

**GOVERNOR WENTWORTH REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Region #9 Vocational-Technical Education Center**  
Monday, September 14, 2009

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The school board meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair James Rines.  
**Members Present:** Wendi Fenderson, Dr. James B. Manning, Donald Meader, Charlene Seibel, Stacy Trites

Members Absent: Ernest Brown, Diane Drelick, John Widmer

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**III. AGENDA REVIEW**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of August 17, 2009 as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Fenderson                      Seconded by: Dr. Manning

Vote: Five voted in favor, including the Chair. Ms. Seibel abstained.

**V. PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input at this time.

**VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

The Board welcomed Tim Campbell, the new Student Representative for 2009-2010. A copy of Tim's report is attached.

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**A. School Opening**

Mr. Robertson reported he recently met with GWEA President, Maureen Wheeler who informed him she would like to have a teacher attend each Board meeting in an effort to stay informed. He welcomed KRHS Science Teacher, Cassie Burnham who was present at this meeting.

Mr. Robertson briefly reviewed the opening day enrollment numbers. He provided an update on All Staff Day when author, Jodee Blanco came to speak to the staff about her life and lessons learned from the perspective of the victim of bullying. The support staff met with South Carolina's Teacher of the Year, Anne Marie Taylor. She was a very likeable, dynamic person who sees the glass as half full. She provided the staff with strategies to help the recalcitrant learners. Mr. Robertson reported the auditors were here to review 2008-2009. Preparing a new budget for 2010-2011 is now in full swing.

**B. Preparing for H1N1**

Mr. Robertson attended the Commissioner's meeting last Friday where the superintendents met Dr. Jose Montero, The Director of NH Public Health Services. Dr. Montero provided information on the availability of flu vaccine and which high risk groups would be getting 190,000 doses that are slated to come to NH. The CDC is very

interested in data collection, which essentially is information about how the germ spreads but not on the severity of the cases. There was a brief discussion about attendance during a possible outbreak and how that would affect AYP which has an attendance component. Mr. Robertson reported the Dept. of Education has been alerted and is talking to Washington about potential waivers for schools that might need to close in the event of a large outbreak.

#### C. Race to the Top

Assistant Superintendent Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert addressed the Board with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation on the federal government's latest plan *Race to the Top*. The U.S. Department of Education plans to award \$4.35 billion dollars in grants to the nation's schools. The plan is based on four pillars: Standards and Assessment, Effective Teachers and Leaders, Data Systems and Struggling Schools.

Mrs. Cuddy-Egbert reviewed the key features of *Race to the Top* and what comes next. This plan will dramatically change the face of education as we know it. Commissioner Barry is already talking about how NH will meet the federal criteria in order to apply for the grant funds. This is the largest funded education process in history. Mr. Robertson stated it appeared only 20 states would be qualified to go after these dollars and NH is one of them due to one attractive factor, the NECAP. At the recent Commissioner's meeting the superintendents asked the question, if this is grant money, what happens after that? No one knows the answer. Mrs. Cuddy-Egbert wanted to inform the Board about this plan that appears to be on the fast track so school districts will be ready. The Board thanked Kathy for her informative presentation.

#### D. Cell Tower Transaction

Mr. Robertson reported the exchange is moving forward with the Town of Wolfeboro. He had been concerned about the water tower's need for a right-of-way across school district property and the problem was the defined right of way in the original deed might interfere with our upcoming building project. He had the deed modified to give the District the right to change the right of way to another location, if needed.

#### E. Legislative Update

Mr. Robertson reported continued concerns about the state's revenue side of their budget. One of the problems was the rumor that the revenue side was inflated by \$75 million. If the economy booms and that goes away, that would be great. In August the state's revenue was \$17.6 million less than projected. After two months of the biennium the State of NH is already approaching a \$23 million dollar shortfall. These shortfalls are coming from rooms & meals taxes, tobacco taxes, and from business taxes so this remains a big concern. The State of NH also lost the \$9 million from nursing homes and there is the \$110 million from the joint underwriting association with physicians which is currently being appealed by the Supreme Court. Most people think there is no chance of that decision being overturned. The State of NH also has another problem with the NH Municipal Association's lawsuit that Governor Wentworth has joined, regarding the NH Retirement System. This involves about \$90 million.

### VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

#### A. Correspondence

Mr. Rines read a list of sympathy cards that have been sent over the summer months and one birth announcement for a staff member.

## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Academic Affairs

Mrs. Trites reported the next meeting will be held on September 28, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

### B. Building & Maintenance

Mr. Robertson reported in Mr. Brown's absence that the Clerk of the Works has been hired and will begin around October 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom Beaudet of Hopkinton, NH was selected after interviewing two other candidates who were also very good.

### C. Public Relations

Dr. Manning had nothing to report at this time.

### D. Finance

No report at this time.

### E. School & Human Resources

No report at this time.

## X. CLOSING ACTIVITIES

### A. Advanced Planning

Mr. Rines noted the events scheduled at the bottom of the agenda.

### B. Public Input

There was no public input at this time.

### C. Closing Comments

Tim Campbell thanked the Board for the warm welcome. The other members welcomed Tim and stated it was nice to have him on board. Ms. Seibel agreed with previous comments and added rehearsals have begun for KRHS's production of "*The Wedding Singer*" that is scheduled for November 5, 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>. She urged community members to attend the high school's *Community Back To School Night* scheduled for this Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rines thanked Mrs. Cuddy-Egbert for her presentation on the change that is coming.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Moved by: Mr. Meader                      Seconded by: Ms. Seibel

Vote: All voted in favor, including the Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne K. Fiorini  
School Board Secretary

Teachers hired since the 8/17/09 Board meeting.

Kristan Sheffer as 50% PLATO Teacher at Kingswood Regional High School, on Track 3, Step 7 at a salary of \$20,488 for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Student Representative Report – Tim Campbell**

- Both teachers and students have survived starting school almost two weeks early. It helps knowing that we are scheduled to get out on May 28, 2010.
- On August 19<sup>th</sup>, the high school had Jumpstart Day for incoming freshmen and transfer students.
- There are 253 student-athletes participating in fall sports this year. This is out of 868 total students. All sports are off to a great start.
- Student Council elections took place last week for the freshmen class. Over half (60%) of the class voted. There was great participation in students running for every position. Congratulations to Amanda Spiller for being elected Class President as a transfer student this year.
- Members of the Student Council will be going on a field trip on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> to plan for this year's Homecoming week. They will pick theme, judges, etc.
- Community Back to School Night is Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Agricultural Science program has moved the log landing from near the football field to the back of Crescent Lake School. This is due to the help of Chairman, Mr. James Rines.
- In Agricultural Science, students are preparing for fair season. From October 1<sup>st</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup> students will be competing in the Woodsman Competition at the Deerfield Fair.
- Jessica Champion will be attending the National Leadership Conference in Health Science Technology as part of HOSA.
- Members of the Construction Trades have built a barn for Mr. Lang.
- Mr. Brideau has become our new Chef in Culinary Arts. The Skylight Dining Room will be opening to the public on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The School Store opened on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Music Department is pleased to welcome Mr. Liedke as their new Music Instructor.
- Including Mr. Liedke we also welcoming 7 new staff members. This does not include Mr. Donnelly, who is now our Principal.
- We are off to a great start and looking forward to another exciting year at Kingswood Regional High School.