

Kearsarge Regional School Board
 November 16, 2023
Open to Public –

I Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm .
II Pledge of Allegiance	Charles Langille led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III Roll Call	Present: Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Emma Bates, Art Bobruff, Kyle Lombard, David Keith, Eric Gregoire, Kristen Schultz; Beth Perkins (KREA Representative); Owen Blood, Adara Boucher (Student Reps), Absent: Ben Cushing, Kyle Lombard
	The Chair stated that the Board will go into Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3II, <i>Ms. Mastin made the motion to go into Non Public, Ms. Schultz seconded</i> The Board returned from Non Public Session
IV Approval of Minutes	<i>Ms. Bates made the motion to approve the minutes as written of November 2, 2023, Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained)</i> <i>Ms. Mastin made the motion to approve the minutes as written of November 8, 2023, Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained)</i> <i>Ms. Mastin made the motion to approve the minutes as written of November 9, 2023, Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained)</i>
V Reports of Administration	<i>Chair Report: Superintendent Feneberg</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supt. Feneberg had the opportunity to enjoy a fabulous performance of 42nd Street, put on the by Kearsarge Actors Guild at KRHS. • The schools celebrated Veterans Day with special assemblies to honor the members of our armed services. • On Tuesday, the MBC met to further discuss the budget proposal for 2024-25. Mr. Paré provided a detailed review of the Facilities Capital budget. The MBC expressed their unanimous support for the proposed budget. • We had a very productive pre-bid meeting with five registered architectural engineering firms who responded to our RFP for a comprehensive facilities analysis. • Superintendent Feneberg read a letter from Elise Bundy, KRMS Teacher, and requested the acceptance of her retirement, with regrets, effective June 30, 2024 <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made the motion to approve as presented, with regrets, the retirement request of Elise Bundy, Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Assistant Superintendent’s Report: Mr. Michael Bessette</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Growth Day will be on Dec 7 at the KPDC – approx. 40 staff will meet to work on the Supervision Evaluation Growth Model. This model has been actively worked on for the past two years. Results will be presented to the Board in April.

	<p><i>Business Administrator’s Report: Mr. Larry LeBoeuf</i></p> <p><u>Benefit Consultant, Sole Source –One Digital Health & Benefits –\$20,000</u> Mr.LeBoeuf noted that the consultants manage & review all medical/dental and actualize rates, we use them every year. <i>Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for One Digital Health & Benefits, sole source, for the amount of \$20,000, Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><u>District Photography – Geskus Studios & Yearbook Publishing - Renewal for 3 years, 24-25, 25-26, 26-27</u> Mr. LeBoeuf asked Building Principals their experience - overwhelming support (there is no cost increase). <i>Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the 3 year renewal contract with Geskus Studios as stated, Mr. Gregoire, seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
	<p><i>KREA Representative Report: Catharine Hyson reporting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-5 elementary students participated in eight mock remote Google Meets with Wendy Corbyn. They learned about Google Meet etiquette, responsible use of devices while at home, and how to set up a home learning environment where they can do their best work. • At the high school, baking students are getting ready for their pie making day on Sunday. They had over 50 orders as of Monday and anticipate between 80 and 100. • Project CLIMB enjoyed its 3rd trip of the year at the start of the long weekend, Nov. 9-10. 34 students and four advisors spent one night at the Dartmouth Outing Club's Class of '66 Lodge and hiked Moose Mountain. • The high school will be hosting a legislative panel Monday November 20th from 9-11. • New London Elementary School held their Veterans Day Assembly last Thursday. Special thanks to Mrs. Densmore for planning and directing this annual salute • Sam Palmer, social worker at KRHS, hosted a presentation on vaping for the district tonight on Google Meet. • This week all four elementary schools rolled out our first Kearsarge Spelling League Meets with all students in grades two through five participating. • As an enrichment activity, elementary classes across the district participated in the "Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge." Students created personalized cards expressing their respect, caring, and gratitude to deployed troops. Over 135 cards were collected and delivered. • Last week, the sixth grade had 131 students attend Nature's Classroom at the Charleton site in Massachusetts. A huge thank you to the school board for continuing to pay 50% of the cost for this trip.

	<p><i>Student Representative Report: Owen Blood and Adara Boucher</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWOCO was held at Colby Sawyer College with students from around the state • Student Council is considering either a Winter or Spring Spirit Week • Winter sports have started –Swimming and Wrestling • 42nd Street was performed by Kearsarge students – very well received
<p>VI Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Mr. Bartholomew opened the meeting for public comment. Ms. Mastin made a motion to close public comment. Mr. Gregoire, seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>VII New Business</p>	<p>a) <u>Athletic Vision & Mission Statement Update</u>, • Principal Langille read the opening mission statement paragraph. He explained that it is still in rough draft form and they are still looking for community, students, & staff feedback.</p> <p>b) <u>Policy ACN Accommodations for Employee Nursing Related Activities, First Reading</u> Mr. Keith read the policy. Mr. Bessette noted that it is required by law, the policy focus was for employees. Ms.Bates asked that line 6 say “employee” not mothers. The Board accepted the first reading.</p> <p>c) <u>Policy Discussion</u> Mr. Bessette spoke about the Gambling Polciy prohibiting acts of gambling from 1986- this violates the use of raffle, 50/50, cowflop bingo, etc. Consideration of fundraising verses recreational gambling when updating policy</p> <p><u>Schoolcare Renewal Medical and Dental Insurance</u>, Mr. LeBoeuf recommended SchoolCare with a 9.9% premium health increase and 6% increase for dental insurance. <i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to accept Schoolcare as presented, Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>a) <u>School Board 2024-25 Proposed Budget Further Discussion</u> Supt. Feneberg updaetd the Board of the MBC meeting - the consensus was the MBC was pleased with the proposed budget. Mr. Paré had explained to the MBC that bigger projects will be coming up, several with big ticket items in the future for our buildings. One MBC member wanted to increase the amount of Articles 2 and 3 to \$500k. The MBC did not support this motion and asked that it be brought to the School Board. The School Board did not act on this suggestion.</p> <p>b) 2024 Warrant The School Board voted on all articles for the 2024 Warrant and signed the warrant: Motion to approve Article 1 \$54,320,531 – Ms.Schultz, Ms. Mastin, Seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-0 (Mr. Bartholomew voting) Motion to approve Article 2 \$100,000 – Ms.Schultz, Ms. Bates, Seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-0 (Mr. Bartholomew voting) Motion to approve Article 3 \$100,000 – Ms.Mastin, Ms. Schultz, Seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-0 (Mr. Bartholomew voting)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bartholomew confirmed with Supt. Feneberg that there will not be a need to meet on November 30, 2023, therefore cancelling the 11/30/23 scheduled School Board meeting. The next School Board meeting will be December 14, 2023 <p>c)Superintendent Search Chair Bartholomew announced that the Board Made the decision in Non Public Session under the provisions of RSA 91-A: 311 – Mr. John Fortney has been hired as the next Superintendent of Schools for Kearsarge starting July 1, 2024. 165K starting salary with 15k moving stipend <i>Ms. Mastin made the motion to approve the hiring/salary of Mr. Fortney, Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
X Public Comment	<p><i>Mr. Bartholomew opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No public comment. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to close public comment. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
XI Non Public	<p><i>No Non Public</i></p>
Adjourn	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Mastin, seconded. The motion carried The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained). Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Salera
 School District Clerk