

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JOINT BOARDS – LAKES REGION TECHNOLOGY CENTER
GWRSD SCHOOL BOARD – KINGSWOOD HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
MAY 8, 2023**

The Joint Boards meeting was held at the Lakes Region Technology Center prior to the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. The following Districts were represented: Governor Wentworth, Farmington, Middleton, and Moultonborough. The evening started just after 6:00 pm with welcome comments and introductions by Superintendent Caroline Arakelian. Lakes Region Technology Principal Kathy Tetreault also welcomed the guests and briefly described the programs available at the LRTC and highlighted some recent accomplishments before turning the floor over to Chef Patrick Brideau.

Chef Brideau described the Culinary Arts program, the state competencies that are followed, the skills developed by students during the course of the year, the real-life challenges faced by students during their year, and the struggling state of the food service industry. Chef Brideau explained that tonight's meal is the students' final project for the year and introduced students who, in turn, introduced each course as it was served. Cucumber, tomato, and mushroom appetizers were served to guests prior to the expertly prepared meal of a wild greens salad, seared haddock over Brussel sprouts, cleansed by a berry sorbet, followed by seared beef tenderloin topped with roasted potato rings, and finished with a strawberry and blueberry cream filled cinnamon dusted tortilla shell for dessert. The dining table was finely set for the occasion and the students demonstrated professional serving skills, making for an outstanding experience deserving of the highest marks.

At the conclusion of the meal, Principal Tetreault welcomed incoming High School Principal Paul Famulari, spoke about the CTE program, asking for continued support of the program, and introduced Jennifer Ouellet, who described her role as Student Services Coordinator and the subject of careers in education. Ms. Tetreault invited guests to tour the facility and thanked everyone for their support of the programs.

Motion: To approve the Perkins Grant Funds and support the program initiatives for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Vote: All voted in favor.

The Joint Boards meeting adjourned at 7:26. The school board members and administrators proceeded to the Library for the regularly scheduled board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER..

The Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm.

Members Present: Tom Bickford, Brodie Deshaies, Stefanie King, Dr. James Manning, James Pittman, Mary Schillereff

Also present: Superintendent Caroline Arakelian, Assistant Superintendent Heather Cummings, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes, Curriculum Director Katey Hills, community members

Members Excused: Mr. Widmer, Ms. Seibel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA REVIEW

No discussion.

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KINGSWOOD REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Principal Hunt, welcomed the audience to Kingswood Regional Middle School. She described the school wide initiatives that include the K.R.M.S. motto to be Kind, Respectful, Motivated, and Safe, the school's advisory program that is based around Brooklyn Raney's book, *One Trusted Adult*, benefits of a strengthened schedule. She introduced Curriculum Coordinator Katey Hills who described the real world scientific practices competency represented by the upcoming presentation. Dr. Hills introduced Erin Drennan and Stephanie Kerr, along with their 7th grade science students who confidently explained their research and data collection experience regarding an invasive species of Hemlock Woolly Adelges that affect hemlock trees. Their research and data collection was shared with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, and they were happy to report that they discovered no local invasion during their investigation.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023 School Board meeting.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Brodie Deshaies, yes; Tom Bickford, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; James Pittman, yes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Deshaies, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 Non Public School Board meeting.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Deshaies, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Jim Pittman, yes

Mr. Streeter arrived at 7:54

Discussion returned to the minutes of April 3, 2023.

Motion: To amend the minutes of the April 3, 2023 School Board meeting to reflect the motion made in Non Public session to renominate the Non-GWAT Administrators for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; James Pittman, yes

Motion: To approve the accounts payable (\$1,471,641.59) and payroll (\$1,955,076.57) manifests totaling \$3,426,718.16

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

Discussion: none

Vote: Mary Shillereff, yes; Tom Bickford, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; James Pittman, yes

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PUBLIC INPUT

Acting Chair, Mr. Pittman, explained that there are no microphones for this meeting, but that it is being recorded by video as usual. He also reviewed the standard expectations to be followed during Public Input per policy BEDH, particularly regarding defamatory statements.

Mike Harding, Wolfeboro - spoke out against a facebook post made by a School Board Member that allegedly contained false information.

Rhoni Harding, Wolfeboro - stated that she feels there is a pattern of disrespect and dishonesty by School Board members, referencing a letter written by a School Board Member claiming that the District does not provide inappropriate reading materials to students and complained about staff training provided by UNH.

