

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GWRSD SCHOOL BOARD – OSSISPEE CENTRAL SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Deshaies called the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting to order at 6:03 pm in Room 135 of Ossipee Central School.

Members Present: Tom Bickford, Brodie Deshaies, Dr. James Manning, Guy Pike, James Pittman, Mary Schillereff, Charlene Seibel, Dr. Elizabeth Sheckler, Dana Streeter

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

Motion: At 6:03 pm a motion was made to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) to discuss personnel and RSA 91-A:2, I (a) legal matters.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Personnel and legal matters were discussed.

Motion: To accept the resignation of Erin Emery as presented.

Moved: Dr. Sheckler – **Second:** Mr. Pike

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Motion: At 6:55 pm a motion was made to end the non-public session.

Moved: Mr. Pike – **Second:** Dr. Sheckler

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

The Board members resumed the meeting at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium of the Ossipee Central School. Middleton Board member Kelly Tivnan, Student Representative Jack Larson, and community members joined the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Arakelian.

AGENDA REVIEW

No discussion.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Principal Fournier welcomed everyone to the school for the evening. She reviewed current student enrollment and described their commitment to fostering a nurturing environment at the school where every student can thrive academically and feel a strong sense of belonging while following the school's motto to be "Safe, Responsible, and Respectful." Wildcat Pride assemblies, the grade 6 Spirit Squad, peer helpers, teaching practices, and parent/teacher conferences all contribute to this environment. Upcoming events include a Title I Night and winter concerts.

Principal Fournier introduced Dr. Katey Hills, who welcomed teachers Tracey Holmes and Courtney Sheppard and their 5th grade students who showcased the science competency

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to analyze relationships and impacts of living things within an ecosystem. The students studied the relationship between macro invertebrates and a river ecosystem and how they can signal the health of a body of water. The students shared what they learned during their study of the Smith River and gave each Board member a trading card of their macro invertebrates.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024 School Board meeting as edited.

Discussion: Two clerical edits on page 5.

Moved: Mr. Pike – **Second:** Dr. Sheckler

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 29, 2024 Buildings & Maintenance Committee meeting as written.

Discussion: None

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Mr. Pike, yes

Motion: To approve the accounts payable (\$2,508,132.27) and payroll (\$3,191,856.31) manifests totaling \$5,699,988.58.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

PUBLIC INPUT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Jack Larson presented his monthly summary of Kingswood Regional High School activities, which is attached to the end of these minutes, and thanked the Board for welcoming him to participate.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Curriculum & Assessment Presentation

Dr. Katey Hills presented the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment update. She shared NHSAS testing results for math and ELA, and the Spring results for PSAT and SAT testing. She described the next steps for improving academic achievement using ExactPath for remediation and skill-building. She reviewed ExactPath math and reading testing results and a variety of methods for moving forward with supports, trainings, and coaching opportunities for the District.

Superintendent's District Update

Superintendent Arakelian shared the District update to include the November 21st Safety & Security Task Force meeting, the Strategic Plan Dashboard that is now live and accessible

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on the District and school websites, an update on the lead remediation grant awarded to OCS, and the LRTC DECA trip to North Carolina.

Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Arakelian reviewed her competency-based learning, safety and security, and long-range planning goals that are underway and introduced a new goal of family communication and engagement for the year 2024-2025.

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's goals as presented.

Moved: Ms. Schillereff – **Second:** Dr. Sheckler

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

2025 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Superintendent Arakelian proposed to administer the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) to the students at KRHS.

Motion: To authorize KRHS to administer the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) in the spring of 2025.

Moved: Dr. Sheckler – **Second:** Mr. Pike

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Charitable Donation – KRHS Track & Field

Superintendent Arakelian presented the proposed \$5,000 donation by the Delisle Family Foundation to benefit the KRHS Track & Field team fundraising.

Motion: To accept the donation by the Delisle Family Foundation to benefit the KRHS Track & Field team fundraising.

Moved: Mr. Pike – **Second:** Dr. Sheckler

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Wood Estate Application

Superintendent Arakelian presented a Wood Estate application for \$600 on behalf of a KRHS student.

Motion: To approve the request to expend \$600 from the Wood Estate Expendable Trust Fund to fund a course at NHTI for a KRHS student as presented.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Budget Transfer Request

Superintendent Arakelian presented a budget transfer request on behalf of the Director of Special Education. The request was to transfer \$95,000.00 from the Tuition Public HS line to the Contracted Transportation – In-State KRHS line.

Motion: To approve the budget transfer request as presented.

