

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JOINT BOARDS – LAKES REGION TECHNOLOGY CENTER
GWRSD SCHOOL BOARD – KINGSWOOD REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
MAY 4, 2026

The Joint Boards meeting was held at the Lakes Region Technology Center prior to the regularly scheduled GWRSD School Board meeting. The following Districts were represented: Governor Wentworth, Prospect Mountain, Farmington, Middleton, and Moultonborough.

The evening began at 6:00pm. Joint Board members engaged with Lakes Region Technology Center students who were on hand to share their projects and discuss programs. Refreshments were provided by the Culinary Program students. Principal Kathy Tetreault invited guests to join in student-led tours of the building and programs.

Following the tours, Superintendent Arakelian welcomed the group as the meeting began in the Skylight Dining Room. Jennifer Ouellet, Student Services Coordinator, and Scott Sawyer, Work-Based Learning/Career Counselor, explained the Student Ambassador program that is in its fourth year and described the students' responsibilities. The Student Ambassadors in attendance introduced themselves.

Principal Kathy Tetreault also welcomed the guests to learn about the mission, focus, and goals of the programs at the LRTC. She discussed some program statistics, highlighted notable program accomplishments, and shared initiatives to look forward to in the future. She explained enrollment trends and an enhanced application process aimed at improving the graduation rate by properly aligning career pathways with student interest. She thanked the guests for their continued support and invited them to the End-of-Year celebration on May 21st from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

Motion: To approve the Perkins Grant Funds and support the program initiatives for the 2026-2027 school year.

Moved: Brodie Deshaies, GWRSD – **Second:** Kirsten Burke, GWRSD

Vote: All in favor.

The Joint Boards meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. The GWRSD School Board members and administrators proceeded to the Middle School for the regularly scheduled board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Deshaies called the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting to order at 7:30pm in the Kingswood Regional Middle School gymnasium.

Members Present: Brodie Deshaies, Tom Bickford, Kirsten Burke, Dr. Jim Manning, Mary Schillereff, Danielle Van Dusen, Nate Williams

Members Absent: Dayna House

Also present: Superintendent Caroline Arakelian, Assistant Superintendent Kaitlyn Hills, Business Administrator Kathy O'Blenes, Student Representative Bryce Sandlin, Kelly Tivnan, GWRSD administrative staff, community members, and a WCTV videographer

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Burke.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Principal Kerry Hunt welcomed the Board and community to Kingswood Regional Middle School. Principal Hunt introduced Mr. Little and his students, who presented their projects on the Punic Wars between Rome and Carthage in the style of a “museum walk.” School Board members were very impressed with the students’ knowledge and the quality of their materials.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

The School Board members interviewed Ralph Estey for the vacant New Durham seat. Mr. Estey explained his interest in an appointment to the School Board and answered questions posed by School Board members.

Motion: To appoint Ralph Estey to fill the New Durham School Board vacancy until the March elections.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

OATH OF OFFICE

School District Clerk Michelle Capone administered the Oath of Office to Ralph Estey. Mr. Estey read School Board Policy BCA, School Board Member Ethics, and signed the Ethics Agreement.

AGENDA REVIEW

A budget transfer request was added per Superintendent request; a Committee Assignments agenda item and an Interim Superintendent announcement agenda item were added per the School Board Chair.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 6, 2026 School Board meeting as amended.

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

Discussion: Mr. Deshaies noted the correction of one word on page 2.

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, abstain

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 22, 2026 and April 23, 2026 Non-Public School Board meetings as presented.

