

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
KINGSWOOD ARTS CENTER
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Tom Bickford, Brodie Deshaies, Stefanie King, James Pittman, Charlene Seibel, Dana Streeeter, John Widmer

Middleton Representative: Kelly Tivnan

Excused: Wendi Fenderson, Dr. James Manning

Also present: Superintendent Caroline Arakelian, WCTV and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA REVIEW

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022 Student Hearing.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022 Buildings & Maintenance meeting.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Streeeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 School Board meeting.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 Academic Affairs meeting.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, abstain

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 School Board meeting.

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

Discussion: One spelling correction noted

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, abstain; Mr. Streeeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

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Motion: To approve the accounts payable (\$1,807,075.93) and payroll (\$1,590,320.45) manifests totaling \$3,397,396.38

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

PUBLIC INPUT

None

Superintendent Arakelian introduced Marcella De Nitto, the new Student Representative to the School Board, who read a detailed account of school events. Her report is attached.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Opening

Superintendent Arakelian described a very successful first day of school throughout the district, including building visits with Assistant Superintendent Cummings throughout the first week.

Safety and Security Update

Superintendent Arakelian reported that all schools submitted SAFE Grant applications for a total value of \$476,000 in improvements. Results should be available by November 1st.

ESSER III Update

Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes explained that preliminary work is being done for ESSER III funds, to include HVAC work, and that all ESSER II funds have been allocated.

Primex CAP Program

Ms. O'Blenes presented information on and recommended the approval of a Primex Contribution Allocation Program (CAP) for liability and worker's compensation insurance. She explained that the rates are non-negotiable and are based on historical information.

Motion: To accept the Primex CAP agreements for both liability and worker's compensation insurance.

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

Discussion: Is it possible to counter-offer? - No

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

Job Vacancies

Superintendent Arakelian presented a flyer that has been designed to share with parents and the community through the schools to try to fill district vacancies.

Pop Whalen Update

Superintendent Arakelian described a tour with Mr. Pittman and Mr. Widmer of the new facility. The board discussed the draft of the MOU, facility access, the potential timeline, cost factors, etc. The MOU will be edited and re-submitted in time for the November board meeting. Tom Bickford read an email he received from a concerned community member. Concerns will be addressed by the rewriting of the MOU.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Widmer shared that expressions of sympathy were sent to the families of former employees Susan Riley and Joseph Bradley, who recently passed away. Expressions of sympathy were also sent to Christina Damon, Patricia Roy and Miriam Beaudet on the passing of loved ones.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee: Ms. Seibel reported that policies EAG-E and JGA-R were reviewed and are ready to approve.

Motion: To change the Agenda to note policy EGA-E and JGA-R as 2nd reads for approval.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

Motion: To approve policies EGA-E and JGA-R as presented.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

Ms. Seibel invited Superintendent Arakelian to explain the new legislation on Public Input at board meetings. Discussion included adding details regarding written communication that is submitted for inclusion during Public Input. Policies BEDH, BG, BGA, BGB, BGC, BGE and BGE-R require further editing for clarity and will be brought forward at the next meeting for 1st read.

Building & Maintenance Committee: no report

Finance Committee: no report

ADVANCED PLANNING

Upcoming events were read from the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Mr. Deshaies congratulated Miss. De Nitto on her new role and encouraged everyone to vote.
- Ms. King welcomed Miss. De Nitto and expressed thanks to the district for opening success.
- Ms. Seibel welcomed Miss. De Nitto, expressed honor in meeting the new staff and complimented Chef Brideau on the New Staff Reception offerings.
- Mr. Pittman welcomed Miss. De Nitto and complimented the facility on the availability of individual mics for the meeting.
- Mr. Widmer welcomed Miss. De Nitto and explained the absence of Ms. Fenderson and Dr. Manning from the meeting.
- Miss. De Nitto thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

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NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: At 7:52 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:** Ms. King

Vote: : Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

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

Motion: To accept Superintendent's nomination of Deborah Daniels as a Grade 4 Classroom Teacher at Crescent Lake School for the 2022-2023 school year. Step 3 / Track 12 \$70,311

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

Discussion: Supervisory reference

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, abstain; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

Motion: At 8:48 pm a motion was made to end the non-public session.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, abstain; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 8:51 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by GWRSD School Board: **10/03/2022**

9/12 Report

Hello my name is Marcella De Nitto and I am a senior student-athlete here at Kingswood. I have been voted in by my peers to assume this position as the student representative to the school board. And I am happy to be here.

The freshmen at Kingswood are becoming more familiar with the school. One way we try to help ease their transition is by having selected students give "TASC talks." This allows for the underclass men to ask any questions about what high school is like in a smaller setting.

Additionally, Kingswood students are looking forward to homecoming this year and in order to prepare, each class in student council is coming up with their own hallway designs. The homecoming dance will be on October 8th.

Theater will be putting on Monty Python and the Holy Grail this year.

As for sports, girls soccer just won 2-0 playing Plymouth away. We play again this Thursday at home against Spaulding.

Boys soccer won their last game at Milford this past Friday and play again this Wednesday at Bow.

Field hockey plays this Wednesday at Oyster River.

Golf has their next match tomorrow at Timberlane.

Volleyball is currently 3-0 and have their next game this Thursday at Kennett.

Cross Country has had 2 meets so far and they run again on the 24th in Manchester.

Football's first home game is this Friday against Kearasarge and is led by new Head Coach Coach McCullah. In order to prepare for the game, the school club knights against hunger is collecting donated food for the local food pantry in school and at the game.

That is all, thank you.