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

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

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert reviewed a nomination list of professional staff with the Board and the administrative team. Mrs. Cuddy-Egbert nominated the staff as presented for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Motion:** To accept the Superintendent's 2022-2023 nomination of professional staff as presented.

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

**Vote:** Motion passed 9-0-0 on a roll call vote

**Motion:** At 7:00 pm a motion was made to come out of non-public session.

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

**Vote:** Motion passed 9-0-0 on a roll call vote

**Additional Attendees**

Middleton Representative Kelly Tivnan, WCTV, and community members.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:03 pm.

Mr. Widmer introduced Dr. Caroline Arakelian as the Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2022.

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

**Motion:** To nominate Jack Widmer as Chair. There were no other nominations.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 8-0-1 on a roll call vote with Mr. Widmer abstaining.

**Motion:** To nominate Jim Pittman as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 8-0-1 on a roll call vote with Mr. Pittman abstaining.

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Committee Assignments: Academic Affairs Charlene Seibel-Team Leader, Timothy Eldridge, Stefanie King, James Pittman. Buildings & Maintenance Timothy Eldridge-Team Leader, Brodie Deshaies, Dr. James Manning, Dana Streeter. Human Resources John T. Widmer-Team Leader, Wendi Fenderson. Dr. James Manning, Dana Streeter. Finance John T. Widmer-Team Leader, Brodie Deshaies, Stefanie King, James Pittman. Wolfeboro Community TV Rep Charlene Seibel.

School Board Member Ethics

Superintendent Cuddy-Egbert said the School Board Member Ethics policy is signed annually by the Board at the meeting they reorganize. A form is being circulated for signatures.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert added Friend of the Court brief.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES/MANIFESTS**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021, Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

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

**Vote:** Meeting minutes approved 2-0-1. Ms. King abstained.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022, Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

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

**Vote:** Meeting minutes approved 2-0-1. Ms. Seibel abstained.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022, Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

**Moved:** Ms. King – **Seconded:** Ms. Seibel

**Vote:** Meeting minutes approved 2-0-2. Ms. Fenderson and Mr. Eldridge abstained.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022, School Board meeting.

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

**Vote:** Meeting minutes approved 7-0-2. Ms. Fenderson and Mr. Eldridge abstained.

**Motion:** To approve the accounts payable (\$1,253,086.81) and payroll (\$1,802,619.79) manifests totaling \$3,055,706.60.

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

**Vote:** Motion passed 9-0-0.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Miss Peacock was excused from the meeting. She provided Ms. Cuddy-Egbert with a detailed report on school happenings which was read and is attached to this report.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome by Principal Colby-Seavey

Ms. Colby-Seavey welcomed everyone and said this evening she will talk about our youngest students, the 3-5 age group. She told how they are celebrating two different partnerships with the NH Department of Education. The first is a Preschool Development Grant which enables kindergarten teachers to create an environment that supports play-based learning while building community. In addition, New Durham School received \$3000 toward outdoor learning from Four Winds Nature

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Institute. The second initiative impacting both preschool and kindergarten is iSocial. This is a three-tiered system that supports best practices for social-emotional learning, supports parents, and is data driven.

Field Trip Requests

**KRHS 2023 Proposals**

Two high school educational, language and culture focused trips were presented to the School Board. World Language teacher Kara Jacobs presented a ten day Spanish trip to Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica which will fall primarily during April vacation. World Language teacher Julie Garry presented a French trip to Quebec from April 21-24, 2023.

**Motion:** To approve the two high school educational, language and culture focused trips in April 2023 to Quebec and Costa Rica, as presented.

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

**Vote:** Motion passed 9-0-0 on a roll call vote.

**Out of State Field Trip**

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert informed the Board that the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) will be attending an out-of-state HOSA State Conference from June 21-26, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee.

End of Year Events

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said the Joint Boards meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2022, the Monday students return from break. She asked the Board if they would consider changing the date to May 9<sup>th</sup> to allow Chef Brideau and the students' time to prep for the meeting.

**Motion:** To change the Joint Boards meeting and the May school board meeting from May 2, 2022, to May 9, 2022.

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

**Vote:** Motion passed 9-0-0 on a roll call vote.

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert announced the following events: KRHS prom May 7, Academic Awards Night May 26, Scholarship Night June 2, Senior Banquet June 3, Baccalaureate June 5, Sports Awards June 8, Lakeside Academy's graduation will be June 9, and KRHS graduation is contingent on the forecast to be held outside either June 10<sup>th</sup> or June 11<sup>th</sup>. The last day of school is a half day on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

School Board Meeting Schedule for 2022-2023

**Motion:** To adopt the 2022-2023 school board meeting schedule as presented with two revisions: the December 5, 2022 meeting will be held at New Durham School and the April 3, 2023 meeting will be held at Carpenter School.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote 9-0-0

Petition

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert reported to the Board on the petition that was filed for a special meeting to see if the voters would vote to make the use of face coverings optional districtwide for all students, employees, and visitors. The mask mandate ended soon after the petition was submitted so it became a moot point. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said the requestor said the petition was to end masks

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permanently, but this was not in the petition. She said the petition was short by over 300 signatures of registered voters.

