

Keene School District

Keene Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2026

Called to Order: 4:38pm

Time Adjourned: 5:21pm

Location: Jonathan Daniels PD Center, 227 Maple Ave Keene, NH 03431

In Attendance

Russell Denney, Board Member

George Downing, Chair

Jennifer Friedman, Board Secretary

Randy Filiault, Board Member

Dylan Germana, Board Member

Heather Gilligan, Board Member

Kris E. Roberts, Parliamentarian

Paige Walker, Vice Chair

Jason Washer, Board Member

Robert Malay, Superintendent

Benjamin White, Assistant Superintendent

Sharyn D'Eon, Assistant Superintendent

Anne Elser, Director of Student Services

Cindy Gallagher, KHS Principal

Called to Order

Chair Downing called the meeting to order at 4:38pm.

Mr. Downing opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Roberts moved to enter a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 for staff personnel, student personnel and negotiations. Mr. Germana seconded. Motion passed 8-0 by a roll call vote.

Meeting entered a non-public session at 4:40pm

Meeting returned to a public session at 5:15pm

Public Input

Public input opened at 5:15pm. There was no public, but the public input would remain open for the remainder of the meeting.

Report of the Standing Committees

Policy Committee

Policies for Second Read

JLCB- Immunization of Students

Mr. Downing moved, on behalf of the Policy Committee, that the Keene Board of Education approve

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Policy JLCB. Mr. Walker seconded.

This was based on State law and was now being backed up by policy. This granted the needed changes for the nurses to be able to follow this policy.

Motion passed 9-0.

ACF- Food and Nutrition Services: Anti-Discrimination and Civil Rights Complaints

Mr. Downing moved, on behalf of the Policy Committee, that the Keene Board of Education approve Policy ACF. Mr. Walker seconded.

The federal government changed the definition of civil rights, which were reflected in this policy. The only changes to this policy are to match the federal law. In other District policies, students and staff still have the protections they had prior to this language change.

Motion passed 9-0.

IMBD- High School Credit for 7th/8th Grade Course Work

Mr. Downing moved, on behalf of the Policy Committee, that the Keene Board of Education approve Policy IMBD. Mr. Walker seconded.

This policy had some changes made based on ongoing efforts on ways to recognize middle school students who have academic credentials to earn high school credits.

Motion passed 9-0.

Superintendent Malay introduced the new assistant superintendent, Sharyn D'Eon, (previously the Chesterfield School Principal) and Anne Elser as the Director of Student Services.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Samperisi, Stenographer