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Municipal Budget Committee
Minutes of the Public Meeting
Kearsarge Regional School District
11/30/2021

I. Call to Order	Richard Anderson , MBC Chair at 6:33 pm
II. Pledge of Allegiance	
III. Roll Call	<p>Present: Richard Anderson – New London Robert Hemenway – Newbury Brian Dumais – New London Robert DeFelice – Sutton David Bates - Warner James Bibbo – Bradford (Virtual) Tom Schamberg- Wilmot Luke Gorman – Springfield Winfried Feneberg – Superintendent Michael Bessette-Assistant Superintendent Larry LeBoeuf – Business Administrator</p> <p>Absent: Michelle Kendrick- Warner Ben Cushing – School Board Rep.</p>
IV. Approval of Minutes	<i>Mr. Schamberg made the motion to approve the minutes of 11-23-21 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dumais. Motion carried 8/0</i>
V. Public Comment	<p>Mr. Bob Wright (Sutton) who attended the meeting in person, raised many questions including. Wanting details about the bond rate and interest payments. What increases on individual property taxes and operating budgets in the following years will look like. He asked about information on details about the STEAM projects area and size. If the STEAM project comes in higher on prices due to economic circumstances will the district move ahead. Mr. Wright was thankful to both boards and the district administration for their hard work and dedication to the project, thanking the board for their courtesy. He also suggested contacting newspaper/ radio, so clear information is out there as soon as possible.</p> <p>Mr. Steve St. Pierre (Sutton) who attended the meeting virtually, raised many questions including. Having the district share added operating expense associated with the new space ahead of time. Making individual renovation sub totals available to the public. He posed questions as to when will the district will receive bids from contractors on the project. Mr. St. Pierre also suggested complete information should be shared ahead of time. He also brought up questions about what the total district enrollment is as comparison to previous years including what the cost per pupil amount is.</p> <p>Both Mr. Wright and Mr. St. Pierre did want clarification that Article 2 is separate from Article 3.</p>
VI. New Business	<i>***Mr. Anderson motion to allow Mr. Bibbo to vote by remote attendance due to physical health reasons. Mr. Dumais seconded. The motion carried 7/0 allowing Mr. Bibbo to vote on any motions brought forward.</i>

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This is a Public Hearing of the Municipal Budget Committee. This hearing was posted on the KRSD website, the Kearsarge Shopper on November 23, 2021 The Intertown Record and the Concord Monitor - on November 19, 2021- as required to be posted at least 7 days before the hearing per RSA 32:5

2022 Warrant Articles: Reading of Article 1 by Brian Dumais.

- Public Comment (Mr. Wright and Mr. St. Pierre above)
District Administration referring to public questions as follows:
- 20 year bond, no higher than 2.5 % interest, could be less.
- Taxation table was given and reviewed by Mr. Wright.
- Discussion about the tax table and the individual town taxes.
- Discussion about budgets for coming years, heating and lighting cost for additional ten percent of space will change.
- Possible to see utility decrease with upgrades to the lighting, and HVAC system. The district will utilize rebates as we have over the last three years, when available.
- Maintenance issues at the High School will need to be addressed either way, leading to a discussions about planned upgrades.
- Renovation will effect a little under fifty thousand square feet of the High School, increasing space by ten percent.
- Transparency in the whole project is utmost importance to the District
- The total amount on the warrant cannot change without another round of School Board voting, Municipal Budget Committee voting and public voting.
- Bids have not gone out to construction companies, these cost estimates were developed from the engineers, and it is the best conservative estimate at this time.
- Middle School bond will be ending, fiscal year 26-27 - August 26' last payment.
- Overview of the district student/teacher benefits of the STEAM project.
- Discussion about locking in rate now vs a considerable higher rate later.
- Mr. Bates was asked about his vote on the STEAM project. Mr. Bates stated he is not opposed the STEAM project but to the timing. He presented his viewpoints recognizing the many obstacles included in both points of waiting and moving forward with the project.

Reading of Article 2 by David Bates

- Discussion about the current enrollment and the price per pupil for tax payers.
- Overall taxpayers are contributing on an annual bases per year 27K per student.

Reading of Article 3 by Robert DeFelice

- Teacher contract are over a three year period
- Teachers contract Article 3 is separate from Article 2

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	<p><u>Reading of Article 4 by Tom Schamberg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Feneberg spoke to the revisions to RSA 198:4-b in detail. • No public comment <p><u>Reading of Article 5 by Luke Gorman</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No discussion • No public comment <p><u>Reading of Article 6 by Robert Hemenway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expendable Trust Funds – School Board is authorized to spend as needed. <p><i>Mr. Gorman motioned to adjourn Public Hearing at 7:55pm. Mr. Bibbo seconded. Motion carried 8/0</i></p> <p><i>Other Business as required :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of upcoming deliberative session, same format as last year. • January 8, 2022 9:00 am at the High School • Mask required • Separate space for viewing the meeting for those who choose not to wear a mask, will be available. • MS27 signed by MBC members, this form indicates votes from both boards on the articles. • MBC organizational meeting will happen sometime in April or May before SB sets it's calendar • Quick discussion about Committee meetings and who will represent MBC on those committees • MBC will vote on meeting minutes before the deliberative session in January. • <i>Non Public 91-A:34:</i> None
VII. Old Business	None
IX. Adjourn	<i>Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. DeFelice. Seconded by Mr. Gorman, Motion carried. 8/0 Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm</i>

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Kershaw
MBC Clerk