**Motion:** Based on the information provided by the Superintendent, a special meeting will not be held because the petition submitted was invalid because it did not have the required number of signatures of registered voters.

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

**Discussion:** Jessica Williams asked to speak about the petition which was allowed. Ms. Williams submitted 946 more signatures and said this should validate the petition. The Board discussed the legality of adding signatures at a later date and who would bear the burden to verify names against the registered voter list. The RSA references 5 percent of the voters who are duly registered on the checklists of the district on the date the petition is submitted.

**Vote:** Motion to not hold a special meeting carried on a unanimous vote.

Friends of Court Brief

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert said that Drummond and Woodsum is filing a friend of the court brief, on the interface between social services and special education, and would like as many school district as possible to sign on for a minimal fee. She said school districts have finances at stake when the Department of Health and Human Services does not fulfill its responsibility; however, even more troubling, young adults can find themselves in more restrictive environments than is necessary or appropriate when they are found ineligible for home and/or community-based services. Ms. Cuddy-Egbert will send the brief to the Board so they can read it before making a decision at the May meeting.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Widmer began by addressing several items that have been discussed at school board meetings.

**Public input** is when the Board will listen to the public and the public should not expect the board to answer questions from their public input. The Board will take the input under advisement to make decisions as a board. **Posting of manifests** totals are shown in the meeting minutes. It is too cumbersome to post the entire document on the website, but the manifests are available to review by making an appointment at the SAU Office. It was suggested that the totals be posted on the website with information on who to contact at the SAU Office to schedule an appointment to view the manifests. **Policy adoption** is guided by the Academic Affairs Committee. The meetings are open to the public if they want to hear discussion on policy changes. Any change in policy goes to the board for a first reading and then for approval which provides a minimum of four weeks for comments. The policy manual is published on the District website. Mr. Widmer read District notes saying expressions of sympathy were extended to Sandy Moulton on the passing of her husband, and get well wishes were sent to Paul Berry.

NH School Boards Association

Mr. Widmer said the newly established National School Boards Association is going to be called the Consortium of State School Boards Associations. Preliminary plans call for it to provide opportunities for collaboration, training and legislative and legal advocacy on federal issues. Mr. Widmer said he is excited that the NHSBA has joined this new organization. May 10, 2022 was the date decided upon for the Governor Wentworth School Board to receive member training from the NHSBA.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs

No report

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Buildings & Maintenance

Mr. Eldridge said there was some community input on how ESSER funds should be spent, so in the near future a decision on the final spending of that money should be made. He said the committee also reviewed the capital improvement list to see what projects can be done in house and those that my need to be outsourced. Mr. Eldridge said a couple of projects not on the list are lighting on alumni field and the possibility of funding a locker room at Pop Whalen. These may come forward for discussion at a later date. Lastly he said they discussed installing a plaque at the Effingham Elementary solar site to provide information about how the power is distributed to the school.

Finance

No report

Human Resources

No report

**CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

Advanced Planning

Mr. Widmer read upcoming events from the agenda. A list of end of year events will be provided to the Board.

Public Input

- Jessica Williams, Wolfeboro, said Friday night graduation is difficult for families and Saturday would be better. She thanked those who attend meetings and provide input. She said the petition was a good way to start discussion. She wants to see transparency. She asked if ESSER funds are accounted separately, and are the records accessible to the public. Ms. Williams asked that the Stay Open Plan be removed from the website until it is needed again.
- Dan Batten, Ossipee, provided a statement about the constitution to broaden knowledge of how the document can help people become better stewards of the community, decrease animosity, and to leave a better society for our children.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

**Motion:** At 9:58 pm a motion was made to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss legal and a student matters.

**Moved:** Mr. Deshaies – **Seconded:** Mr. Streeter

**Vote:** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Cuddy-Egbert presented staff resignations, retirements, nominations, and the board discussed a student and personnel matter.

**Motion:** To accept the nomination of Kelly Mask as Director of Special Education and Counseling Services effective July 1, 2022.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**Motion:** To accept the resignation letter from Mary Dolan-Meyers, with great appreciation, as Principal of Carpenter School effective at the end of the school year, June 2022.

**Moved:** Ms. Seibel – **Seconded:** Mr. Deshaies

**Vote:** Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

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**Motion:** To accept with sincere appreciation and gratitude the retirement letter from Kerry Tufts at the end of the school year, June 2022.

**Moved:** Mr. Deshaies – **Seconded:** Ms. Seibel

**Vote:** Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**Motion:** To allow New Durham student to remain at New Durham School until the end of the 2021-2022 school year. The approval comes with the understanding that transportation needs are the sole responsibility of the family. If the family would like the child to attend New Durham School for the 2022-2023 school year, and they are not living in New Durham, the family will need to reapply to the School Board in August.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**Motion:** To accept the Superintendent's 2022-2023 administrative nominations as amended.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**Motion:** To accept the non-GWAT administrative nominations as presented.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**Motion:** At 10:50 pm a motion was made to end non-public session.

