

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
NEW DURHAM SCHOOL  
DECEMBER 5, 2022**

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION – New Durham School Library**

**Members Present:** Tom Bickford, Brodie Deshaies, Wendi Fenderson, James Pittman, Charlene Seibel, Dana Streeter, John Widmer.

**Also Present:** Superintendent Caroline Arakelian, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes

**Motion:** At 6:00 pm a motion was made to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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

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

Personnel and legal matters were discussed.

Superintendent Arakelian presented three retirements.

**Motion:** To accept, with sincere appreciation, the retirements of Kathleen Hayford, Marion Martens, and Deborah Yeaton.

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

**Vote:** Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Wendi Fenderson, yes; James Pittman, yes; Charlene Seibel, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; John Widmer, yes

Dr. Manning arrived at 6:05pm

**Motion:** To ratify a 3 year agreement with the Governor Wentworth Education Association from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

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

**Vote:** Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Wendi Fenderson, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; James Pittman, yes; Charlene Seibel, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; John Widmer, yes

Mr. Widmer presented the GWSSA request to reopen their contract for renegotiation.

Ms. King arrived at 6:45pm

**Motion:** To authorize the Chair to respond to the request by GWSSA to reopen their contract for renegotiation.

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

**Vote:** Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Wendi Fenderson, yes; Ms. King, abstain; Dr. Manning, yes; James Pittman, yes; Charlene Seibel, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; John Widmer, yes

**Motion:** At 6:58pm a motion was made to end the non-public session.

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

**Vote:** Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Wendi Fenderson, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; James Pittman, yes; Charlene Seibel, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; John Widmer, yes

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Widmer called the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the New Durham School Gymnasium.

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

**Middleton Representative:** Kelly Tivnan

**Student Representative:** Marcella DeNitto

**Also present:** Superintendent Caroline Arakelian, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes, Director of Special Education Kelly Mask, Student Wellness Coordinator Sarah Skoglund, Student Videographer, and community members.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

No Discussion

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 School Board meeting as amended.

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

**Discussion:** Add Crystal Sawyer's request that Caroll Academy participate in YRBS; attach student representative report to minutes.

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

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 Academic Affairs Committee meeting as amended.

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

**Discussion:** Policy AD presented for review, not as 1<sup>st</sup> Read.

**Vote:** Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. King, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the November 15, 16 and 17, 2022 Finance Committee meetings as amended.

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

**Discussion:** Add discussion of architecture class expenses per Ms. King on November 17<sup>th</sup> minutes.

**Vote:** Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. King, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

**Motion:** To approve the accounts payable (\$1,480,483.44) and payroll (\$2,661,375.51) manifests totaling \$4,141,858.95

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

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. Fenderson, yes; Ms. King, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

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**PUBLIC INPUT**

Nicole Zoltko, New Durham Town Administrator, introduced herself and thanked the School Board and the Superintendent for their willingness to collaborate while scheduling no school days in order to allow for voting to occur at New Durham School for the 2023-2024 elections.

Dot Veisel, New Durham Select Board Member, introduced herself and requested that the District continue to allow voting to occur at New Durham School stating that other locations in town are not favorable for the senior population to access without considerable hardship.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Miss De Nitto read her comprehensive report on student activities, which is attached to these minutes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

New Durham Principal Welcome

Principal Colby-Seavey welcomed everyone and described school enrollment, the many activities and programs that are available to students at New Durham School, and the way the staff has worked together thus far this year. She introduced Music teacher Kristin Johnson and her chorus students, who each introduced themselves after enthusiastically performing three inspiring songs they will also be singing at the upcoming holiday concert.

System of Care Grant

Kelly Mask, Director of Special Education and Counselling Services, introduced Student Wellness Coordinator Sarah Skoglund. Ms. Skoglund reviewed the System of Care & Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness Grant (MTSS-B) project for the Board. She discussed system of practices, team vision, goals and objectives as well as priority areas and future targets. She also discussed the partnership with Northern Human Services. She answered questions from the Board.

American Education Week Appreciation

Superintendent Arakelian reviewed the appreciation letter that was sent out to all GWRSD staff along with a token gift of appreciation in November.

NDS Grade 6 FT to Ecology School

Superintendent Arakelian notified the Board the New Durham Grade 6 students will be attending an overnight trip to Saco, Maine in May, 2023.

