

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OSSISPEE CENTRAL SCHOOL
MARCH13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Widmer called the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting to order at 6:02 pm in Room 134 of Ossipee Central School.

Members Present: Stefanie King, Dr. James Manning, James Pittman, Charlene Seibel, John Widmer

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion: At 6:03 pm a motion was made to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss personnel and student matters.

Moved: Dr. Manning - **Second:** Ms. Seibel

Vote: Ms. King, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Widmer, yes

Dana Streeter (6:05), Tom Bickford (6:05), and Brodie Deshaies (6:07) arrived.

A personnel matter was discussed.

Superintendent Arakelian presented a resignation.

Motion: To accept the resignation of Principal Tracey Rose.

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

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

A student matter was discussed.

Motion: At 7:00 pm a motion was made to end the non-public session.

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

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

The group left the room and moved to the gymnasium.

Mr. Widmer resumed the meeting at 7:08 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 7:09pm, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA REVIEW

Add Carpenter School Principal Search agenda item per Superintendent request.

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 4, 2023 School Board meeting as written.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; 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 February 6, 2023 School Board meeting as written.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; 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 January 24, 2023 Special School Board meeting as amended.

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

Discussion: none

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

Motion: To approve the accounts payable (\$2,029,495.06) and payroll (\$1,718,296.28) manifests totaling \$3,747,791.34

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

Discussion: none

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Letitia Hoass, Wolfeboro – Spoke in support of libraries and described a book author and subject matter.

Kayla Hewitt, Wolfeboro – Read a letter from Scott Lounsbury in support of Warrant Article 9, libraries, and the accessibility of books to students.

Roxie Hale, Wolfeboro/KRMS Student – Described her personal relationship with books and how books represent real, everyday subject matter.

Kimberly Walton, Wolfeboro – Spoke in support of students having the freedom to read books.

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Jackson Boudman, Wolfeboro/KRHS Graduate – Spoke in support of healthy, educated debate about access to books and expressed the belief that books help kids to feel less alone.

Bobbi Boudman, Wolfeboro – Spoke in support of NOT banning books, referenced HB514, and read a list of banned books.

Caitrin Kelly-Valente – Spoke about bus issues, the SRO, and alleged theft of an item at one of the schools.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Superintendent Arakelian read Marcella De Nitto's report as she was unable to attend the meeting. The report is attached to these minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Principal Fournier

Principal Fournier discussed Ossipee Central School's enrollment, the school motto, Social-Emotional Learning, and the Read Across America celebrations. She introduced 2nd Grade teachers Ms. Campbell and Ms. Anderson who helped students present their work on their "Penguin Projects". Students demonstrated language, reading, speaking/listening, writing, and science skills while completing this fun project.

Stay Open Plan

Superintendent Arakelian presented the updated Stay Open Plan, as required for the ESSER Funds grants. Board members suggested minor additions.

Motion: To approve the Stay Open Plan as amended.

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

Discussion: This plan replaces the plan currently in place.

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

Safety Update

Superintendent Arakelian described the safety training that took place in January and February and explained that more training is planned. The Safety & Security Task Force will meet on April 5, 2023 at the KRHS Lecture Hall at 3:30pm.

Field Trip Updates

Superintendent Arakelian notified the Board that LRTC's AG Science/FFA group will be attending an overnight State Leadership Convention at the Mount Washington Resort on March 29th and 30th; Kingswood High School's Youth & Government Club will be attending an overnight Civic Engagement trip to the Concord State House on March 14th and 15th;

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and KRHS's James Foley Legacy class will be traveling as invited guests to Washington, DC to attend an awards ceremony from May 2nd to the 4th.

Wood Estate Expendable Trust Fund Application

Superintendent Arakelian presented an application to fund "Camp Invention" for Ossipee/Effingham, Tuftonboro, and New Durham Schools for one week in June, 2023.

Motion: To approve the application for the Wood Estate Expendable Trust Fund request.

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

Discussion: The history of the Trust and program accessibility to all students.

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

School's Out Survey

Superintendent Arakelian described the survey as required by the grant.

Motion: To accept the School's Out Survey as presented.

