

**Kearsarge Regional School Board**  
Minutes of the Public Meeting  
**Kearsarge Regional School District**  
August 26, 2021

<b>I. Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Ms. Mastin
<b>II. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Ms. Perkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>III. Roll Call</b>	Present: Alison Mastin, Art Bobruff, Emma Bates, Emilio Cancio-Bello, and Kristen Schultz. Absent: Ken Bartholomew, Eric Gregoire, Ben Cushing, and Bebe Casey.
<b>Public Hearing</b>	
<i>Appropriation for Unanticipated Funds – As require pre NH RSA 198:20-b, III, the Kearsarge Regional School Board shall conduct a hearing regarding unanticipated revenue federal funds from Eversource (energy rebate) for \$8,000.</i>	
<i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to accept the unanticipated revenue federal funds from Eversource (energy rebate) for \$8,000. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i>	
<b>IV. Approval of minutes</b>	<i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve the Minutes of August 12, 2021 as amended with Dr. Bobruff's comments. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0</i>
<b>V. Reports of Administration</b>	<p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Superintendent:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher institute; rich learning</li> <li>• Admin retreat and work sessions</li> <li>• Accepted a second foreign student from Germany; to live with a family in Warner.</li> </ul> <p><b>Assistant Superintendent:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big shout out to the 40 teachers that stepped up for Institute.</li> </ul> <p><b>Business Administrator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require board approval to post all June POs that are still open to new fiscal year – totaling \$474,811.24.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve the transfers. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i></p> <p><b>KREA Representative:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working hard to get new teachers acclimated to the Kearsarge way.</li> </ul> <p><b>Student Representatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No reports (both absent).</li> </ul>
<b>VI. Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lance Carter – Sutton – moment of silence for 13 soldiers that died today. Feels he doesn't have option as a parent to choose for fourth grader but can for his kindergartener. Gave many numbers regarding covid. (CDC, DHHS)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Benedict – Sutton – first school board meeting – follows OSHA guidelines and doesn't like the idea of masks. How was this decision made? Alison comments many people had a hand in making mask decision. We reviewed recommendations of DHHS. Dan replies that he thinks it should be a community vote/choice. Alison comments that it is our responsibility to keep kids safe. Kristen comments – we will reevaluate mask wearing as guidelines/transmission decreases. Dan – asks will the board allow for a public vote? Emilio speaks about protecting children; seatbelts, etc. The school board already represents the community.</li> <li>• Kurt Cummings from Wilmot – comments about “no kids have died from covid”. Merrimack, Bedford – no mask mandates. Too many people conforming. This is absurd. Will you mandate a vaccine for kids to return to school? The answer was no – district doesn't have the authority to mandate.</li> <li>• Ronald Clark – New London – duck duck go website – study after study shows masks are ineffective against covid – kids come home every day with headaches.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VII. New Business</b></p>	<p><b>A. KRHS Proposed Field Trip – Russia 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruby Hill chose Russia as current curriculum doesn't include much history.</li> <li>• Emilio offers concern of no ambassador.</li> <li>• Art asks about a cut off before money is lost.</li> <li>• The board requested time for more research and readdress in month.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Signature of DOE 25, MS 25, and Board Approval of fund balance retention</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to retain the \$911,381. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i></p> <p><b>C. Teacher 2021 Institute</b></p> <p>Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on where we stand – we spend five days with our teachers to implement school board goals, ethics, laws, etc.</li> <li>• Best one so far – testament to our staff.</li> <li>• Revealed the word of the year - Listen</li> </ul> <p>Asst. Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Threads of our documents throughout all conversations – very</li> </ul>

	<p>impressive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid – created a focus on teaching; priorities of curriculum.</li> <li>• Kristen comments - very impressed by focus on curriculum in the district.</li> </ul>
<b>VIII. Old Business</b>	<p>Policy GBEAA – Appropriate Staff/Student Relationships – Revisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brought this back to attorney</li> <li>• Board felt there were questions that were gray on some relationships. What’s appropriate relationship between student and teachers outside of the school environment? Teacher parent have kids sleeping over with their child.</li> <li>• Art and Kristen want an amendment to insure students that become employees can continue dating their student partner.</li> <li>• Add language “However, it is understood that many personal relationships between staff and students are entirely appropriate including, but not limited to, those that develop through mutual interests, family connections, sports, extracurricular activities, church, community or neighborhood interactions. So long as these relationships with students are undertaken with parental knowledge and maintain appropriate boundaries, consistent with shared community values and societal norms, they shall not be deemed a violation of this policy.”</li> <li>• Asst Supt to take back to lawyer.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to accept GBEAA at first reading. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.</p>
<b>XI. Non-Public Session</b>	N/A
<b>XII. Adjourn</b>	<i>Motion made by Dr. Bobruff to adjourn at 7:44 pm. It was seconded by Mr. Cancio-Bello. The motion carried 5-0-0.</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Boucher  
Clerk, KRSD School Board