

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GWRSD SCHOOL BOARD – CRESCENT LAKE SCHOOL
MARCH 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Deshaies called the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Crescent Lake School.

Members Present: Brodie Deshaies, Guy Pike, James Pittman, Mary Schillereff, Charlene Seibel, Dr. Elizabeth Sheckler, Dr. Jim Manning (6:03), Mr. Bickford (6:05), Dana Streeter (6:21)

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 non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) to discuss personnel matters.

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

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

The group moved to the library where personnel and legal matters were discussed.

Dr. Manning joined the meeting via telephone at 6:03pm.

Mr. Bickford joined the meeting at 6:05pm.

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Dr. Kaitlyn Hills for the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, no; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Motion: To accept the Superintendent's nomination of Aaron Bronson as a 100% teacher for the 2025-2026 school year – Track 4 / Step 14. Salary \$94,986

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

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

Mr. Streeter joined the meeting at 6:21pm.

Motion: To approve the manifest education hardship request for student JP to attend Kingswood Regional High School for the duration of their high school career.

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

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

Motion: To accept the letter of resignation from Principal Brian Beaverstock with appreciation and gratitude.

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

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

Motion: At 6:39 pm a motion was made to end the non-public session.

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

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

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The Board members resumed the meeting at 7:01 in the cafeteria. Middleton Board member Kelly Tivnan, Student Representative Jack Larson, Curriculum Director Dr. Katey Hills, a WCTV videographer, staff, and community members joined the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pittman.

Dr. Manning joined the meeting via telephone and confirmed that he was alone.

AGENDA REVIEW

Special Education Hearing request agenda action item requested by Superintendent Arakelian. Ad Hoc Committee report requested by Dr. Sheckler.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Dr. Katey Hills introduced Ms. Custeau and her Grade 6 students who showcased their engineering creations for an "Invention Convention." Students described their creative thinking process, the problems to be solved, and the design and testing of prototypes for the Board members and audience. Principal Beaverstock described the 9-year tradition of the Invention Convention.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 1, 2025, School Board meeting as written.

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

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

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025, School Board meeting as written.

Moved: Mr. Pike – **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

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025, Buildings & Maintenance Committee meeting as written.

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

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

Motion: To approve the accounts payable (\$2,684,721.88) and payroll (\$3,073,871.06) manifests totaling \$5,758,592.94.

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

Carolyn Wright, Wolfeboro – Commented on the communication to families about the high school reassessment pilot program and its retake threshold, and about grade scale planned for the upcoming school year.

Dayna House, Wolfeboro – Commented on communication to families, staff, and students

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about the reassessment pilot program at the high school.

Danielle Van Deusen, Ossipee – Questioned Robert Bowie’s status as a candidate for School Board in the upcoming election.

Bobbi Boudman – Commented on the replacement materials for the turf field replacement project and requested a copy of the PACE reports.

Angel Boisvert, Tuftonboro – Commented on the discipline for hate speech at the middle school.

Dawn Dore, GWRSD/GWSSA Member – Encouraged the community to vote.

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 the opportunity to share a student voice at the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent’s District Update

Superintendent Arakelian thanked the students for their presentation and thanked the community for their cooperation in responding to the unexpected early release due to loss of power. She also reviewed the upcoming safety meetings scheduled for reunification planning.

Special Education Hearing Request

Superintendent Arakelian presented a request from the Director of Special Education and Counseling Services, Dr. Kelly Mask, to hold a public hearing to discuss accessing the Special Education Trust for unanticipated special education costs to the district during the current school year.

Motion: To hold a public hearing for the Governor Wentworth Regional School District to discuss accessing the Special Education Trust for unanticipated special education costs to the district during the 2024-2025 school year.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

Building & Maintenance Committee:

Mr. Deshaies allowed Mr. Pittman to share the Building & Maintenance report early because he was not able to stay for the entire meeting. Mr. Pittman expressed gratitude for the privilege of serving the District for the past 6 years. Mr. Pittman shared that the committee continued the ongoing consideration of the turf field replacement, reviewed new testing results, and agreed on the recommendation to replace all materials in the field at their February 19th meeting.

Motion: To replace all turf field materials.

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

Discussion: Discussion included negligible positive test results, the intent to not reuse materials, the cost of removing existing materials as included in the quoted cost, the rationale for replacing the field in the coming year, and the content and potential testing of

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the replacement materials. [The SAU is in agreement that they will provide testing results to the Board.](#) Mr. Pike called the question at 8:30pm. Mr. Pittman clarified that the scope of the motion for consideration is that intent is to replace all materials, not recycle.

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, yes; Mr. Pittman, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Seibel, no; Dr. Sheckler, yes; Mr. Streeter, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

Mr. Pittman shared that the “Get The Lead Out” process is complete at Ossipee Central School and the process is underway at New Durham School. He reported that the newly installed HVAC systems in the District have benefited from the opportunity to troubleshoot during the winter weather and that the next committee meeting is on April 16th at 2:00pm.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Mr. Deshaies thanked Mr. Pittman and Mr. Streeter for their service to the District. Mr. Pittman left the meeting at 8:35. Mr. Deshaies shared that sympathies were sent to a staff member and that a community member suggested that all District schools be listed on the front of the ballot flyer that is mailed out prior to the election. He encouraged the community to vote in the election.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Academic Affairs Committee:

Ms. Seibel requested comments from the Board on policy JRA as 2nd Read for adoption.