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

Discussion: Discussion included the grades covered by the survey and how the data will be used.

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

Carpenter Principal Search

Superintendent Arakelian invited Ms. Seibel to join the Carpenter School Principal Search Committee.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Widmer read a list of congratulations and condolences that were sent out to Governor Wentworth Regional School District staff during the month of February. He also announced a number of NHSBA webinars that are available to the Board Members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Academic Affairs – Charlene Seibel

Ms. Seibel presented policies CBI, DGA, DIH, DK, EBCG, EHAC, JICC and JICC-R as 2nd Reads for adoption.

Motion: To approve policies CBI, DGA, DIH, DK, EBCG, EHAC, JICC, and JICC-R as presented.

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

Discussion: none

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

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Ms. Seibel presented policies EB, EBB, EGA-E, JGA-R, and JJJ as 2nd Reads for revision.

Motion: To approve policies EB, EBB, EGA-E, JGA-R, and JJJ as presented.

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

Discussion: Reference to policies not yet revised can be addressed during future revisions.

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

Ms. Seibel presented policies EEA-R, EGA, GBGAA, JLCCA, and JLI as 2nd Reads for withdrawal.

Motion: To approve policies EEA-R, EGA, GBGAA, JLCCA, and JLI for withdrawal.

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

Discussion: none

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

2. Buildings & Maintenance – Jim Pittman reported that there will be a meeting on March 23rd at 1:00pm at the SAU Building.

3. Finance – John Widmer encouraged the community to vote.

4. Human Resources – John Widmer, no news to report.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Advanced Planning

Mr. Widmer read upcoming events from the agenda.

Public Input

Bobbi Boudman, Wolfeboro – Read a list of banned books and described their contents, spoke in support of access to books.

Erica Bickford, Tuftonboro – Reported that state law allows parents to opt out of reading certain books if wants and spoke in support of librarians and the books in question.

Kayla Hewitt, Wolfeboro – Reported that she has read two books on the list and described the content, imploring how beneficial books are to children who may benefit from the subject matter.

Ruth Clough, Tuftonboro – Expressed her view that books should be age appropriate with parent approval and her concern about unsupervised access to inappropriate content.

Danielle Owens, Center Ossipee – Described her family experience in the District, explained that education breeds understanding, and expressed concern for the lack of a Hate Speech Policy.

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Letitia Hoasss - Read a passage from a book and discussed the author of "Speak", Laurie Hallsey Anderson.

Rhonda Martin, Wolfeboro – Explained that she never suggested to ban books, she asked which books were on the SORA list and accessible to students. She stated that she wants to ensure that the explicit books are not available.

Bobbi Boudman – Encouraged people to vote for Warrant Article 9 on the ballot.

Erica Bickford – Spoke about the impact of her son's ability to read a book he could relate to.

Closing Comments

The Board thanked everyone for coming, announced that the town of Effingham has postponed their election to March 28th, and announced the release of the 603 Bright Futures survey that will be posted on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: At 8:57 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board: **04.03.2023**

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Student Representative Report for the March 13, 2023 School Board Meeting

This past month, Kingswood students have been busy academically and extracurricularly. Our Winter Carnival was a success, however, the juniors did end up taking the crown. Yet, the seniors won the lip-sync competition.

Our track team traveled to Dartmouth and competed in the Indoor State Championships. Here, four school records were broken including the 55 dash by Lauren MacPhee, the 300 meter by Kylie Rapoza, the 600 meter by Marcella De Nitto, and the 4x200 meter relay by Kylie Rapoza, Marcella De Nitto, Carley Johnson, and Lauren MacPhee. Additionally, this team brought home three banners for Kingswood, winning three state titles: Kylie Rapoza in the 300 meter, Marcella De Nitto in the 600 meter, and Kylie Rapoza, Marcella De Nitto, Carley Johnson, and Lauren MacPhee in the 4x200 meter relay. These four then participated in the New England Championships in Boston two weeks later.

The boys' hockey team played Belmont Gifford in their semifinal game. And a big congratulations to Will Denais for reaching 100 goals in his high school career.

The boys' basketball team qualified for playoffs but unfortunately lost their game.

