

Kearsarge Regional School Board
 January 6, 2022
Open to Public – MASK required

I Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32pm .
II Pledge of Allegiance	Ben Cushing led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III Roll Call	Present: Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Emma Bates, Art Bobruff, Emilio Cancio-Bello, Ben Cushing, Eric Gregoire, Kristen Schultz; Beth Perkins (KREA Representative); Maggie Ellison, (Student Rep), Bebe Casey Absent
	<i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to allow Bebe Casey to participate in the meeting via zoom, Kristen Schultz seconded – The motion carried 7-0-0</i>
IV Approval of Minutes	<i>Alison Mastin made the motion to approve the minutes of 12/23/21 as amended Ben Cushing seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 Ken Bartholomew abstained.</i>
V Reports of Administration	<p>Chair Report: Chair Bartholomew stated that the current bill regarding School Vouchers in the NH House has been tabled for the rest of the session.</p> <p>Superintendent’s Report: Supt Feneberg requested a date change on the current calendar from February 1 to February 9 for an Independent Study day for students. <i>Kristen Schultz made the motion to approve the calendar change as presented, Ben Cushing seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0</i></p> <p>Supt. Feneberg read a letter from Patricia D’Angelo, KRHS Secretary announcing her retirement, with regrets, effective June 30, 2022 <i>The Board wished Ms. D’Angelo their best and acknowledged her years of dedication to the district.</i></p> <p>COVID Update – The Monday back from vacation showed Bradford Elementary and NLES struggling with an increase of students and staff absent. We are all dealing with this the best we can. Numbers today are 62 students positive and 82 quarantining and 13 staff positive with 10 quarantining. COVID has clearly been putting a strain on our schools, all hands are on deck to keep schools open.</p> <p>Chair Bartholomew asked what the plan was if the rate of infection continues to increased and when do we start to communicate with the public.</p> <p>Supt. Feneberg responded that we will go to school until we can’t go anymore and that we will keep it in our view and not comment until we need to. Further discussion of how long we can go if we lose more drivers. Consolidating bus routes. Many parents are driving their children to school which helps.</p> <p>Assist. Superintendent Bessette added that KRSD opted to keep the 10 day quarantine at this time as it felt the 5 day guidance from the CDC wasn’t applicable to the school environment. Mixed messages are received from the NH Dept. of Ed.</p>

	<p>The NH DHHS has released a new report which we will be reviewed. Our tracing data was not showing school athletics the cause of spreading COVID. Socializing outside of school and parents not adhering to the guidelines when their child shows symptoms seem to be the cause of spread. KN95 masks are being requested more.</p> <p>KRHS Principal Langille stated that the planned trip to Europe has been cancelled and refunds are being processed.</p> <p>Mr. Bessette added that the Orlando Trip and Nature’s Classroom cancellation is to be considered soon.</p>
	<p><i>Student Representative Report: Maggie Ellison</i> <i>(Out of Order)</i> Students are concerned with COVID and are being more cautious Nordic Team Meet– Boys placed first, girls second Swim Team and Wrestling Team had meets National Honor Society – Book Sale for Families in Transition</p> <p><i>Assistant Superintendent’s Report:</i> Mr. Bessette reported the Supervision Evaluation and Professional Development Committee met. Focusing on models to build trust and continue to hold high standard competency based models. Kudos to staff working on the committee.</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent Bessette also wanted to make the Board aware of Scott Lanier-District Electrician and Chipper Fletcher-KRHS Groundskeeper as two valuable employees to this district that are willing to pitch in and take on new responsibilities when needed.</p> <p><i>Business Administrator’s Report:</i> Mr. LeBoeuf requested permission to lock in propane at the rate of \$1.989 for an additional 25,000 gallons. <i>Alison Mastin made the motion to approve permission to lock in for the propane rate as presented. Ben Cushing seconded.</i> <i>The motion carried 8-0-0</i></p> <p><i>KREA Representative Report: Beth Perkins</i> wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for their courage and dedication and further stated how fortunate this district is for our leaders.</p>
<p>VI Public Comment</p>	<p>No Public Comment</p>
<p>VIII New Business</p>	<p>a) Unanticipated Revenue -Donation of \$1,000 from Harvard University toward the KRMS lunch program <i>Emilio Cancio-Bello made the motion to accept the donation of \$1,000 as presented, Kristen Schultz, seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0</i></p>