Bobbi Boudman, Wolfeboro – highlighted Teacher Appreciation Week and expressed appreciation for the ongoing communication provided by teachers and administration which contributes to a feeling of transparency within the District.

David Bickford, New Durham – spoke about SB272 and encouraged the School Board and community to reach out to him to share a stance on the bill.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Marcella De Nitto read an account of recent school events. Her report is attached.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week, May 8-11

Superintendent Arakelian expressed thanks and appreciation to all teachers and staff of the district for everything they do.

Wood Estate Applications

Superintendent Arakelian presented two applications; one to award 10/\$1,000 scholarships to Class of 2023 students (total \$10,000) and one to award a \$1000 scholarship to a HOSA student to participate in the national HOSA Conference in TX.

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

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

Discussion: none

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

Field Trip Update

Superintendent Arakelian notified the Board that the KRHS Business Department will be traveling to Boston for the day on May 17th, CLS Grade 5 will be traveling to Saco, ME from May 31st to June 2nd, CLS Grade 6 will be traveling to Washington, DC from June 11th to the 15th, the LRTC Skills USA group will be traveling to GA for a conference and competition from June 19th to the 24th, and the LRTC HOSA group will be traveling to TX for their annual leadership conference and competition from June 20th to the 25th.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Pittman shared that expressions of sympathy were sent to Wendy Huggard, Michelle Capone and Michelle Dolengewicz, congratulations were sent to Marie Deane, and get well wishes were sent to Katie Small. Mr. Pittman also reminded Board Members of the upcoming NHSBA Training Session on Monday, May 15th at the Plex at 6:00pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee:

Mr. Pitman invited Assistant Superintendent Cummings to present the Academic Affairs items in the absence of Ms. Seibel.

Ms. Cummings presented policy JLCJA as a 2nd Read for Adoption, policies EBCE-R and IKF (with edits) as 2nd Reads for Revision, and policy BID as a 2nd Read for Withdrawal.

Motion: To approve policy JLCJA as presented for adoption.

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

Discussion: none

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

Motion: To approve policies EBCE-R and IKF as presented for revision.

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

Discussion: Ms. King expressed concerns about moving forward on policy IKF. Mr. Bickford expressed agreement and read a version he prepared. The Board agreed to table policy IKF for further consideration.

Amended Motion: To approve policy EBCE-R as presented for revision.

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

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

Motion: To table policy IKF.

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

Discussion: Mr. Deshaies asked Mr. Bickford and Ms. King to send their notes to Ms. Cummings.

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

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Motion: To withdraw policy BID.

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

Discussion: Mr. Deshaies explained that there is a new policy in place that replaces BID.

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

Ms. Cummings presented the following policies for Revision, 1st Read: ACD, ACE, ADC, BA, BBA, BBA-R, BCA, BCAA, BCAA-R, BCB, BCB-R, BDA, BDB, BDC, BDE, BEA, BEA-R, BEDG, BHE, CA, CB, CHD, EBCA, IGA, JLCJ, and KB. She also presented the following policies for Withdrawal, 1st Read: AEB, AEB-R, BBE-E, BDF, BEDD, BEDDC, CR, and CFA.

Ms. Cummings explained that some Board Member feedback was received and responded to regarding the policies presented for 1st Read at tonight's meeting. Additional Board Member feedback was also received, but not in time for a response before tonight's meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the process of 1st Read, 2nd Read, and the timeliness of feedback. Ms. King expressed policy language concerns and questioned the Board's role in approval of curriculum. Mr. Bickford asked how to address an answer he does not agree with. Superintendent Arakelian explained the process and purpose of 1st and 2nd Reads, the process and purpose of discussion, and offered voting against a motion as an option.

Building & Maintenance Committee:

Mr. Pittman reported that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 18th at the SAU. He also reported that the middle school custodial team had to remove a stuffed animal, deodorant, and toothbrushes from toilets, stating that these are potentially expensive and unnecessary issues.

Finance Committee: no report

Human Resources Committee: no report

ADVANCED PLANNING

Upcoming events were read from the agenda. Superintendent Arakelian reminded the audience to refer to the calendar on the website for the most up-to-date information regarding concerts and activities.

