

GWRSD BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

SAU CONFERENCE ROOM

March 2, 2026 2:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.

Members Present: Dr. James Manning, Kirsten Burke, Kayla Hewitt (2:10 pm virtual), Nate Williams (2:10 pm virtual)

Administration Present: Superintendent Caroline Arakelian
Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes

Also Present:

Phil Custeau, Sarah Custeau (District Maintenance Supervisor, Assistant – GWRSD)

CARPENTER SCHOOL UPDATE

Superintendent Arakelian updated the committee on the Carpenter School project, sharing high praise for the team of people who have worked tirelessly throughout the project. Phase 1 of the ceiling renovation has been completed and the transition out of the modulars is underway.

NEW DURHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER REMEDIATION UPDATE

Ms. Custeau reported that during the upcoming April break three water bubblers and 2 ceiling valves will be replaced. During the summer break the cold water valves in the kitchen will be replaced.

OSSIPEE CENTRAL WATER REMEDIATION COMPLETED

Ms. Custeau reported that water remediation at OCS has been finalized. Certificates of Completion for the "Get the Lead Out" program will be posted on school websites for Carpenter School, Crescent Lake School, Effingham Elementary School, Ossipee Central School, and Kingswood Regional High School (to include LRTC and KAC). New Durham School will be in compliance following the completion of the kitchen and bubbler work. The Middle School and Tufonboro Central School are still working through some issues before they can be complete.

OSSIPEE CENTRAL ROOF REPAIR

The Ossipee Central School roof is experiencing an ice dam due to the buildup of snow which is, in turn, creating a leak in the nurse's office shower area. A roofing company has applied calcium chloride to the roof to melt the ice and will assess the roof for repair in the spring.

BUS REPLACEMENT CYCLE

Ms. O'Blenes explained that the District typically leases 3 buses each year and last year that number was increased to four per year. The District always buys the leased buses at the end of their term. A wheelchair bus was also added to the fleet this year. She reported that the District operates 38 active vehicles on a rotating schedule for students; 30 77-passenger buses for 9 schools, 4 wheelchair buses (plus one), and 6 7-

passenger vans. The District is in the process of submitting a grant application for one new 77-passenger bus.

The committee discussed the number of miles that are on the vehicles that are pulled out of service, the challenges of buses that are pulled out of service for repairs, driver illness/absences, student ridership numbers, and route logistics.

OTHER BUSINESS

There will be a public hearing in the town of Ossipee for a property across the street from the school.

NEXT MEETING

To be determined after Board reorganization.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Lagace
School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board: **4/6/2026**