Moved: Dr. Manning – **Second:** Ms. Burke

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, abstain

Motion: To approve the accounts payable (\$2,114,695.87) and payroll (\$936,120.76) manifests totaling \$3,050,816.63

Moved: Ms. Burke – **Second:** Mr. Williams

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Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, abstain

PUBLIC INPUT

Jon Sheckler, New Durham – Read a statement expressing support for the District and concern for underperforming schools while acknowledging the pressures of home life and the need for more community engagement and volunteerism.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Deshaies congratulated Bryce Sandlin for earning the NHSBA's annual scholarship for the Lakes Region. Bryce shared his monthly summary of Kingswood Regional High School activities. His report is attached to the end of these minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's District Update

Superintendent Arakelian shared that the modulars have been removed from the Carpenter School location. She announced that Ossipee Central School PTO has received a very generous anonymous donation of \$300,000 toward the improvement of the playground. She also reported that discussions are ongoing regarding potential summer opportunities for Effingham and Ossipee students.

General Assurances

Superintendent Arakelian presented the annual General Assurances to be signed by the Board Chair.

Motion: To approve the General Assurances as presented for the School Board Chair to sign on behalf of the District.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

Wood Estate Application

Superintendent Arakelian presented a Wood Estate Expendable Trust Fund Application for \$5,000 for Class of 2026 scholarships for KRHS seniors (5/\$1000).

Motion: To approve the Wood Estate Trust Fund Application for \$5,000 in scholarships for FY2027 as presented.

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

Discussion: Ms. O'Blenes did not provide the current fund balance available because this item will not be applied until FY2027.

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

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Copier Bid

Ms. O'Blenes explained the copier bid for the next five-year lease agreement which provides cost savings while ensuring reliable and efficient copier/printer services.

Motion: To approve the proposed tax-exempt lease with M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC, for the purposes of refinancing and funding photocopy equipment leases including consultant fees and related costs of issuances of such leases in an amount not to exceed three hundred forty-nine thousand, five hundred thirty-eight dollars and sixty-three cents (\$349,538.63) and an interest rate of 5.09% per year through August 1, 2031.

Moved: Ms. Van Dusen – **Second:** Ms. Burke

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

Motion: To authorize the Superintendent to execute and deliver the tax-exempt lease with M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC, on such terms and conditions discussed and provided to the Board and to execute and deliver any such documents required to execute the contract with Specialized Purchasing Consultants, Inc.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

Budget Transfer Request

Motion: To approve the Special Education budget transfer request as presented.

Moved: Ms. Burke – **Second:** Mr. Williams

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, abstain; Mr. Estey, yes

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Deshaies congratulated Bryce Sandlin on his award of the NHSBA scholarship again and shared that sympathies were sent to staff members on behalf of the Board.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Mr. Deshaies shared the letter and gift that was sent to all staff for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week.

NHSBA Resolutions

Mr. Deshaies shared the first draft of a resolution he created for submission to the NHSBA.

Motion: To approve the draft resolution for submission to the NHSBA as presented.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

NHSBA Training

Mr. Deshaies will contact the NHSBA to schedule an advocacy workshop.

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November Finance Committee Locations

The Board discussed the potential advantages of offering the finance committee meetings at different locations, the ability to live stream the meetings, the way athletic and other school activities could conflict with location availability, and how to further support community interest in understanding the finance process. No action taken.

School Board Committee Assignments

Mr. Deshaies requested that Board members email him with their preferences for committee assignments. Committee assignments will be on the June agenda.

Interim Superintendent Announcement

Mr. Deshaies announced that Scott Laliberte has been selected as the District's Interim Superintendent for the 2026-2027 school year and will begin on July 1st. Mr. Laliberte plans to attend the June meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee:

Mr. Deshaies presented policies EBBCA and GBEBB as 2nd Reads for adoption and requested comments from the Board.

Motion: To approve School Board policies EBBCA and GBEBB as 2nd Reads for adoption.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

Mr. Deshaies presented policies EB, EBBB, EBCD, EHAC, EHB, FF, GBEF, and GBGA as 2nd Reads for reaffirmation and requested comments from the Board.

Motion: To approve the reaffirmation of School Board policies EB, EBBB, EBCD, EHAC, EHB, FF, GBEF, and GBGA as 2nd Reads.

Moved: Ms. Van Dusen – **Second:** Mr. Williams

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

Mr. Deshaies presented policies EBCG, EHAB, IC, IHCD, IJAA, IJL, JCA, JICK, JLCJA, and LEB as 2nd Reads for revision and requested comments from the Board.