**Moved:** Mr. Deshaies – **Seconded:** Ms. King

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

Summer school staffing was discussed.

There was no further business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** 10:51 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

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**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**Theatre**

The New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild, in conjunction with Kingswood Theater, presented the 2022 State Theatre festival, hosted by the Kingswood Arts Center on April 2nd from 9:00am to 5:30pm. The festival will feature a full day of theater presented by Pittsfield Middle High School, Plymouth Regional High School, Portsmouth Christian Academy, Franklin High School, Gilford High School, and our very own Kingswood Theater with their production of The Yee-Ha!-Ha! Revue. Kingswood performed at 1:00pm.

**Peer Outreach**

There is a Peer Outreach initiative that is being organized for April 18-22, called Kindness Counts Week. Students will have an opportunity to write down what Kindness Means to them and place it on a "mural" in the cafe, we will be doing an after school campus wide cleanup and a Kindness Sidewalk Chalk Blitz. There will also be "Take what you Need" Posters and Shine Cards (Pay it forward act of kindness action) throughout the week as well.

**Lakes Region Technology Center**

**Culinary Arts** students are preparing for their state competition, the dining room is full until mid-April, and level II students are getting ready to take the servsafe test in two weeks.

**Marketing Education** Had 12 students qualify for the National DECA. They will be traveling to Atlanta Georgia to compete April 22-27th. The students also received the Outstanding Chapter Award as well as the Thrive level for outstanding chapter campaigns. Students also were able to maintain the gold certification for the school-based enterprises. The social media marketing students are currently pursuing nationally recognized certifications in HubSpot Academy.

**Work Based Learning** is the capstone experience of CTE. Students who successfully complete two years of a CTE program have the opportunity to participate in an internship with a community partner in their area of study, gaining them school credit, and also real world experience, employer references and insight into their future career path. With the restrictions lifted there are more opportunities available for our students to get out into our community for real world experiences.

**Construction Trades** First Level students have almost completed a shed kit for New Durham Elementary School. They will be installing the metal roofing tomorrow.

Second Level students are working on their OSHA 10 Certifications.

**Health Science and Technology** Students will be traveling to compete in the HOSA State Leadership Conference tomorrow, and the students are halfway through their LNA clinics.

**Graphic Design** Students are starting to focus back on the yearbook. They got some good footage of winter sports, events and winter carnival. They are always looking for more photo's to add to the yearbook.

**EMT** students are starting their field time. We will also be beginning to review information for skills certification exams.

**Careers in Education** have enjoyed their new exciting unmasked interactions with the Magic Moments and Carpenter students. They helped the Magic Moments classroom celebrate their 100th day!

**Automotive Technology** students have been working on learning about brakes in the first level. Students in second level stripped down a Cummings truck for parts, changed out ball joints and stabilizer arms on the front end of a Nissan and changed the head gasket on a '01 Jeep Cherokee.

**Computer Technology** students continue to work on their cybersecurity unit. A third level WBL student continues to make a great impact in our community with his efforts and successes in that program.

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**Precision Manufacturing and Construction Trades** students have a good handle on the Makers Mill project. Some students are preparing to compete in the SkillsUSA sculpture and welding fabrication this coming week.

**Collision Technology** students are currently restoring a Honda rebel 450. They finished the restoration on the ford explorer wheel well with bondo, primer, sanding, paint and finished with a gloss coat.

**Agricultural Science** Mr. Gagne and LRTC were featured in the Timber Crier Winter 2022 edition. The students are planting seeds for the Wolfeboro food pantry garden and their mother's day flowers.

**MultiMedia** Students are continuing to produce the weekly night watch show as well as producing films for the NH high school film festival to come in late April.

### **Sports**

All spring sports have officially started and the boys' lacrosse team just finished up a successful tournament this weekend at Hollis Brookline. Girls' lacrosse has their first scrimmage of the season against Gilford High School this late afternoon. Boys' tennis has their home opener against rival Kennett High school at 4 pm at Foss Field.

### **National Honor Society**

The National Honors Society finished up their last Kingswood and Kids on March 26th. Now they are working on a future car wash fundraising that will take place when there is warmer weather. A scheduled school cleanup will take place on April 21st right after school.

### **Student Council**

Student council is still continuing on planning prom and ordering all decorations needed for the Mount Washington boat. Student council also just finished a fundraiser to raise money for Ukraine and that money will be sent out this week.

### **KRHS**

The 3rd quarter ends this Friday and a reminder to get all work in by Friday! Prom tickets will now be available at all high school lunches. Tickets should be around \$60 a piece. You will also be able to purchase tickets in the attendance office. Reminder, if a student wants to go to prom they need to have their dues paid in full. Another reminder Prom will be May 7. The Promenade will be held at 5 pm at Cate Park with the Arts Center as a rain location. The Mt. Washington will depart at 5:45 pm and return to the dock at 10 pm. There are also free prom dresses available at the school that all students are welcome to browse and take.