Theater put on two performances of their show Star-Crossed Lovers. This is essentially a performance of Romeo and Juliet through the ages, starting at the time of cavemen, following them into modern times.

The James Foley class is continuing their progress with the creation of a book showcasing the entirety of their exhibit. They have also written a grant asking for the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to finance a trip to the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation Awards Gala in Washington D.C. this coming May.

Students are starting to select their courses for next year and have many thoughts about how their schedules will look for the 2023-24 school year. The LRTC Ambassadors have been out to our sending schools to talk about programming and will be visiting Moultonborough Central School and Middleton Elementary School to share information about career development.

Mrs. Ouellet also added that In the next few weeks we will also be presenting scholarship opportunities to our seniors, taking applications and reviewing packets for scholarships selections.

Mrs. Cameron reports that the **Marketing Class DECA** will be attending the ICDC in Orlando, Florida with 15 students April 21-26th. JP Haley recently won the election to the State of NH DECA Executive Advisory Board. Congratulations go out to JP

Mr. Ball shared that **FBLA** just completed two community service projects. Their book drive collected 400 books and they were donated to several middle schools and community libraries.

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For Reference:

What's Happening Around LRTC?

March 2023

Submitted by: K. Tetreault

I am pleased to share with you events from the Lakes Region Technology Center.

In **Agricultural Science** Mr. Gagne reports that two of his students have participated in a presentation to the Wolfeboro Garden Club during their last meeting on Pollinators. The students were able to share what they learned in their class with the Garden Club and provide the members with information about what services are available to the club. In addition, the students in Ag Science will be planting seeds for the Wolfeboro Food Pantry Community Garden. This project will start the week of March 20th. Thank you to our Ag Science Students.

Mrs. French our **Work Based Learning** Coordinator shares that two of her students have accepted offers of employment from their community partners following graduation. One plans to work full time and the other is based on hours around his college schedule. Nice work everyone.

Mrs. Ouellet our **Student Services** Coordinator, adds that our Career and Technical Education Celebration Week was a huge success. Some of the highlights include student interaction with our program partners in exhibits shared with all students. Culinary Arts hosted a Technical Education Dinner with a seven course meal which was well received. To culminate activities LRTC hosted our annual Game Day on Friday to wrap up our events: Precision Manufacturing students won the trophy for the second year in a row. All students enjoyed some well-deserved recognition and ice cream.

This month LRTC will be hosting a variety of community work place partners to share their work through presentations during TASC with MY CAREER, MY FUTURE. Pratt and Whitney will be here on March 23, 2023, Loving Tree Service and Arbor will be here this week to present their career opportunities for our students.

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Our sending school partners have been in to see the programs as their 10th grade students are learning more about what CTE offers. Many programs have been hosting students so they can learn more about their choices and we are scheduling visits by our Middle School and Elementary Schools with help from NH-CTE as the Department of Education MAP's RV will visit schools throughout the district helping 6th grade students learn more about career education, how they will have opportunities to earn industry certifications. They will also be introduced to the tools they need to go into a career field.

Mrs. Ouellet also added that in the next few weeks we will also be presenting scholarship opportunities to our seniors, taking applications and reviewing packets for scholarship selections.

Our **Career Technical Student Organizations** have been participating in their state conferences. Most will take place this week so more information will be in our next newsletter to share with you those outcomes and which groups will be moving on to the National Convention. I look forward to reporting that information next month.

Mrs.Cameron reports that the **Marketing Class DECA** will be attending the ICDC in Orlando, Florida with 15 students April 21-26th. JP Haley recently won the election to the State of NH DECA Executive Advisory Board. Congratulations go out to JP.

Mr.Ball shared that **FBLA** just completed two community service projects. Their book drive collected 400 books and they were donated to several middle schools and community libraries. They also donated pet food, pet toys and blankets to the community animal shelter. I believe there were 50 total items. Excellent news from Mr. Ball and the FBLA members. Thank you,

Mrs. Krivitsky reports:"My students are preparing for the state conference and state testing on March 31st. Congratulations and well wishes to our **HOSA and Health Science** students.

That is all the news to date from Lakes Region Technology Center. We will see you next month as we gear up for scholarships and preparation for graduation events.