Motion: To adopt policy JRA as a 2nd Read as presented.

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

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

Ms. Seibel requested comments from the Board on policies EBCA, IKEA, IL, JFA, JFAA, JFABB, JG, JJID, and JLCJ as 2nd reads for reaffirmation as presented.

Motion: To reaffirm policies EBCA, IKEA, IL, JFA, JFAA, JFABB, JG, JJID, and JLCJ as 2nd Reads as presented.

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

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

Ms. Seibel requested comments from the Board on policies EBCH, IKE, IKFCL, ILBA, ILD, IMAH, IMBC, JEB, JFAB, JI, JIC, JICFA, JICH, JICI, JICK, JIH, JJA, JJE, JJF, JJIBA, JJIBB, JJIG, and JLCD as 2nd Reads for revision.

Dr. Sheckler recommended an edit for policy JICK.

Motion: To add “In the event of bullying related to protected characteristics, and particularly in the case of repeat offense, the Board encourages utilizing the full scope of interventions and available reprisals.” to Section V.

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

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

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Motion: To add “Such training will include developmentally appropriate information about protected characteristics increasing the severity of bullying incidents.” to Section VI.

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

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

Dr. Sheckler recommended an edit for policy JICK.

Motion: To add “Such decision shall include instruction for appeal.” to Section XV.

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

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

Motion: To approve revised policies EBCH, IKE, IKFCL, ILBA, ILD, IMAH, IMBC, JEB, JFAB, JI, JIC, JICFA, JICH, JICI, JICK, JIH, JJA, JJE, JJF, JJIBA, JJIBB, JJIG, and JLCD as 2nd Reads as presented.

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

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

Ms. Seibel requested comments from the Board on policies IMB, JEA, JGA, and JJG as 2nd reads for withdrawal.

Motion: To withdraw policies IMB, JEA, JGA, and JJG as 2nd Reads.

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

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

Dr. Sheckler requested discussion of a replacement policy for IMB at the next Academic Affairs meeting.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Deshaies encouraged the community to vote.

Human Resources Committee:

No update.

Ad Hoc Community Relations:

Dr. Sheckler reported on the reinstatement of the Community Relations Committee and the committee’s plan to facilitate a community gathering.

Motion: To authorize the Ad Hoc community Relations Committee to work with the SAU to organize an event to gather members of the district PTOs this spring, and furthermore authorize the SAU to expend unbudgeted funds for this effort.

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

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

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Public Input

Dayna House, Wolfeboro – Thanked the Board for the discussion on hate speech and commented on accountability for policy adherence.

Bobbi Boudman, Wolfeboro – Commented on the definition of bullying, the Special Education hearing request, and the removal of turf field materials [and crumble](#).

Adrian Champagne, Tuftonboro – Commented on personal experience with bullying.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: At 9:25pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Mr. Pike, 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: **4/7/2025**

Good Evening Folks,

I hope you all are adjusted to daylight savings, I still am not, but thankfully I am on time tonight.

Sadly, our winter carnival dance was postponed, not once, but twice due to weather. As of right now, the dance is scheduled for the 21st of March, from 7 to 9:30. Speaking of winter carnival, I can tell you that our winter carnival day on the Friday before winter break went amazing. The day was filled with fun events that got all the students involved. Or at least the ones who decided to show up. It was a great success and I hope that student council continues this trend for years to come.

Into Winter Sports,

The girls ski team brought home second place at states this year. They sent 4 representatives to the Meet of Champions and one of them, Ava Waldron, took home first place for the girls. Good work ski team!

The math team won the Lakes Region Math League this year, and Kingswoods very own Jiner Zhaung was the top scorer in the entire league. Congratulations Math Team!

Both the boys and girls basketball teams were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs this year.

The girls hockey team was eliminated in the quarterfinals by concord.

However, the boys ice hockey team is headed to the semifinals this Wednesday against our arrivals Kennett. The game will be played at Plymouth State University hockey rink at 7:30. Good Luck boys hockey

Spring Sports registration is open but it close on the 15th, make sure you sign your kids up for sports right now! Tryouts for teams will happen shortly after.

The kingswood baseball program will be heading to Myrtle Beach on thursday April 3rd and arriving very early in the morning on Monday April 7th. On behalf of the team, we are very excited and grateful for this opportunity to play baseball down south before most of our competition does. Also, this means Ill be nice and tan for our next meeting.

This Month FBLA and KRHS Robotics have overnight trips. The Robotics team will head to Lewiston ME for an overnight trip, and FBLA will head to the Manchester for their State Leadership conference on March 20th. Goodluck FBLA and Robotics!

Kingswoods Theatre program will perform She Kills Monsters this Friday at 7pm and Sunday at 2pm! I can't wait to see them perform! Break a Leg Theatre!

That is all I have for you tonight

I would like to take a moment to thank you all on behalf of the student body for allowing a voice from inside the school on this prestigious board.

Thank you, and have a great night!