

Kearsarge Regional School Board
Kearsarge Regional School District
 September 9, 2021

Open to Public – MASK required - Zoom address below for remote attendance

I. Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	The Assistant Superintendent led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	Present: Ken Bartholomew (Remote), Emma Bates, Art Bobruff, Emilio Cancio-Bello, Bebe Casey, Ben Cushing, Eric Gregoire, Alison Mastin, Kristen Schultz, Emilio Cancio-Bello(arrived at 6:51) ; Beth Perkins (KREA Representative); Katrina Nowicki, Maggie Ellison
IV. Approval of Minutes	<i>Ms.Mastin made the motion to approve the Public Minutes of August 26, 2021as written, Ms. Schultz, seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0 (Mr.Gregoire, Ms. Casey, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Cushing abstained). Supt. Feneberg stated that it was requested to use last names of Board members by Mr. Cancio-Bello. It was agreed that this was a good idea for clarification purposes.</i>
V. Reports of Administration	<p><i>Chair:</i> no report</p> <p><i>Superintendent</i> – Supt. Feneberg reported a successful completion of the first two weeks of school. This year, so far has proven to be more difficult with lack of guidance from state agencies regarding the ongoing pandemic- it has left school districts to create their own reopening procedures and safety measures. We have had several positive COVID cases among students and staff. Our nurses have been certified to deliver COVID 19 tests on site when students have symptoms with parent permission. Helps parents with advantage of quick results. Results are required to be reported to the DHHS. Tests are free of charge. For students only.</p> <p>An unauthorized use was discovered in our Food Service Server - PRIMEX was notified. No student/parent financial information was stored on the server.</p> <p>Enrollment is 1,761, and has been stable past eight years with a slight increase the past 2 years.</p> <p>The following nomination was presented for approval: Robert Childs as one year English Teacher -KRHS, covering a Child Rearing Leave.</p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to accept the proposed nomination as presented. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 9-0-0.</i></p> <p><i>Assistant Superintendent</i> - Mr. Bessette started the first mentoring meeting - 16 new staff/mentors KRSD hired a team of six District Observers (4 new).</p> <p>Leadership Team met -busy week including communication with Nurses daily following DHHS guidelines.</p>

	<p>Ken Bartholomew commented that a school nurse contacting parents after school hours. Important to recognize the nurses willingness to engage with community and parents.</p> <p>Michael Bessette commented that our Nurses are very dedicated to their profession.</p> <p><i>Business Administrator:</i> No Report</p> <p><i>Staff Representative Report:</i> Ms. Perkins reported. Kindergarteners are off to a busy start. Elementary Librarians attended the New London Rotary Club meeting featuring program promoting literacy. NLES/Sutton fifth graders are invited to participate in the New London Patriot ceremony.</p> <p><i>Student Representative Report:</i> Ms. Nowicki reported: Classes have started, smooth transition. Sports teams are starting. Issue with hallway congestion. Football team was quarantined. Discussion what options can be available for students quarantined to complete their school work. Students upset that clubs are not being able to meet during the school day.</p> <p>Mr. Bartholomew noted that this is not a SB policy.</p> <p>Principal Langille stated that teachers are paid stipends for some clubs outside the teacher work day. Right now, clubs are meeting during flex time. Ms. Nowicki thanked Principal Langille for clarifying and requesting an email to student body.</p> <p><i>Discussion Out of Order</i> Mr. Bartholomew asked for an update regarding bussing. Supt. Feneberg stated that there were some bussing issues the first few days, we are short drivers - as all districts in the state.</p> <p>We are looking specifically for a driver for one child to be transported by minibus, otherwise we are able to transport all students. Field trips are being reviewed individually and also athletic events which may impact transportation. Thank you to Stacy Fogwill of STA, who has been doing a really good job, as well as Mr. Elliott. Thank you to parents for their patience.</p>
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p>No Public Comment</p>

