

**Kearsarge Regional School Board**  
Minutes of the Public Meeting  
**Kearsarge Regional School District**  
August 12, 2021

<b>I. Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Ms. Mastin
<b>II. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Ms. Casey led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>III. Roll Call</b>	Present: Alison Mastin, Art Bobruff, Emma Bates, Bebe Casey, Ben Cushing, Eric Gregoire, and Kristen Schultz. Remote: Ken Bartholomew and Emilio Cancio-Bello (unable to vote)
<p><b>Public Hearing</b></p> <p><b>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 FEMA DR4516, totaling \$19,175.42.</b></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made the motion to accept unanticipated funds from the FEMA DR4516 in the amount of \$19,175.42. Ms. Casey seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p>	
<b>IV. Approval of Minutes</b>	<i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2021 as corrected. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0. .</i>
<b>V. Reports of Administration</b>	<p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Mastin acted as chair and welcomed everyone back.</li> </ul> <p><b>Superintendent:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher institute August 23-28</li> <li>• Professional staff fully hired; bus company looking for 8 drivers and 6 para professionals are needed.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to accept five new hires: Amanda Gottlieb, Madison Johansson, Jessie Turner, Emily Hill, and Elizabeth Soukas. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request to waive the six month notice required for retirement incentive for Deb Cross.</li> </ul> <p><i>Ms. Bates made the motion to waive the six month notice required for retirement incentive for Deb Cross. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request to accept a foreign exchange student from Hungary</li> </ul> <p><i>Ms. Bates made the motion to accept Hungarian foreign exchange student for next school year. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <p><b>Assistant Superintendent:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks staff for all their hard work preparing for Teacher Institute.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Business Administrator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requesting the purchase of Foss Kits 21-22 from East Bay Education Collaborative in the amount of \$20,648.00.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Cushing made the motion to accept the purchase of Foss Kits from East Bay Education Collaborative in the amount of \$20,648.00. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requesting transfer for \$9700 for library shopping carts in Sutton.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Gregoire made the motion to accept the \$9700 transfer. Ms. Schultz seconded. The vote carried 7-0-0.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need approval on wood fuel supply for contract years 2021-2024. Cousineau Forest Products offered price of \$45.00 / ton.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ms. Casey made the motion to accept this contact pricing from Cousineau Forest Products. Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</b></p> <p><b>KREA Representative:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grateful for being in a district that trusts and makes us comfortable</li> <li>• Looking forward to a great school year</li> </ul> <p><b>Student Representatives:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Nowicki:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids are enjoying summer</li> <li>• Schedules received yesterday</li> </ul> <p><b>Ms. Ellison:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preseason sports are starting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VI. Public Comment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Kurt Cummings from Wilmot asked about sports and mask wearing. Was concerned that his children had already lost a year of football and wrestling, yet basketball was allowed.</li> <li>• Mr. Bob Wright thanked the superintendent and board regarding his concerns with the CRTC program. He has been responded to and has no further comments.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VII. Old Business</b></p>	<p><b>a) Opening Plan 2.0 – 2021-22 School Year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trying to be prepared for opening of school; with input from all sources.</li> <li>• CDU – made a recommendation to start school year in mask; three feet distance; six where possible.</li> <li>• Dr. Bobruff indicated that daily cases had increased 260% in Merrimack County over the past two weeks, a faster rate of increase than in Texas, Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama.</li> <li>• Mr. Bessette says, we are following DHHS; receives weekly Updates</li> <li>• Ms. Schultz – we need the parents onboard; need good information to relay messaging</li> </ul>

