

Kearsarge Regional School Board
Minutes of the Public Meeting
Kearsarge Regional School District
October 7, 2021

I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Mr.Bartholomew
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Ken led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	Present: Alison Mastin, Art Bobruff, Emma Bates, Emilio Cancio-Bello, Ken Bartholomew, Eric Gregoire, Ben Cushing, and Bebe Casey. Beth Perkins (KREA Rep), Absent: Kristen Schultz, Maggie Ellison, and Katrina Nowicki (Student Reps)
Public Hearing	
<i>Appropriation for Unanticipated Funds – As require per NH RSA 198:20-b, III, the Kearsarge Regional School Board shall conduct a hearing regarding unanticipated revenue federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act ESSER III for the amount of \$1,519,329.10 It was noted KRSD received over 300 responses from the survey as how to spend the funds.</i>	
<i>Mr. Cancio Bello made the motion to accept and expend the unanticipated revenue federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act for \$1,519,329.10 Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried -7-0-0.</i>	
<i>Mr.Cushing made the motion to leave the Public Hearing, Ms. Mastin seconded The motion carried - 7-0-0</i>	
IV Approval of minutes	<i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2021 as amended, seconded by Mr. Cushing The motion carried 7-0-0</i>
V. Reports of Administration	<p>Chair: No report.</p> <p>Superintendent: Superintendent Feneberg made the request to nominate Doreen Salera as the School District Clerk. The SAU will advertise for a Note Taker to take minutes at school board meetings.</p> <p>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to appoint Doreen Salera as the School District clerk, Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0 (Chair voting)</p> <p>Supt. Feneberg visited schools this past week. He reported it was good to visit with staff in person, not on zoom. It is still very difficult to find substitutes. Negotiations with KREA are continuing. October 7 was a Teacher Work day for staff to focus on instructional needs in the classroom rather than new professional development initiatives. Enrollment trends show more students coming into the district. Some homeschool numbers are still due to COVID.</p> <p>Hilary Grimes, Tech Integration Specialist has submitted her resignation effective October 19, 2021.</p> <p>Mr. Cushing made the motion to approve the release of Hilary Grimes from her contract, Mr. Cancio Bello seconded. The motion carried, 7-0-0</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent: Assistant Superintendent Michael Bessette, presented a Wilson Training Purchase Request – Need to increase kits for equitable availability among 4 elementary schools. Sole Source- only vendor with appropriate kits.</p>

	<p>Mr. Cushing made the motion to approve the purchase of Foundation Classroom Sets from Wilson Language Training for \$15,605, sole source. The motion was seconded by Ms. Casey. The motion carried as presented 7-0-0</p> <p>Business Administrator: No Report</p> <p>KREA Representative: Ms. Perkins reported: NLES Kindergarten celebrated Apple Day. NLES grade 2 went on a walking field trip – town scavenger hunt. Ms. Johannson’s class from Sutton Central are participating in the NH Kid Governor Program. Sutton students are working on masks for their Halloween parade, a longtime tradition. KRHS Culinary students are learning knife skills and will be catering faculty meetings. There are eleven high school students racing in the Northern New England High School Mountain Bike League this Fall</p> <p>Student Representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No reports (both absent).
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p>No public comment</p>
<p>VII. New Business</p>	<p>A. Mini Arts Grant – from the Center for the Arts for a labrynth at KRHS.</p> <p>Mr. Cancio Bello made the motion to accept and expend the Mini Arts Grant for the amount of \$1,500. Ms. Casey seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0</p> <p>B Gissler Scholarship Fund Donation</p> <p>Ms. Casey made the motion to accept and expend the donation of \$30.00 for the Gissler Scholarship Fund, Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0</p> <p>C State Board Review of Remote Instructions & School Closure Rules</p> <p>Mr.Bartholomew read the proposed rule ED 306.22 Distance Education. The NH State Board is contemplating eliminating the option for schools to go to remote learning that are not weather related events.</p> <p>This would take local control from the School Board and Administration and limits the District from other problems/issues that may arise that are not weather related.</p> <p>Mr. Bartholomew made the motion for the Board to direct the Superintendent to register an initial proposal against the proposed change to ED306.22 as discussed and permission for the Superintendent to speak against proposed changes. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0. (Chair voted)</p>
<p>VIII. Old Business</p>	<p>Overview and Preview of Winter Athletics – Scott Fitzgerald</p>

	<p>Mr. Fitzgerald reported the challenges with winter sports as KRSD uses seven different non KRSD facilities. Some facilities currently require athletes to be vaccinated. What authority does the district have in establishing parameters for student athletes as vaccines are not state mandated. Possibly adjusting what facilities we use and when. Still waiting to hear back from facilities.</p> <p>Discussion of concerns of COVID and risks and sports. Mr. Fitzgerald supports wrestling as other schools plan to offer it this season. It did not take place last year. Discussion of safety concerns with COVID transmission by some Board members. <i>Correction: Dr. Bobruff and Mr. Cancio-Bello requested that the minutes reflect that they are against wrestling taking place tis year due to COVID concerns.</i> Mr. Bartholomew stated that we are responsible as a public school to keep students (athletes) safe. The Board thanked Mr. Fitzgerald for all his hard work-there have been very tough decisions with sports the past two years</p>
XI. Non-Public Session	<p><i>8:04 Motion made by Alison Mastin to go into non public, it was seconded by Ben Cushing. Motioned approved 7-0-0</i></p> <p><i>8:24 Motion made by Ms. Mastin to come out of non public, it was seconded by Ms. Casey. Motion Approved 7-0-0</i></p>
Discussion	<p>The Board discussed possible strategies to entice applicants and also to keep the current staff related to the short staffed labor pool.</p>
XII. Adjourn	<p><i>Motion made by Alison Mastin to adjourn at 8:24 pm. It was seconded by Ms. Casey. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Salera
KRSD School District Clerk