PUBLIC INPUT

Donna Chick, Ossipee – Asked for clarification regarding the ability to ask questions of the Board during Public Input and expressed concern for the lack of audio equipment at the meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The board members commented on timely feedback for the policy process, public input, the Culinary Arts meal enjoyed tonight, Teacher Appreciation, the need for audio equipment at the meetings, Mental Health Awareness month, and the excellent student presentation tonight.

NON-PUBLIC

Motion: At 9:01 pm a motion was made to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss personnel matters.

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Moved: Ms. Schillereff - **Second:** Mr. Deshaies

Vote: Ms. King, yes; Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; Mary Shillereff, yes; James Pittman, yes

The audience members left the library for the Non-Public session.

Superintendent Arakelian presented teacher nominations, retirements, and resignations.

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Talia Arsenault as a 100% Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, Track 1 Step 10. \$60,893

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

Vote: Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Mary Shillereff, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; James Pittman, yes

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Christine Diamond as a 100% Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, Track 3 Step 13. \$77,848

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

Vote: Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Mary Shillereff, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; James Pittman, yes

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Laura Braley as a 100% Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, Track 3 Step 1. \$47,056

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

Vote: Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Mary Shillereff, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; James Pittman, yes

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Patrick McCafferty as a 100% Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, Track 1 Step 3. \$47,056

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

Vote: Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Mary Shillereff, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; James Pittman, yes

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Kelsey Cullison as a 100% Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, Track 1 Step 2. \$45,935

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

Vote: Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Mary Shillereff, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; James Pittman, yes

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Jessica Lear as a 100% Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, Track 1 Step 2. \$45,935

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

Vote: Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Mary Shillereff, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; James Pittman, yes

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Anne Marie Savello as a 100% Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, Track 3 Step 6. \$51,763

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

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Vote: Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Mary Shillereff, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; James Pittman, yes

Motion: To accept with regret the retirements of Maria DeChiaro, Lisa Goodwin, and Steven Sanborn with sincere appreciation and gratitude

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

Vote: Dana Streeter, yes; Mary Schillereff, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Tom Bickford, yes; Jim Pittman, yes

Motion: To accept with regret the resignations of Emily Hastings, Kara Jacobs, Lindsay Libby, and Shannon McCarty-Drapcho with appreciation.

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

Vote: Dana Streeter, yes; Mary Schillereff, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Tom Bickford, yes; Jim Pittman, yes

Motion: At 9:53 pm a motion was made to come out of non-public session.

Moved: Mr. Deshaies - **Second:** Dr. James Manning

Vote: Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Mary Shillereff, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; James Pittman, yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 9:54 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

Vote: Tom Bickford, yes; Brodie Deshaies, yes; Stefanie King, yes; Dr. James Manning, yes; Mary Shillereff, yes; Dana Streeter, yes; James Pittman, yes

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by GWRSD School Board **06/05/2023**

5/8 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Hello,

Over April vacation two groups of students went abroad. A group of 12 Spanish students went to Costa Rica for 11 days. When there they participated in many activities to better their language skills including visiting local elementary and high schools, a scavenger hunt around a small town, a boat tour in Spanish learning about marine life, and individual home stays with Costa Rican families.

15 students traveled to Quebec in Canada for a 4 day trip where they visited a few museums, spent time in the old city, and went to a traditional Huron village.

Some of the museums that were visited included a historical site/archaeological dig, a history museum, and a copper museum/art studio.

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9 members of this year's Current Issues: James Foley Legacy Global Citizenship Class were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Foley to attend the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation's annual Awards Gala in Washington D.C. Along with these 9 students were Mrs. Murray do Carmo, the teacher of the James Foley class and Mr. Donnelly. In order to fund this trip, students wrote a grant to the NH Charitable Foundation asking for the money required to attend the gala. Once in DC, students visited the historic monuments and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. On this trip, students learned how to carry on conversations with highly important people and were able to see how Jim's legacy has spread across the globe.

Prom is on the Mount Washington on May 13th. Before students board the boat however promenade will be held at Cate Park.

AP tests are also this week which include: AP Calculus, AP English Language and Composition, AP Spanish, AP Biology, and AP World History.

And theater won their respective division at the New England Championships! Congratulations to everyone who was involved!

And I believe that Mrs. Tetreault shared with you what is going on in the tech center.