

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
CRESCENT LAKE SCHOOL
AUGUST 15, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Brodie Deshaies, Wendi Fenderson, Stefanie King, Dr. James Manning, James Pittman, Dana Streeter, John Widmer

Middleton Representative: Kelly Tivnan

Excused: Charlene Seibel

Also present: Superintendent Caroline Arakelian, Principal Brian Beaverstock, Principal Patricia Morrissey, Principal Tracey Rose, Kimberly Kelliher, School District Clerk Michelle Capone, WCTV and community members.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

School District Clerk Michelle Capone administered the oath of office to G. Thomas Bickford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA REVIEW

DHHS Health Alert added as informational agenda item per Superintendent request.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, School Board meeting.

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

Vote: Meeting minutes approved on a roll call vote 7-0-1 with Mr. Bickford abstaining.

The minutes for the June 6, 2022 Academic Affairs Committee meeting and the June 20, 2022 Student Hearing were not moved for approval due to absence of a quorum of attendees and will be presented at the next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Opening Remarks

Superintendent Arakelian expressed thanks for her warm welcome by everyone and described how she has spent time meeting with GWRSD staff and community members since arriving in July. She described her vision of an entry plan to listen and learn about the District and her commitment to working on its future together. Her remarks will be posted to the GWRSD website.

Security Action for Education (SAFE) Grant Proposals

Superintendent Arakelian explained the SAFE grant that the district is working on, partnering with schools and local emergency service providers. The grant offers a total award of 13.3 million dollars with an application deadline of August 26, 2022.

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Pop Whalen Memorandum of Understanding

Superintendent Arakelian explained the background history of the Pop Whalen Ice and Art Center and the Locker Room Use Agreement presented. Discussion included questions regarding what exactly the \$250,000 includes for setting up the locker rooms, whether it is a year-round facility, whether it could be an annual lease agreement instead, etc. There will be an update at the next school board meeting.

New Student Representative

Superintendent Arakelian announced that the new student representative to the school board is Marcella DeNitto, who should be attending the next school board meeting.

Revised District Calendar

Superintendent Arakelian presented an updated district calendar reflecting the tentative graduation date of Friday, June 10, 2022, to remain consistent with the practice of the past several years. Discussion included conflicting sentiments about which day is better for families.

Motion: To update the date of the Kingswood Regional High School commencement ceremony to tentatively on Friday, June 10th, with a rain date of Saturday, June 11th.

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

Vote: Motion carried 7-1-0 on a roll call vote with Mr. Deshaies voting against the motion.

Authorization to Suspend

Superintendent Arakelian presented the annual statement that the board must authorize the superintendent and the assistant superintendent to suspend students for up to ten (10) days in accordance with RSA 193:13-I (b) and continue a suspension of a pupil for a period in excess of ten (10) school days.

Motion: To authorize the superintendent and assistant superintendent to suspend students from school for up to ten (10) days in accordance with RSA 193:13-I(b).

Moved: Mr. Pittman – **Second:** Ms. King

Vote: Motion carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote.

Authorization to Sign Assurances

Superintendent Arakelian presented the annual statement that the board must authorize the superintendent, assistant superintendent, business administrator and/or curriculum directors to sign the assurances for all grants and requests to and from trust funds.

Motion: To authorize the superintendent and assistant superintendent, business administrator and/or curriculum directors to sign the assurances for all grants and requests to and from trust.

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

Vote: Motion carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote.

DHHS Health Update

Superintendent Arakelian presented the latest update issued by DHHS on Friday, August 12, 2022 stating that in-home close contacts who are not up to date on vaccinations are no longer required to quarantine.

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Motion: To update the Stay Open Plan to reflect this change in quarantine standard.

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

Vote: Motion carried 8-0-0 on a roll call vote.

Carpenter School Principal Tracey Rose was introduced to the audience. Principal Rose expressed sincere appreciation for the warm welcome she has received from the GWRSD community of staff and families.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Widmer announced the upcoming NHSBA Annual Delegation Meeting on October 1st and asked for a volunteer to attend. Mr. Pittman volunteered to attend.