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

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Pop Whalen Locker Rooms

Superintendent Arakelian reported on the inspection, treatment, professional cleaning, final testing, and current status of the locker rooms at the Pop Whalen Ice Arena, concluding that the Town of Wolfeboro addressed the District's concerns thoroughly and efficiently. Ms. Seibel ~~commented on~~ [stated that someone on a WCTV broadcast mentioned the presence of a mini-fridge with beer](#) in the locker room, uniforms left in the locker rooms at the end of the season, and questioned adherence to an MOU. Mr. Deshaies addressed the lease agreement for use of the locker rooms, the practice of leaving uniforms [in the locker rooms](#) after the season, and the issue of the HVAC being turned off for the summer months. He reminded Ms. Seibel that the Warrant Article for the Pop Whalen locker rooms MOU was voted down this year and suggested that she could share her concerns with and request the lease agreement from the Town of Wolfeboro.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Deshaies shared a summary of the October Delegate Assembly, to include that the universal meals resolution has officially become a part of the NHSBA's standards and beliefs following three years of support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee:

Ms. Seibel presented policies ACF, DAFB, IHAMA, IKFA, ILBAA, IMBD, and IMGA for adoption as 2nd reads, requesting suggested edits by the Board.

Motion: To adopt policies ACF, DAFB, IHAMA, IKFA, ILBAA, IMBD, and IMGA as 2nd reads.

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

Discussion: Mr. Pike requested an explanation for the language change in policy ACN. Ms. Seibel deferred to Assistant Superintendent Cummings who explained that the policy was updated to properly align with the language of recently passed legislation. Mr. Deshaies produced an email explanation as well.

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Ms. Seibel presented policies ACE, ACN, ADC, DID, IC, IF, IFA, IGE, IHAK, IHAM, IHBA, IHBG, JICD, JKAA, and JLDDB for revision as 2nd reads, requesting suggested edits by the Board.

Motion: To approve revised policies ACE, ACN, ADC, DID, IC, IF, IFA, IGE, IHAK, IHAM, IHBA, IHBG, JICD, JKAA, and JLDDB as 2nd reads.

Moved: Mr. Pike – **Second:** Dr. Sheckler

Discussion: none

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

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Building & Maintenance Committee: Mr. Pittman reported on the October 29th committee meeting attended by Effingham, Tuftonboro, and Ossipee emergency management officials who continued the discussion on the combined efforts to improve the necessary emergency shelter equipment and facilities. He briefly reviewed the CIP information and a suggested solar power conversation with Barrington Power from the October committee meeting. He also shared that the next committee meeting is scheduled for December 12th at 2:00pm. Discussion included the pursuit of lead remediation grants for all schools. Ms. Seibel stated that she has some more names of State Representatives to contact regarding testing of the turf field. Mr. Deshaies reported that there is now \$872,000 saved for the new turf field, and there is compelling evidence that it can be replaced with safe materials. Ms. Seibel stated that she is astounded that the emergency shelter MOUs are missing the word “Regional” in GWRSD. Mr. Deshaies confirmed that this will be corrected.

Human Resources Committee: Dr. Manning reported that the GWAT negotiations are complete and negotiations with GWSSA are ongoing.

Ad Hoc Community Relations Committee: Dr. Manning explained the history of this committee as it previously existed and advocated for its return after the April 2025 reorganizational meeting. He shared a written report of the ad hoc meeting.

Motion: To adopt the report, with edits, and request the Academic Affairs Committee to update policy BDE to establish the Community Engagement Committee.

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

Discussion: Ms. Seibel will research the date of disbandment for the previous committee.

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Advanced Planning

Mr. Deshaies read the upcoming activities from the bottom of the agenda.

Public Input

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: At 9:32 pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

Discussion: Mr. Pike commended the work of the SAU team; Ms. Schillereff thanked the parents, teachers, and students for the presentation tonight; Ms. Seibel acknowledged Dr. Manning’s years on the Community Relations Committee.

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, yes; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board: 12/02/2024

Good evening folks

It is great to join you again after missing last meeting for my final golf match as a senior in high school.

To start off my report, I will dive into fall sports. The varsity golf team finished seventh at the division two state tournament this year. The boys soccer team just barely missed the cut for playoffs this year with a record of 5-8-3. The girls soccer teams season came to an end this Monday in a heartbreaking loss to bow high school in overtime. The boys football team ended their season with a dominant win over the Kennett Eagles, 43-6. The girls volleyball team lost to Somersworth in the second round of the playoffs this year. The Cross Country team has a meet this Friday the 8th, which will wrap up the fall season for Kingswood sports. Winter sports registration is open, and teams have started up preseason workouts.

This past month, DECA and FBLA had their fall leadership conferences at the University of New Hampshire. Both clubs are very busy this time of year with fundraisers and volunteer work. The Agriculture Program is building a walkway outside of the middle school. LRTC's Career and Technical Student organizations have installed new officers into their program this past month.

Last month, student council members collected donations for the life ministries food pantry. They did this through collecting admissions to football games, and through homecoming ticket sales. Student council has now started putting together Thanksgiving baskets for local food pantries. There is no date set as of now, but student council members will be seeking donations outside of local grocery stores for the Thanksgiving baskets.

Something to look forward to this month is the Kingswood Theatre programs performance of "Mary Poppins: The Broadway Musical!"

The show is on for three days

Friday the 22nd at 7 pm

Saturday the 23rd at 2pm and 7pm

And their final showing on Sunday the 24th at 2pm

Once again, thank you on behalf of the student board for letting a voice from inside the school be on this school board, we greatly appreciate this opportunity.