School Calendar 2023-2024

Superintendent Arakelian presented a draft of the 2023-2024 School Calendar.

**Motion:** To accept the 2023-2024 School Calendar as proposed.

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

**Discussion:** Remove June 26, 27, 28 to avoid confusion; Thanksgiving week challenges; School could be in session on Veterans Day

**Vote:** Item tabled for further review.

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Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Arakelian presented proposed Superintendent Goals, based on information she has gathered from principals, teachers, community members, and local law enforcement. She explained that she will return to the Board with a year-end reflection at the close of the school year.

**Motion:** To approve Superintendent Goals as presented with additions as discussed.

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

**Discussion:** Discussion included student mental health needs, MTSS-B, strategic plan, Portrait of a Learner

**Vote:** Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Ms. Fenderson, yes; Ms. King, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

**8:45 – 9:00pm Recess**

Preliminary Budget Presentation 2023-2024 FY

Mr. Widmer presented an overview of the preliminary budget numbers, reviewing ESSER Funds, the budget process, enrollments, the general fund, the Collective Bargaining Agreement, warrant articles, debt service, the default budget and important dates to remember.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Widmer shared that expressions of sympathy were sent to Norman Adjutant on the passing of his father.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs Committee: Ms. Seibel reported that the Committee will meet again on December 19, 2022 at the SAU building at 4:30pm.

Ms. Seibel presented new policies BBBF, EBCD, IHBAB, IMBA, and JH for 1<sup>st</sup> Read. She presented revised policies BBB, EBD, and GBGA for 1<sup>st</sup> Read. She presented policies EBCE, IHBA-R, IHBG-R, JHB, and JHB-R for 1<sup>st</sup> Read to withdraw. She invited committee members to submit their recommended edits in writing to Heather.

Building & Maintenance Committee: Mr. Pittman reported that the committee has not met and confirmed that there has been no further communication from the town of Wolfeboro regarding the Pop Whalen MOU.

Finance Committee – Mr. Widmer referred to tonight's budget presentation and stated that the information will be posted on the GWRSD website on the School Board Committees page.

Human Resources – No report

**ADVANCED PLANNING**

Mr. Widmer read upcoming events from the agenda.

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**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Board members thanked the New Durham students for the wonderful choral performance, thanked Kelly Colby-Seavey for hosting the meeting, and praised the performance of Spamalot by the Drama Department. Ms. Seibel thanked Superintendent Arakelian, Assistant Superintendent Cummings, Administrative Assistant Kathy Lagace, the Academic Affairs team and the NH School Board Association for all of the hard work spent on updating the School Board policies.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** 9:35 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by GWRSD School Board: **01/09/2023**

## What's Happening at Kingswood: December 2022

The Current Issues James Foley Class recently created an exhibit about Jim's life, his work, and the work of the James W. Foley Foundation, as well as the context of the Syrian refugee crisis. We opened this exhibit up to parents of students in the class and received many visitors. At the end of the exhibit each parent had the opportunity to reflect on what the exhibit means to them, their community, and the world as a whole. We are reopening our exhibit to KRHS faculty and staff on Friday December 16.

Mr. Meyers current issues class had an immigration lawyer come into their class and talk about her experiences. I asked someone in that class what the lawyer shared and she said "we talked about her experiences working in the immigration system. And she had to build up trust between her and the person trying to seek asylum. She got the whole story and pieced it together and wrote it up. She was very sweet and had a different view on immigration but when she started working she became more understanding about it."

The student council put together 50 Thanksgiving baskets made up of food donated by students and faculty in the highschool. This was greatly appreciated by the surrounding community.

The Student Council also put up the stars for the annual Wish Upon a Star gift donation. This is where the gift that students in need would like is written on a paper star and whoever would like to purchase the gift for a student simply takes the star and writes their name on the sign up sheet. There are no names on the stars and after the first day many stars have already been taken.

Winter sports have started and the teams are excited to be back playing their respective sports. We had media night earlier this evening and received a good turnout. It was nice to see all the teams back together!

