

## Kearsarge Regional School Board

April 18, 2024

**Open to Public –**

<b>Call to Order</b>	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33pm
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Ms. Mastin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>Roll Call</b>	Present: Alison Mastin, Emma Bates, Art Bobruff, Kyle Lombard, Eric Gregoire, Ben Cushing, Patrick McGowan; Beth Perkins (KREA Representative) Absent: Owen Blood, Adara Boucher (Student Reps), Kristen Schultz, David Keith
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2024, as written, Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i>
<b>Reports of Administration</b>	<p><b>Chair Report – Alison Mastin</b> Ms. Mastin reminded the Board about graduation coming up soon. She encouraged the Board to participate and stated that it is a great celebration of our senior students where all seven towns come together. She also reminded everyone of the training session at 5:00pm on May 2 with our District Attorney.</p> <p><b>Superintendent Feneberg’s Report:</b> Supt. Feneberg had the opportunity to witness the power of Extended Learning Opportunities in action. Students visited Woodcrest Retirement Community for StoryCorps with residents. It was a wonderful experience. Superintendent Feneberg also stated that he was pleased to recommend Jason Hirschhorn as the new NLES Assistant Principal and will be starting in the 2024-25 school year.</p> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to hire Jason Hirschhorn, seconded by Mr. Lombard. The motion passed. 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained)</i></p> <p><b>Assistant Superintendent’s Report – Michael Bessette</b> Assistant Superintendent Bessette had a very positive experience participating in the hiring committee for Special Education Associate Director for KRHS. He also attended one of Wendy Corbyn’s classes with students experiencing a modern version of the old Oregon Trail program and was very impressed with the lesson.</p>
	<p><b>Business Administrators Report – Larry LeBoeuf</b></p> <p>Presented a request to accept a transaction for the Scholarship/Trust Fund: a deposit and withdrawal of \$1,500 -Christopher Scarpino Scholarship.</p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to approve as requested, Mr. Gregoire, seconded The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained)</i></p> <p>Presented a request to accept a transaction for withdrawal of \$1,000 from the Tara Linehan Trust. <i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to approve as requested, Mr. Lombard, seconded The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><b>KREA Representative Report: Catharine Hyson reporting</b> At the high school, culinary classes are joining forces with Emily Anderson's Marine Biology class and learning all about lobsters and steamers. They will conclude with a Lobsterfest. Pastry students are working in a chocolate unit and are using transfer sheets to make customized truffles. They partnered with Chris Spooner's 3D printing class to create their personalized chocolate molds. The New London fifth graders have worked with community members to research what happens to our trash. A team visited the New London Transfer station and reported to the grade about how much trash goes to the landfill and how people can reduce that amount by</p>

	<p>composting and recycling. Then community members visited the school to teach the students more about composting and reducing plastics.</p> <p>On Tuesday, the middle school held their Engineering Fair. Students spent the past month honing their engineering design skills.</p> <p>High school science students involved in drinking water testing are finishing up their Bioassay studies of metal toxicity in drinking water.</p> <p>Christina Carrier and Jo-Ann Belanger brought 7th grade French students on a field trip exploring the Franco-American community of Manchester.</p> <p>Third graders at Sutton Central just completed a project where they examined the driving question, can beavers and humans coexist? Students researched beavers and how they survive in their habitat.</p> <p>Sutton Central had their school wide concert Monday night at KRHS. Under the direction of Ms. Densmore, students in grades K-5 kept the audience entranced across a variety of songs.</p> <p>New London Elementary’s 4th grade chorus brought joy to their audience with some of the same songs and a special addition.</p> <p><b>Student Representative Report: Owen Blood and Adara Boucher</b>          Safe schools conference is going to be tomorrow April, 19th in Hanover. This is a student run mental health conference where our own senior, Tessa Marinello, has been a part of the leadership team. She will be sharing, to other students from around the state, about our Getting to Y conference where the Kearsarge community analyzed our Youth Risk Behavior Survey.</p> <p>Student Council is working on making teacher appreciation week special for all of our KRHS teachers.</p> <p>Student Vs. Staff basketball game has been postponed to May 2nd. At this community event, help us spread inclusion while enjoying prizes from local businesses (such as tuckers, Appleseed and more), concessions, and half time competitions.</p> <p>=</p> <p>Prom committee has been working hard to organize the 2024 prom. Tickets will be sold when we return from break during lunch.</p>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p><b><i>Ms. Mastin opened the meeting for public comment.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No public comment.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to close public comment. Ms. Bates, seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></b></p>
<b>Presentation</b>	<p><b><i>Portrait of an Educator</i></b> – School Board viewed a video.</p> <p><b><i>Portrait of an Educator Presentation</i></b> – Mr. Bessette presented a power point. The Professional Growth Committee has been working on a new Professional Growth Model since 2021. The group has invested many additional hours outside the regular school day. Mr. Bessette explained the 5 different approaches which have been endorsed by administrators. Less need for outside evaluators, new staff mentoring program, and potentially expand on other training. The new model will need an endorsement/vote from KREA. Mr. Cushing commented how impressed he was with the presentation, and applauded those involved in creating this- job well done. Ms. Mastin agreed.</p>

	<i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to approve and endorse the new Supervision Evaluation Model. Mr. Lombard, seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i>
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><b>Transportation Steering Committee Recommendations</b></p> <p>Mr. Elliott narrated a power point presentation outlining the proposed new bus schedule for 2024-2025. Mr. Elliott made it clear that it was informational and is not asking for Board approval at this meeting.</p> <p>Some points presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School and Middle School Students will not ride with elementary students.</li> <li>• Buses are currently overcrowded. This is a safety issue.</li> <li>• Students cannot take the bus to jobs or other locations due to overcrowding.</li> <li>• Elementary students are exposed to older students' behavior, social media, language, discipline issues, etc.</li> <li>• This will affect the start and finish of school for Sutton Central in order to have all elementary schools start and finish at the same time.</li> <li>• A survey was made available to parents with 338 responding.</li> <li>• Ms. Bates expressed concern for older siblings that wait for younger siblings at the bus stop to walk them home, or parents picking up their children from different grades.</li> <li>• Ms. Bates also expressed concern that communication needs to be much more for parents to prepare for this change.</li> <li>• Dr. Bobruff stated that there are disadvantages as well as advantages.</li> <li>• Mr. Cushing stated that bussing issues have been discussed for many years, there is no right or wrong answer – safety should be the first concern.</li> <li>• Ms. Bates stressed the need to communicate and educate the public a lot more clearly as to why we are doing this – parents need to be more informed.</li> </ul>
<b>School Board Sub Committees</b>	<b>Transportation Committee no report</b>
<b>X Public Comment</b>	<p><i>Ms. Mastin opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <p>Mr. Steve Sheperd commented that he was a former bus driver for 7 years. He is thankful for our drivers and said that an overcrowded bus is a safety issue for students and the driver.</p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to close public comment. Mr. Lombard, seconded. The Motion carried -6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<b>XI Non Public</b>	<b>NO non public</b>
<b>Adjourn</b>	<i>Ms. Mastin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Salera  
District Clerk