<p>VII. New Business</p>	<p><u>A. Building Principal 2022-23 Budget Presentations:</u></p> <p>1. <i>KRES at Bradford:</i> Bradford Elementary shows an increase of \$215,000 or 5.74%. Much of the increase has to do with employee wages/benefits for next year. Mr. Chouinard highlighted other areas of increases and decreases. Significant increase in tech software -this has proven to be successful and the district will continue to purchase.</p> <p>2. <i>KRES at New London:</i> Ms. Collins presented technology increases. Other increases include PE equipment -NLES utilizes 2 gyms, music-piano tuning, SPED life skills in the Gateway Program.</p> <p>3. <i>Sutton Central School:</i> Ms. Downing presented. the budget is up 6.22% with most due to staffing. Instructional lines are down. Increase in Technology. Furniture (purchased previous year) and field trips reduced. Not adding staff.</p> <p>4. <i>Simonds Elementary School:</i> Dr. Stokes shared Increase of 1.59% - due to veteran teachers leaving and hiring staff new to the profession. Increase in music line - request for new xylophone, tech applications. Guidance up \$1,800 for a new program and a request for a new audiometer for the Nurse. No new staff.</p> <p>Mr. Bartholomew question - Where would you cut \$100K? If you had extra fund first priority? If Bradford had to cut, Mr. Chouinard stated it would come from staffing. With additional funds-additional interventionists to help students. Also folding pocket tables that fold flat for the multipurpose room to allow for more space and for increased safety</p> <p>Dr. Stokes - Would cut positions. Agrees with Mr. Chouinard - multipurpose room tables and interventionists. Simonds has need for space for itinerant staff.</p> <p>Principal Collins -cut may not be a teacher may be support resources. Need Social Emotional Support - such as a Guidance Counselor or Social Worker</p> <p>Principal Downing, echoes Dr.Stoke’s need for more space for additional personnel. Need individual learning spaces.</p> <p>Principal Collins - noted the NLES Art class has moved to the KLC wing which was refurbished in 3 weeks. Supt. Feneberg stated it was due to the positive spirit of the art teacher, Caitlin Mauser - Rowe, and the NLES maintenance staff.</p> <p>5. <i>Kearsarge Regional High School:</i> Principal Langille stated that themes of his budget is transparency and fiscal responsibility.</p>
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	<p>Some increases Business Line - traditionally not used - growing demand for personal finance course, a graduation requirement. PE consumables, Industrial Arts supplies (material price increases). Some line items are shifted back to their departments. Vocational Ed has had a downward trend with less students attending CRTC in Concord. Graduation budget line more defined. Decrease of teacher salaries as new to career staff has replaced retirees. Culinary and drama increase in student participation.</p> <p>Mr. Bartholomew - What would you cut if you had to? Department core teachers (elective staff are bare bones) Ms. Casey stated that she was glad to see graduation budget – last year’s graduation was phenomenal.</p> <p><i>6. Kearsarge Regional Middle School:</i> Mr. Patterson noted he and his colleagues are very fortunate for the generous support from the Board and community, especially during the last year. Wages and personnel line is under a 3% increase. Nature’s Classroom and Washington DC trip have been able to sustain through donations/grants/rainy day fund. Supply line reduced slightly. Social Studies increase (guest speakers, authors). No need for equipment/furniture. Increase of \$2,500 primarily non- fiction online program - Discover Kids.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion regarding out of district costs Mr. Elliott will explain more in detail at next meeting during Special Education budget report.</p> <p>Mr. Cushing stated the importance to students of Natures Classroom and Washington DC Trip and its importance in the budget.</p> <p>Mr. Bartholomew, What would you cut if you had to? Principal Patterson said staff reluctantly.</p> <p>Mr. Bartholomew, What would you do with extra funds? STEAM based programing, and the continuing need for interventional reading and math support</p> <p>Mr. Bartholomew thanked the building principals for their presentations and reminded them that they will be also presenting to the MBC in October.</p>
<p>VIII Old Business</p>	<p><i>A. Policy GBEAA Third Reading with revisions, Mr. Bessette presented the policy noting that the KRSD attorney suggested the following insertion “This policy shall not include employees who are currently enrolled high school students”</i></p> <p>Adding this would not weaken the meaning.</p> <p><i>Mr.Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve the third reading and adopt Policy GBEAA as presented. Ms.Shultz seconded. The motion carried 9-0-0.</i></p>

IX Non Public	<i>No non-public</i>
X Adjourn	<i>Ms. Mastin made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 9-0-0.</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Salera