## What's Happening Around LRTC: December 2022

Respectfully submitted:

K. Tetreault

Jennifer Ouellet

LRTC held our Career Pathways Fair on Nov 30th after rescheduling the event due to the school weather delay on Nov 17th. The fair hosted 28 vendors that shared opportunities among industry trades, apprenticeships, medical professions, community colleges and military with our students. It was mesmerizing to watch our students come through and connect with outside professionals in a way that we haven't seen in a few years. This month's **My Career My Future** featured Andrew Souther, owner of 603 Motorwerks and LRTC alumni of 2010.

**Marketing Education:** Students helped Molly the Trolley and the Wolfeboro Rotary Club unload Christmas trees for sale to help sponsor the club's local student scholarship

programs. They also help Winni Paw and LRTC decorate trees for the Festival of Trees. In class they have been working on company branding and did a project where they decorated turkeys in support of different organizations and their logos.

**Health Science:** HOSA students attended their Fall Rally Leadership Conference at the Grappone Conference Center. Students listened to guest speaker, author and CEO of Northeast Delta Dental speak on leadership, hard work, and being passionate about healthcare. They also attended short educational workshops. The Level II Nurse Assisting students also attended their orientation at Huggins Hospital. **Huggins Hospital** was added as a clinical site this year for our nurse assisting students. We are grateful and excited to provide direct patient care for residents in our community.

**Collision Technology:** The students in class have been working on dent removal and repair. The program has also started an after school club, Collision Technology Club Cornhole. The intent of the after school club is to provide potential and incoming students with familiarity of the Technology Center and the Collision program.

**Agricultural Science:** Students are in full swing making wreaths and centerpieces to sell to our community members to support their FFA CTSO activities. The students participated in the **KRHS Holiday Craft Fair** and were very successful with selling their crafts in support of the program.

**Precision Manufacturing:** The new plasma cam is up and running! The students worked hard creating napkin holders, firepits, snowmen, and signs to sell at the recently held KRHS Holiday Craft Fair. Sales were high and they even started taking special orders. There has been some real interest with Level I students wanting to learn how to use the HAAS Milling Machine. Mr. Meserve has developed lesson plans focused on that. Students have also been finishing up their work on fabricating meat tenderizers as a way to learn the necessary skills to operate different machines in the shop.

**Automotive Technology:** Both Level I and II students have been on task for meeting their competencies. Mr. Sanborn's students have started lessons on marine repairs because *we live in the Lakes Region and students have a high interest in learning about Marine Technology*. Students have also been working on diagnosis of brakes and fuel systems and making the necessary repairs.

**Careers in Education-** Continue their work in the classroom and with their direct student contact with Magic Moments, The Wolfeboro Area Children's Center and Carpenter School students. Level II students have been researching and contacting different companies and educators on what educational career routes are available to them and how they can pay to support the training they need to reach their career goals.

**Culinary Arts:** Students are working on creating their own restaurant menus. They were challenged with making the shopping list, pricing everything out and balancing portions per

serving. Lots of math!! This week in the Skylight Dining Room they served a soup and sandwich menu that was very intricate and popular with our public customers. Students are gearing up to prepare, cook and cater a few holiday parties for our community partners. The GWRSD Bus Drivers have planned to celebrate their holidays with us.

**Graphic Design:** FBLA worked closely with the National Honor Society and Technology Student Association (TSA) to organize and host the KRHS Holiday Craft Fair. It has been a few years since the fair has taken place. It was a huge success and very well attended by the community.

**MultiMedia-** Students have been producing their weekly **Knightwatch** episodes and will be hosting a slew of productions in the Kingswood Arts Center.

**Theater StageCraft:** Students put on a wonderful performance of Monty Python's SPAMALOT. Mark Avery has worked on the Kingswood Theater technical crew for three different shows at Kingswood. Alongside his crew, he won an All-Star Company Award for technical execution at the NHETG State Theatre Festival in the Spring. Mr. Avery. Spamalot marks his fourth production with the organization. We look forward to continued collaboration with Mr. Avery.

**Computer Technology:** Work Based Learning (WBL) are an asset to the IT Department which provides the students with work experience in the field.

We look forward to the coming new year with the start of our season helping provide an overview of the programs offered through LRTC. We will be hosting a series of informational sessions about each program, tours and course selections for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. We wish everyone every success in the coming year and look forward to a Happy Holiday Season for GWRSD.