Mr. Widmer shared that expressions of sympathy were sent to Kathleen Gilbert and Kelly Mask on the passing of loved ones. Expressions of sympathy were also sent to the families of recent GWRSD retirees Paulette Armstrong and Jean Fader for their recent passing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee: Mr. Pittman reported that policies EAG-E and JGA-R were recently reviewed and require additional edits before they will be presented to the board for first reading.

Building & Maintenance Committee: Mr. Widmer requested that Mr. Pittman join the Building & Maintenance Committee and asked that Mr. Bickford join the Academic Affairs Committee. Mr. Deshaies reported that Kingswood Arts Center lighting, the Pop Whalen MOU, landscaping, the Carpenter School playground and fence, and the SAFE grant were all topics discussed at the recent B&M Committee meeting.

Finance Committee: Mr. Widmer announced the upcoming November budget season and explained that with the 2-year grant-supported teaching positions ending, continued needs will be evaluated during the budget process.

ADVANCED PLANNING

Upcoming events were read from the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Kim Kelliher questioned whether the ESSER III funds will still be used to install air conditioning in the elementary schools, as was previously discussed.

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Mr. Deshaies welcomed Superintendent Arakelian and Principal Rose to the District and stated that the Pop Whalen rink should prioritize students in every town.
- Mr. Streeter welcomed new board member Tom Bickford and Principal Rose and commended the SAFE grant helping to make the schools safer.
- Mr. Bickford thanked the community for the opportunity to serve on the board and welcomed the new Superintendent and Principal.
- Ms. King expressed welcomes to all administrators and staff for the new school year.
- Dr. Manning welcomed Mr. Bickford and Superintendent Arakelian.
- Mr. Pittman welcomed Principal Rose, Superintendent Arakelian and Mr. Bickford.

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NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: At 8:03 pm a motion was made to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss personnel matters.

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

The community members left the room. Superintendent Arakelian discussed personnel matters and presented nominations and resignations.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Kerry Hunt as the Principal of Kingswood Regional Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year. \$115,180

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Kevin Welch as the Assistant Principal of Kingswood Regional Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year. \$104,201

Moved: Ms. King – **Second:** Mr. Pittman

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Amy Ahn as a 40% Art Teacher at Tufonboro Central School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 3/Step 13 - \$30,232

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Rebecca Coyner as a Grade Two Classroom Teacher at Tufonboro Central School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 1/Step 6 - \$47,317

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Lori Denis as a Counselor (Position 2507) at Kingswood Regional Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 3/Step 13 - \$75,581

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Erin Emery as a Grade Five Classroom Teacher at Crescent Lake School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 2/Step 10 - \$59,152

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

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Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Alyssa Freeman as a Physical Education Teacher at Kingswood Regional Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 1/Step 1 - \$39,331.71

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Erica Horsken as a Grade Three Classroom Teacher at New Durham School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 1/Step 1 - \$43,509

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Jessica Lear as a Grade One Classroom Teacher (1 year only position) at Ossipee Central School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 1/Step 1 - \$43,509

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Kathleen Leonardi as Middle School Math Teacher (Position 2509) at Kingswood Regional Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year. Track 3/Step

12 - \$70,311

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Samuel Little as a Middle School ELA Teacher (Position 2593) at Kingswood Regional Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 1/Step 10 \$59,119

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Michael Manning as a Special Education Teacher (Position 2626) at Kingswood Regional Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 1/Step 5 - \$46,773

Moved: Ms. King – **Second:** Mr. Pittman

Vote: Motion carried 7-0-1 on a roll call vote with Dr. Manning abstaining.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Judith Moore as a Kindergarten Teacher at Carpenter School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 3/Step 1 - \$45,685

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Stacey Partridge as a Special Education DPT at Kingswood Regional High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 3/Step 13 - \$75,581

Moved: Ms. Fenderson – **Second:** Mr. Deshaies

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

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Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Denis Pelletier as a Guidance Counselor at Kingswood Regional Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Track 3/Step 13 - \$75,581

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept the resignation letter from Margarita Proulx.

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: To accept the resignation letter from Katie Ames.

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

Vote: Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion: At 9:28 pm a motion was made to end the non-public session.

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

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Vote: It was a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by GWRSD School Board **09/12/2022**