

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
GWRSD SCHOOL BOARD – KINGSWOOD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
JUNE 1, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Burke called the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board meeting to order at 6:00pm in the Kingswood Regional High School Lecture Hall.

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

Members Absent: Brodie Deshaies (6:11pm), Ralph Estey

Also present: Superintendent Caroline Arakelian, Assistant Superintendent Kaitlyn Hills

Motion: At 6:00pm 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. Williams

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

The group moved to room 211. Personnel and legal matters were discussed. Mr. Deshaies arrived at 6:11pm.

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Adriana Komst as the Business Administrator for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Salary \$130,738

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

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

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Lindsey Agneta as a 100% School Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Track 3/Step 13 \$85,892.56

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

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

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Caitlin Harris as a 100% School Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Track 1/Step 1 \$49,444.72

Moved: Dr. Manning – **Second:** Ms. Van Dusen

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

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Anne Longver as a 100% School Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Track 3/Step 12 \$79,907.24

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

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

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Colleen Semler as a 100% School Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Track 3/Step 2 \$53,154.40

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

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

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Motion: At 7:02pm a motion was made to end the non-public session.

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

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

The Board members resumed the meeting at 7:04 pm in the Lecture Hall. Student Representative Bryce Sandlin, Middleton School Board Representative Kelly Tivnan, staff, community members, and the WCTV Videographer joined the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. House.

AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Deshaies added an additional Non-Public session for legal discussion to the end of the meeting agenda.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Principal Kathy Tetreault introduced herself and shared a brief video of five LRTC students who traveled to Atlanta, GA to compete in the 2026 SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) and National Championships. This career and technical education showcase event features over 6,000 state champions competing in more than 100 skill and leadership events. The five LRTC students won their State Competition categories in order to attend for the week. Principal Tetreault introduced Joseph Faragher, Business and Graphic Design Teacher. Mr. Faragher described the graphic design program, highlighted student achievements, and shared several t-shirt designs and the newest KRHS yearbook with the School Board. Principal Tetreault invited the Board members and community to view a [youtube video](#) created by *VisitNewHampshire* about New Hampshire's CTE schools, which includes a piece on LRTC's Marine Technology Program. The video is linked on the LRTC website. Mr. Williams thanked Principal Tetreault for the Joint Boards meeting held in May.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 4, 2026 School Board meeting as presented.

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

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

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 6, 2026 School Board workshop as presented.

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

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

Motion: To approve the accounts payable (\$2,879,494.84) and payroll (\$3,238,583.18) manifests totaling \$6,118,078.02

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

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

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PUBLIC INPUT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Deshaies thanked Bryce Sandlin for his participation at each monthly board meeting and presented him with a gift on behalf of the School Board. Bryce shared his final summary of Kingswood Regional High School activities for the month of May. His report is attached to the end of these minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's District Update

Superintendent Arakelian shared that Phase 2 of the Carpenter Renovation will begin slightly ahead of schedule. She also shared that OCS, EES, the Ossipee Rec Department, and the School's Out Program are partnering to provide an expanded six-week program for students and families from July 6th to August 14th. Recycled Percussion visited Ossipee Central School on May 7th. Dr. Arakelian expressed her gratitude and sense of honor to serve the Governor Wentworth Regional School District as Superintendent for the past four years.

OCS Playground Plan

Superintendent Arakelian shared the proposed OCS playground plan as presented by the OCS PTO, noting that a significant anonymous donation for the project has been received by the PTO.

Motion: To approve the OCS playground project plan as presented and authorize the OCS PTO to proceed with construction of the playground on district property, subject to all applicable safety, insurance, and district requirements.

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

Discussion: Principal Andrea Fournier introduced Caitlyn Cook, President of the OCS PTO, Chris Martin, Ultiplay playground designer, and Jonathan Kemper, parent member of the Playground Committee. Ms. Cook, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Kemper described their roles in the playground project and answered questions from the Board.

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

Budget Transfer Request

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

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

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

Authority to Hire

Superintendent Arakelian explained the request to grant the Superintendent the authority to hire professional staff in the time between the June and August meetings.

Motion: To grant the Superintendent the authority to hire professional staff between the June and August Board meetings, with all such hires to be presented to the Board for ratification at the August meeting.