Motion: To approve the revision of School Board policies EBCG, EHAB, IC, IHCD, IJAA, IJL, JCA, JICK, JLCJA, and LEB as 2nd Reads.

Moved: Ms. Burke – **Second:** Dr. Manning

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

Mr. Deshaies presented policy DIE, reporting that NHSBA recommended that the Board not revise the policy at this time due to upcoming legislation that will likely require NHSBA revision of the policy in the fall.

Motion: To refer policy DIE back to committee.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

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Mr. Deshaies presented policies EBBCF, EBCF, and KFD as 2nd Reads for withdrawal and requested comments from the Board.

Motion: To approve the withdrawal of School Board policies EBBCF, EBCF, and KFD as 2nd Reads.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

Building & Maintenance Committee:

No report.

Community Relations:

No report.

Finance Committee:

No report.

Human Resources Committee:

No report.

NON-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Wolfeboro CIP

Motion: To request that the town of Wolfeboro remove the non-voting GWRSD School Board member from the CIP Committee.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

WCTV

Ms. Schillereff shared news of a social event and tours.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Advanced Planning

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

Public Input

None

Motion: At 9:25 pm a motion was made to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

The remaining community members in the audience left the room.

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's renomination of Vaughn Beckwith as the Athletic Director for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

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Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of the nine nurse candidates as presented:

- Dawn Alie 100% School Nurse Track G/Step 12 \$85,418.32
- Melissa Dorman 100% School Nurse Track E/Step 13 \$85,892.56
- Kaitrin Downey 100% School Nurse Track E/Step 13 \$85,892.56
- Stacy Goodspeed 100% School Nurse Track F/Step 13 \$89,088.48
- Jolene Jendrock 50% School Nurse Track E/Step 13 \$42,946.28
- Amy Johnson 50% School Nurse Track E/Step 13 \$42,946.28
- Cynthia Levesque 100% School Nurse Track E/Step 13 \$85,892.56
- Aimee Proulx-DeCain 100% School Nurse Track F/Step 13 \$89,088.48
- Jennifer Williams 100% School Nurse Track D/Step 12 \$76,146.72

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes. Mr. Williams abstained from voting on Ms. Williams' nomination to the OCS nurse position.

Motion: To accept the retirements/resignations of Carrie Glidden, Amanda DiBiasie, Christopher Nelson, and Kim Shields as presented.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

Motion: To accept the resignation of Ms. O'Blenes as presented with regret and appreciation.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, yes; Ms. Burke, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes; Mr. Estey, yes

Ms. O'Blenes left the meeting at 10:08pm.

Motion: At 10:39pm a motion was made to end the non-public session.

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: At 10:39pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary

Approved by School Board: 6/1/2026

Good Evening Everybody,

Following Spring Break last week students and teachers are now entering the final stretch of the school year. Next Saturday Kingswood will have its prom on the Mount Washington and Promenade will be held in Cate park before students get on the boat. This year's prom was planned by the Juniors and will be a casino theme. Field day is in the works as well and will come in the following weeks, which will include a plethora of games and activities for students to enjoy. Gold scholar applications are being submitted now at the high school and their annual luncheon will be held on the 27th at the Back Bay Boathouse. Academic awards night will be held on May 28th in the Arts Center from 6-8pm as well. On May 30th, The Best Buddies program will be participating in a walk in North Conway. AP Tests will be held this week and next week for students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes. Looking at athletics now, Boys baseball is off to a hot 6-0 start, with softball also looking good at 5-2. Boys lacrosse is also 3-1 and girls lacrosse is 2-4. Outdoor track is also looking promising with strong times overall in the meets so far. The seniors are taking a class trip to some escape rooms in Boston on May 15th as well. Look ahead, the senior banquet will be held on June 5th and graduation will be on June 12th, with a rain date of the 13th and the last day of school for all students will come on June 17th.

Thank you, and have a good rest of your night.