

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
KINGSWOOD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - PLEX
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Widmer called the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting to order at 4:07 pm in the Kingswood Regional High School Plex.

Members Present: Tom Bickford, Brodie Deshaies, Jim Pittman, Charlene Seibel, Mary Schillereff, Dana Streeter, John Widmer

Members Not Present: Stefanie King (4:12), Dr. James Manning

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Board Chair approved a personnel item per Board member request.

Motion: At 4:07 pm a motion was made to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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

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

Board Chair, Mr. Widmer, made a statement [regarding legal-matters current affairs](#).

Stefanie King arrived at 4:12pm.

Ms. Seibel made a statement regarding personnel.

At 4:18pm Director of Special Education and Counseling Services Kelly Mask, Police Chief Stuart Chase, and Police Captain Mark Livie joined the meeting.

Information on a Behavior Intervention Team was presented to the board members and discussion ensued. Board members asked questions of the Superintendent, Police Chief and Captain, and Ms. Mask.

SRO data was reviewed and discussion ensued. Board members asked questions of the Police Chief and Captain.

Motion: At 5:47 pm a motion was made to resume the regular meeting.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, no (yes); Mr. Deshaies, yes (no); Ms. King, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Mr. Streeter, no; Mr. Widmer, yes

Final Resolution: Motion passed 6-2

Discussion: Mr. Bickford explained that he objected to the non-public status of the meeting and then requested that his vote be changed to "yes". ~~Mr. Deshaies stated that he would like his vote changed to "no".~~ [Mr. Deshaies objected to discussions justified under NH RSA 91-A:3, II, \(c\) and \(i\), in accordance with Policy BEDG, titled :Minutes", and NH](#)

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RSA 91-A. Ms. Seibel objected to discussions justified under NH RSA 91-A:3, II, (c) and (i), in accordance with Policy BEDG, titled "Minutes", and NH RSA 91-A. Further discussion included the nature of the non-public status and the belief that the Board could have elected not to hold the non-public session.

On 2/5/2024 Mr. Bickford clarified his objection to resuming the regular meeting, thinking the motion was instead to seal the minutes. Mr. Bickford also clarified an objection to the discussion of two topics in the nonpublic session that did not fall within the exceptions of RSA 91-A:3, II, (c) and (i) concerning personnel and legal matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: At 5:57 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary
Approved by School Board: 2/5/2024