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Discussion: Discussion included the ability to offer contracts to qualified candidates without delay during the critical summer hiring period, the opportunity for the School Board to ratify the nominations at the August meeting, and a concern that the School Board could potentially disagree with a nomination.

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

Vote: Mr. Bickford, no, Ms. Burke, yes; Ms. House, yes; Dr. Manning, yes; Ms. Schillereff, yes; Ms. Van Dusen, yes; Mr. Williams, yes; Mr. Deshaies, yes

KRMS Equity Update

Dr. Hills presented a comprehensive update on racial bias work in process at KRMS and across the district. Discussion included appreciation for the attention being paid to the subject of racial bias, news of improvement, the ability for all students to have equal access to learning opportunities, and the importance of consistency in managing the educational environment.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Deshaies congratulated Bryce Sandlin on his award of the NHSBA scholarship again, shared a letter to the Board from the KRHS Alumni Association which is attached at the end of these minutes, an invitation to an EES volunteer celebration, a thank you card from the students who traveled to Ireland in April with the financial support of the Wood Estate Trust Fund, noted the upcoming KRHS graduation date and the last day of school, and shared that sympathies were sent to staff members on behalf of the Board.

Committee Assignments

Mr. Deshaies announced that committee assignments were completed based upon personal requests submitted by Board members.

Board Goal Setting and Advocacy Planning

Board members agreed on August 13th and August 11th as potential dates that work for everyone to meet. These two dates were reserved for a workshop day with NHSBA for Board goal setting and advocacy planning. Mr. Deshaies will confirm one of these dates with NHSBA.

End-of-Year Events

Mr. Deshaies confirmed that KRHS Graduation will be held on June 12th and the last day of school is June 17th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee:

Mr. Deshaies shared a summary report of the work accomplished by the committee this year.

Building & Maintenance Committee:

No report.

Community Relations:

No report.

Finance Committee:

Finance Committee members agreed to meet on July 14th at 5pm at the SAU to review the FY2025 audit. Mr. Deshaies welcomed the new Business Administrator, Adriana Komst,

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who was seated in the audience.

Human Resources Committee:

Mr. Deshaies shared that the exploratory working group met with an insurance broker as part of the process of considering alternative health insurance options for the district.

NON-COMMITTEE REPORTS

WCTV

Ms. Schillereff acknowledged the WCTV videographer, Joey, for his important work.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Advanced Planning

Mr. Deshaies read the GWRSD website statement from the bottom of the agenda.

Public Input

Bobbi Boudman, NH State Representative for Wolfeboro – Invited the Board and community to attend an event at the NH State House in Concord on June 3rd as the KRHS theater group is honored by the Governor.

Mr. Deshaies introduced Interim Superintendent, Scott Laliberte, who was seated in the audience.

Motion: At 8:26pm a motion was made to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) to discuss legal matters.

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

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

The group moved to room 211. Legal matters were discussed.

Motion: To approve the Settlement Agreement between the parties with edits to section 3 and section 4 as discussed.

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

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

Motion: At 9:48pm a motion was made to end non-public session.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: At 9:48pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



School Board Secretary; Approved by School Board: 8/10/2026

Good evening everyone,

With this being our last school board meeting, I'd like to congratulate all of our teachers, students and staff across the district on another great year. With the school year winding down we have a bunch of events coming up these next couple of weeks. This Thursday in the Arts Center is scholarship night for seniors who qualify, and on Friday senior banquet in the gym both at 6pm. Sunday the 7th will be baccalaureate at 1pm in the arts center for the graduating class of 2026. Athletic awards will be on June 11th, and graduation will be held on the 12th at 6pm on Alumni Field. The last day of school for all students will be a half day on the 17th. Moving onto athletics, the baseball team has secured the second seed and will play in the quarterfinals this Saturday at home, and Lacrosse will also have a home playoff game this Thursday at 5. Track and field just had their state meet, where they had several members qualify for the meet of champions which will be Saturday at Oyster River. Softball will also have their home playoff game this Saturday at 4pm after clinching the 3 seed. Finally, this past weekend the Kingswood chorus group competed in Washington D.C where they came back with two first places, including one for best overall group. I'd like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to represent my peers on the school board. It has truly been one of the most unique experiences I've had and I am extremely grateful. Thank you and have a good summer everybody!