

Approved Minutes as submitted

Kearsarge Regional School Board
Minutes of the Public Meeting
Kearsarge Regional School District
May 6, 2021

I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Mr. Bartholomew
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Bessette led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	Present: Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Art Bobruff, Emilio Cancio-Bello, Eric Gregoire, and Kristin Schultz. Absent: Bebe Casey, Emma Bates and Ben Cushing
Public Hearing	
<i>Appropriation for Unanticipated Funds – As required per NH RSA 198:20-b, III, the Kearsarge Regional School Board shall conduct a hearing regarding unanticipated revenue federal funds from the NH Department of Education Compensatory Education Funds for the amount of \$14,218.59.</i>	
<i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the to accept funds and authorize expenditure of unanticipated from funds from the New Hampshire Department of Education compensatory education fund for the amount of \$14,218.59. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i>	
IV. Approval of Minutes	<i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to approve the minutes of 15April 2021 as corrected. Ms. Schultz seconded. Mr. Bartholonew voted. Mr. Gregoire and Ms. Mastin abstained. The motion carried 4-0-2.</i>
V. Reports of Administration	<p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looks forward to live meetings again.• Appreciates the increase in public participation through zoom and would like to keep that in place after returning to live meetings. <p>Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two major projects in last three weeks<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Developing Re-Opening Plan 2.0 (presented later in this meeting)2. Hiring –need to fill over 20 positions; there are openings at each school• General Announcement that Sutton Central School is closed Friday May 7th due to roof leak/water damage clean up.• Resignations/Nominations/Retirements<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Donna Beth Murphy retirement<i>Ms. Mastin made the motion to accept this retirement request. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i><ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Jerry Fine – Resignation<i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to accept this resignation. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i><ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Caroline Gray – release of contract<i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to accept this release of contract. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i>

- Hiring report – five individuals for board approval. Sarah Piedmont (high school math), Kelsey Heath (special ed Bradford), Deborah Gerber (psychologist elementary school), Elizabeth Perez Anderson (high school Spanish) and Robert Henry (middle school science).

Ms. Schultz made the motion to accept all resignations, nominations and retirements. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Assistant Superintendent:

- Working through committees for reopening plan
- Supporting leadership through all the hiring process

Business Administrator:

- General fund estimated expenditure listing – 2.6 million favorable; no action needed; will update board again in one month.
- Transfer 1 – from officials moving to equipment \$18,000. Page 10 in packet.

Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve transfer of \$18,000 to sports equipment. Seconded by Mr. Gregoire. The vote carried 5-0-0.

- Transfer 2 – for \$14,919.15 for furniture in New London for new hires.

Ms. Mastin made the motion to approve transfer of \$14,919.15 for furniture purchase. Seconded by Ms. Schultz. The vote carried 5-0-0.

KREA Representative:

- This past week the sixth grade social studies and language arts classes combined forces in a humanities-style enrichment program to hear local storyteller Simon Brooks recount the Epic of Gilgamesh.
- Sixth graders are preparing a video to share with fifth graders for a virtual step up day. Sixth grade classes will also be hosting a virtual Q and A session with our fifth graders to give them information about life at KRMS.
- At the Middle School, Miles, a current 7th grader, expressed interest this year in developing a KRMS Book Club. Mr. Paterson secured the funds to purchase multiple copies of the books the participants requested. Ms McGinty, Ms. LeBoeuf, and Ms Robertson joined together to offer this literary opportunity.
- Ms. Christiane Andrews, the local author of *Spindlefish and Stars*, met with several middle school students who have enjoyed reading the novel in virtual book club sessions this past month. Ms. Andrews welcomed students' questions, interpretations, and inquiries concerning the novel and also described the process of writing this, her first novel.
- Ms Belanger's French students participated in an event with 2,000 other schools across the globe called Manie Musicale. Students watched videos from French-speaking artists around the world and picked their favorites. They made predictions about which artists would win the competition.