*Approved as Amended*

	<p>to parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Kurt Cummings (Wilmot) – PCR tests are 97% faulty; can't tell between the flu or covid. Mr. Bartholomew rebuts and says "we are following our guidance of DHHS. This has become too political". Mr. Cummings left at 7:40 pm.</li><li>• Mr. Bessette speaks about discriminatory situations with masks; mandating vaccinations; can't do any of this.</li><li>• Supt. Feneberg – our staff is 95% vaccinated.</li><li>• Sports – no masks outdoors currently.</li><li>• Ms. Kathleen Payne (<b>town?</b>); remote not an option; so are the kids who don't wear masks going to be disciplined. Bessette compares it to dress code violations</li><li>• Mr. Bartholomew – we are a public school district – we follow the guidance from our state and DOE.</li><li>• Not a requirement of DHHS – it's a recommendation until an emergency order is in place.</li><li>• Ms. Mastin reminds the public that the board members are parents too.</li><li>• Ms. Schultz – decisions being made for the greater good</li><li>• Dr. Bobruff – <del>decisions</del> are being made from faulty information. He asserted that, in spite of the hard work of the members of the CDU, he believes there is a problem with the decision-making process. Specifically, decision-making is based on outdated and incomplete data, no pediatrician is involved, and national and internationally recognized institutions and individuals are not being followed. He also provided information on the school data and second wave in Israel. He voiced concern about the theoretical possibility of latent virus effects as seen with shingles and was thought to be the case with Parkinson's disease.</li><li>• Ms. Casey – thanks all involved for those who are combing through the data – get these kids back to normal even with a mask.</li><li>• Mr. Cancio-Bello – commends administration for making logical decisions for the district.</li><li>• Ms. Norwicki - we will wear masks if we can do the things we want.</li><li>• Ms. Amelia Dohrn (Bradford) – shared info about PCR test stats.</li><li>• Mr. Bartholomew brings up a comment from Jesse Evans – Why no remote option? Special needs, child care, etc. Too difficult to create separate learning environments.</li><li>• Ms. Casey asks can we do a community vaccination day?</li></ul> <p><i>Ms. Casey made the motion to modify reopening plan 2.0 to include the use of masks at the start of school year. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <p><b>b) ARP–ESSER Funds Public Input</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By August 23<sup>rd</sup> – district needs to submit a plan on how 1.5 million dollars will be spent. Would love some public feedback.</li><li>• Katie – Clubs need fundraising; resources for teachers. Food drives through student council.</li></ul>
	<p><b>A. Special Education Contract Approval</b></p>

<p><b>VIII. New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need approval for contract of \$21,000 to help with evaluations for IEP <i>Ms. Casey made a motion to approve contract for Dr. Jessica Vermet for \$21,000. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></li></ul> <p><b>B. Managed Print Services RFP, Lightspeed Filtering Solution, Update on the Emergency Connectivity Funds application process.</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made the motion to accept Conway Technology Group for managed print services in the amount of \$44,101.10. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to accept CDWG as vendor for LightSpeed content filtering software. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working on funding through erate to secure 69 families with additional devices/technology support.</li></ul> <p><b>C. Purchase Recommendations: RFP Elementary and KRMS Furniture, Branching Minds(RTI)</b> <i>Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Casey made the motion to approve vendor Branching Minds for \$12,462 for RTI districtwide. Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made the motion to approve vendor School Furnishings in the amount of \$22,825 for middle school chairs. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to accept vendor Staples in the amount of \$17,952.48 to purchase chairs and desks for all elementary locations. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to approve the transfer of \$18,200 from the general fund already approved by finance for the previous three requests. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <p><b>D. Curriculum Update – Christine Downing &amp; Steve Shepherd</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See attached presentation</li></ul> <p><b>E. Facilities-Summer Projects - Todd Fleury, Director of Facilities &amp; Scott Lanier, District Electrician</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See presentation</li></ul> <p><b>F. Town of New London/Red Cross - Emergency Shelter MOU –Todd Fleury, Director of Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working with the Red Cross and Town Manager to use New</li></ul>
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	<p>London campus a community emergency shelter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School will be equipped with a generator (benefit)</li> <li>• District lawyer has reviewed agreement.</li> <li>• Two places will now be available for community in times of need.</li> </ul> <p><b>G. Policy GBEAA - Appropriate Staff/Student Relationships – First Reading, Michael Bessette</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need more language added to clarify additional questions; such as if a teacher is hosting a slumber party with multiple students in a personal setting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>IX. School Board Sub Committees</b></p>	<p><i>Facilities as reported by Mr. Cancio-Bello:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to produce a lot of information in a short time to keep the STEAM project moving forward.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to approve ESSR funds for Middle School A/C installation. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to approve engineering funds for preschool addition. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p>
<p><b>X. Non-Public Session under RSA 91:A3, II</b></p>	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to enter into non-public. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to return to public session. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p>
<p><b>XI. Adjourn</b></p>	<p><i>Mr. Gregoire made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 pm. Ms. Casey seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Boucher  
Clerk, KRSD School Board