	<p>b) Response Procedure to a Traumatic Event Superintendent Feneberg explained that there was a request after the Michigan shooting, “What we do for our staff that their needs are taken care of?” Prevention, Intervention, Postvention. Principal Chouinard, Safety Committee Director, reported: double vestibules have been placed in all schools to regulate access to buildings, school radios serve as a good communication source, internal intercom systems are in the process of being replaced, systems in place to allow quick communication with law enforcement, staff training is often reviewed at the building level as each building is different, meetings with local police and fire departments, required online training by all staff every year, school wide drills, student mental health focus through curriculum, behavioral interventions. All these come together for a safe environment for students and staff. Supt. Feneberg added there is an incident command system in place with established communication. Focuses on development appropriateness of students involved. Counseling and social work support is in place when needed during a crisis which can provide support.</p> <p>Mr. Elliott reported that there is a designated area in each school with staff support from crisis counselors from other school districts if needed.</p> <p>Proposed 2022-2023 School District Calendar Superintendent Feneberg presented the proposed calendar for the 2022-23 and note changes from previous calendars. The graduation date will be June 10, 2023. <i>Emilio Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve the 2022-23 calendar as presented, Ben Cushing seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0</i></p> <p>c) Prepare for Deliberative Session Supt. Feneberg discussed the plans for the meeting including social distance seating, speakers in the cafeteria for overflow of space, designated area in the band room for those that do not comply with the mask request. Police will be present. The meeting will be recorded and streamed on Yankee Cable. The Board assigned speakers for each warrant article.</p> <p>Supt. Feneberg disbursed the STEAM Wing flyer to Board members that will be handed out at the Deliberative Session.</p> <p>Supt. Feneberg attended a meeting with the League of Women Voters and received a positive response for the STEAM project. Supt. Feneberg also met with the local Energy Committee and agreed to ongoing dialogue to find ways to generate ways and ideas to conserve energy.</p>
	<p>Chair Bartholomew announced that there will be a Decarbonization Committee meeting on January 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm</p>
<p>IX School Board Sub Committees</p>	<p>Human Resources – Alison Mastin reported revising job descriptions in the Facilities Department is being discussed.</p> <p>Facilities- Emilio Cancio-Bello reported that we have yet to hear from Eversource regarding rebates available. Sutton Central Principal, Christine Downing, is exploring the possibility of the district acquiring property</p>

	<p>adjacent to Sutton Central to allow for parking and other space needs. A representative from the Boys and Girls Club met with the Facilities Committee regarding a portable building approximately 600 feet to be used by the B& G Club for before and after childcare and other uses at Sutton Central School. This would be a stand-alone building. Currently 50% of students use before or after school childcare.</p> <p><i>Ben Cushing made the motion to approve to further pursue the option of a portable building with the Boys & Girls Club. Art Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0</i></p> <p>Finance & Audit – Chair Bartholomew reported that the committee reviewed the summary of the audit report and current trust funds – balances and targets for balances. Does the roof fund target still make sense 20+years later, evaluate envelopes? Increase target? Also look at the Capital Reserve Fund. The Freedom Account impact has been 35 students, with 6 that attended KRSD last year. The money comes out of the NH Education Trust Fund. We are expecting an updated from ESSER funding regarding air conditioning at KRMS – question of feasible or not. Supt. Feneberg stated the ESSER funds have helped with staff hiring. KRSD will be asking for an extension of the deadline to expend funds on projects that cannot be completed with the labor shortage.</p>
<p>X Non Public</p>	<p><i>Alison Mastin made the motion to go into nonpublic. Ben Cushing seconded.</i></p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p><i>Eric Gregoire made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Kristen Schultz seconded. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Salera
District Clerk