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- Ms Belanger also created a unit for the 7th grade advisory called The Importance of Being in Nature that connected to the Abenaki Trails Project that goes through Bradford, Warner, Henniker, and Contoocook. At the end of the unit, students competed for an opportunity to win a family pass to the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum - donated to the group by the museum.
- Students in High School English classes are studying novels that connect to their courses. They are learning about the historical and societal context of the literature and writing about their selections. English 10 the focus is on American Literature and students are reading *The Great Gatsby*. Women's Studies students are reading *The Handmaid's Tale* and *British Literature* students are reading *Frankenstein*.
- High School geometry students are applying their knowledge of 3-D figures in their choice of two project-based assessments. Their choices are as follows:

1) Design an object composed of multiple 3-D figures using CAD software for 3-D printing. As part of the project students will calculate the surface area and volume of the object that they design and we will print them using the new math department 3-D printers!

2) Design a house with basic features including a kitchen, a bathroom, a bedroom, a living room and whatever else they may like. Then calculate the efficiency of heating the home based on R values of building materials and the volume and square footage of the house. Last students will estimate the cost to build their house based on the approximate price per square foot on new construction.

- Kearsarge High School Chemistry students have been studying arsenic levels in drinking water through a National Institutes of Health grant. Several students interviewed a toxicologist at Dartmouth and presented a talk called "Issues Affecting Water Quality" at an online community outreach conference.
- At the High School, Culinary and Marine Biology classes partnered and had a lobster/clam bake. The students learned about the anatomy of a lobster, how to cook it and how to take it apart to eat it. They ended the lesson with everyone getting to open and eat their own lobsters.

Student Representatives:

Ms. Spinney:

- Teacher appreciation week. Student council sent e-cards and did an ice cream social. The also offered teacher car washes which was well received and appreciated.
- AP testing allowed students to see PDC for first time.
- Seniors Instagram page

Ms. Nowicki:

- Girls Tennis Team currently running undefeated.
- Students are enjoying the weather with no masks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Book Awards and NHS induction ceremony is on Thursday May 13 at 630 • Scott Sweat – wrapping up filming on spring musical. • AP exams – full swing.
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment <p>Parent Partnership update from Erin Popsychala:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many folks joined Justice Broderick forum – great community conversation. Larry Elliott added to website for public access. 2. Added/updated website to include new videos. 3. Regularly hosting a parent connect meeting once a month – pulling in more voices. 4. Wednesday the 26th – next monthly meeting.
<p>VII. New Business</p>	<p>A. Weight Room Equipment RFP – Scott Fitzgerald, Director of Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requesting \$41,939.45 to purchase additional Gronk equipment. • It is budgeted. <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to approve the purchase of Gronk equipment for \$41,939.45. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i></p> <p>B. KRMS Purchase of Outdoor Tables – Steve Paterson, KRMS Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking for approval to purchase outdoor picnic tables for Middle School; going with middle bid for \$25, 379.72 for vendor Global Industrial as Todd mentioned good quality and vendor reputation. <p><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve the purchase of 28 picnic tables for \$25,379.72. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i></p> <p>C. Benefit Consult RFP – Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to stick with One Digital for \$20,000 / year for four year contract. <p><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve the four year contract with One Digital for Benefit consultation for \$20,000 per year. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i></p> <p>D. Approval of Banks for the District - Bar Harbor and New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool – Mr. LeBoeuf</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to approve banks each year. <p>Mr. Gregoire made the motion to approve Bar Harbor and New Hampshire Public deposit investment pool. It was seconded by Mr. Cancio-Bello. The motion carried 5-0-0.</p> <p>E. September Reopening Discussion (review need for additional meeting on May 13 to solicit further input) <i>Superintendent Feneberg</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on reopening plan 2.0: • Acknowledges Michael for putting together the report draft; lots of consolidation from many groups • Schools will return to in person instruction <p>Asst. Supt – Michael Bissette</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much more knowledge than last year. • Air exchange is the 2nd best return • Conservative on athletics and saw willingness of athletes to wear masks. • Transportation – biggest concern • If medical guidance changes, so will the plan. • Glossary provided. • Board agrees to discuss and approve plan on May 20th meeting.
<p>VIII. Old Business</p>	<p>A. Background Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asst. Supt to provide a proposal for approval at May 20th meeting.
<p>IX. School Board Committees</p>	<p>Policy Committee to be presented at May 20th meeting.</p>
<p>X. Non-Public Session</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>XI. Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn made at 8:29 made by Dr. Bobruff and seconded by Ms. Schultz. The vote carried 5-0-0.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Boucher
Clerk, KRSD School Board