

Municipal Budget Committee
Minutes of the Public Meeting
Kearsarge Regional School District
11/15/22

I. Call to Order	Call to order @ 6:30 by Richard Anderson
II. Roll Call	<p>Present: Richard Anderson – New London Robert Hemenway – Newbury Lyndsay Lund Harkins – New London David Bates– Warner James Bibbo – Bradford Luke Gorman – Springfield Robert DeFelice – Sutton (virtual) Michelle Kendrick - Warner Winfried Feneberg – Superintendent Michael Bessette – Assistant Superintendent Larry LeBoeuf – Business Administrator BeBe Casey – School Board Rep.</p> <p>Absent : Tom Schamberg- Wilmot</p>
III. Approval of Minutes	<i>Mr. DeFelice made the motion to approve the minutes of 10/25/22 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Gorman. 8/0 motion carried</i>
V. Public Comment	No Public comment
IV. New Business	<p>Prior to the Warrant Article Discussion, the question was posed to allow Robert DeFelice to vote via virtual presence, due to medical reasons. <i>Mr. Bibbo made the motion to allow Robert DeFelice to vote during this meeting. Luke Gorman seconded. 8/0 motion carried.</i></p> <p><u>Warrant Article Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supt. Feneberg stated there has been another adjustment to the budget.• Mr. LeBoeuf suggested the idea of procuring a Municipal lease for the larger district projects. Specifically, the Heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at the High School in the amount of \$500,000 (the hvac system was part of the STEAM wing project) and the Fire Suppression system at Simonds Elementary in the amount of \$300,000.• The Lease Company holds the funds and pays the vendors directly. This alleviates presenting a bond or a warrant article.• The district would pay the lease at a fixed rate for five years. Removing these two projects adjust the budget increase to 7.87% a drop from the last budget presented. The District has conferred with legal multiple times about the details of a Municipal lease. The business office will look into terms of paying the lease off early.• The district Health plan rate came in at 14%, the highest it has been. The district projected it to be at 10%. This information led into a discussion about how health care bids work and what companies bid in the State of NH and where those bids usually come in.• There was a discussion about the decrease in revenues for the school district in the area of Medicaid reimbursements and Special Education aide.• The Kearsarge Regional Charter doesn't allow for a default budget. However, a third budget can be presented and voted on at the deliberative sessions meeting with a majority. To then be placed on the

	<p>ballot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both boards have months of deliberations over this budget, looking closely at any and all options.• The district will use \$250,000 out of the maintenance trust fund to repair the boilers at the High School. There was a discussion about Article 4 and the need to replenish the trust fund. Debating if the district should make the amount \$50,000 instead of the \$100,000? <p><u><i>PEAK Collective Bargaining Agreement:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supt. Feneberg spoke to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Kearsarge Regional School Board and Para Educators in detail, Some changes were involved, but over all a good outcome for all parties. KRSD was short sixteen paras at the beginning of the school year and are currently short fourteen. The district currently employees 84 paras district wide. <p><u><i>Article 1: Mr. Bibbo made a motion to approve Article 1 as written. Mr. Gorman seconded. 8/0 the motion carried.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Article 2: Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve Article 2 as written. Ms. Lund-Harkins seconded. 8/0 the motion carried.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Article 3: Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve Article 3 as written. Ms. Lund-Harkins seconded. 8/0 the motion carried.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Article 4: Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve Article 4 as written. Mr. Hemenway seconded. 7/1 the motion carried.</i></u></p>
V. Adjourn	<p><i>Ms. Lund-Harkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gorman seconded. 8/0 the motion carried , meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Kershaw
MBC Clerk