

**Kearsarge Regional School Board**  
 December 2, 2021  
**Open to Public – MASK required**

<b>I. Call to Order</b>	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.
<b>II. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Dan Wolf, citizen, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>III. Roll Call</b>	Present: Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Emma Bates, Art Bobruff, Emilio Cancio-Bello, Bebe Casey, Eric Gregoire, Kristen Schultz; Beth Perkins (KREA Representative); Maggie Ellison, Katrina Nowicki (Student Reps), Ben Cushing Absent
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIRST BOND HEARING</b></p> <p>Chair Bartholomew opened the Bond Hearing          This Bond Hearing is the first of two bond hearings required by law.          The hearing notice was published, as required by RSA 32:5, in the Intertown Record of November 23, 2021, and the Concord Monitor 11/19/2021.          This bond item will be the first article at the Deliberative Session as well as on the ballot in March of 2022.          To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of <b>Twenty-Two Million Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$22,270,344.00)</b> for the purpose of financing [the renovation and construction costs of a STEAM (<i>Science, Technology, Engineering, Applied Arts, &amp; Math</i>) wing at the Kearsarge Regional High School], <b>Twenty-Two Million Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$22,270,344.00)</b> of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 <i>et seq.</i>, as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, including, but not limited to, New Hampshire Department of Education School Building Aid estimated to be in the amount approximately thirty percent (30%) of the eligible project costs, and to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; [and further to raise and appropriate the additional sum of <b>Five Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$556,759)</b> for the first year’s payment on the bond]. (3/5 ballot vote required). <b>(School Board Recommends 8-0) (MBC Recommends 7-1)</b></p> <p>Mr. LeBoeuf estimated a twenty year schedule at 2.5% interest and noted this would not be the final numbers as that would not be available until we apply for the Bond. If passed by the voters the first payment would be February 2023. The current middle school bond come off the books in 2027. If passed KRSD would have two bonds for four years.          Supt. Feneberg noted that the project would not start until July of 2023 which would allow for securing contracts and bidding.</p>

	<p>Casey Wright, New London resident asked if there were any plans to include renewable energy and the opportunity for students to learn about renewable energy.</p> <p>Supt. Feneberg stated that geo thermal and solar options were discussed. The plans include many aspects of green design with high efficiency energy saving methods. It was determined that the roof was not suited for solar panels. The focus is on insulation, LED's, heat recovery, replacing existing roof units and older HVAC systems with more efficient equipment. Not writing off solar completely.</p> <p>Mr. Cancio-Bello stated that there is a district Decarbonization Energy Ad Hoc Committee. Currently we have 6 propane buses with more expected to be replaced.</p> <p><b><i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to close the hearing, Mr. Cancio Bello seconded. 7-0-0</i></b></p>
<p><b>IV. Approval of Minutes</b></p>	<p>Correction to the 11/18/21 name misspelling and naming how Board members voted when not unanimous.</p> <p><b><i>Ms. Mastin made the motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2021 as amended, Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0</i></b></p>
<p><b>V. Reports of Administration</b></p>	<p><b><i>Chair Report – No Report</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Superintendent's Report</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MBC has had their public hearing and voted on the 2022 warrant articles. Useful discussions and support for budget priorities for the upcoming school year occurred.</li> <li>• Faculty &amp; Staff continue to work diligently and with great effort to cover all necessary classes for students. The Leadership Team is discussing ways to provide teachers and support personnel with feasible ways to create opportunities to catch up with planning and preparation that has suffered with the lack of substitutes and demand of the current pandemic.</li> <li>• Supt. Feneberg announced upcoming STEAM presentation in area towns as well as the district wide forum offered via zoom on December 15.</li> <li>• The SAU is working with the NH DOE to obtain accurate information regarding Education Freedom Accounts and participation of students in the district.</li> <li>• Supt. Feneberg read a letter from Dinah O'Neil, School Nurse at Sutton Central, and requested the acceptance of her retirement, with regrets, effective June 30, 2022</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Mr. Cancio- Bello made the motion to approve as presented, with regrets, the retirement request of Dinah O'Neil, Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0</i></b></p>
	<p><b><i>Assist. Superintendent Bessette: No Report</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Business Administrator's Report: No Report</i></b></p>

***KREA Representative Report: Beth Perkins reporting***

- NLES -Mrs. Kellogg's third grade class did a Readers' Theater performance and song about the continents and oceans outside for Mrs. Katsanos' second graders right before Thanksgiving break. The third graders were practicing public speaking and working on reading fluency.
- The friendly elf, Icy Bandit, has returned for the holiday season at Sutton Central School. He was caught stuck to a bulletin board in the main office of the school when students returned on Monday, Nov 29th.
- Sutton Central also wants to congratulate Connor Nixon, a 5th grader, for being selected as a member of the Kid Governor's Executive Council. Connor was one of 7 finalists in the voting for New Hampshire's 2022 Kid Governor.
- Sutton and other elementary schools are organizing for winter activities that will start in January. We are excited to be back ice skating, skiing, snowboarding, sledding, ice fishing, and many other winter events!
- Sixth grade social studies classes are finishing the book *The Bridge Home* as part of the Global Read Aloud. The book's author Padma Venkatraman will be visiting Kearsarge classrooms virtually on Dec 16.
- KRHS Chorus concert is next Wednesday (12/8) at 6:30 in the auditorium with a snow date of Thursday, 12/9.
- KRHS bakers sold 95 Thanksgiving pies - the most ever! Students did a great job on baking day making delicious pies in high volume.
- Poetry out Loud activities are kicking off at the high school, with the CP British Literature class already concluding its class competition.
- District nurses have worked hard to provide a community COVID-19 vaccine clinic this Saturday from 9-3 for all ages including boosters!
- SWOCO (Students Working on Community Outreach) delivered 630 non-perishable food items to the Liberty House in Manchester. Members of SWOCO worked with businesses and institutions throughout the District to ensure that the items got to Liberty House in time for Thanksgiving.
- High School violinist Oliver Andrews has made the NHMEA All-State Festival. He will play with the All-State Orchestra, but his score was high enough that he was also accepted into the NHBDA/NHMEA Chamber Festival.

***Student Representative Report: Maggie Ellison and Katrina Nowicki***

- KRHS Math Team came in Second Place at their meet
- KRHS Swim team had their first meet

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KRHS Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 7</li> <li>• Students question mask requirements for only some sports</li> <li>• Spring Musical has been picked: You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown!</li> </ul>
<p><b>VI. Public Comment</b></p>	<p>No Public Comment</p>
<p><b>VII. Old Business</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>a) Winter Sports – Scott Fitzgerald, Athletic Director</i></p> <p>Mr. Fitzgerald stated that over 200 students participated in fall sports. Basketball started this week. No major incidents up to this point. Currently developing <i>Practice of Emergency Action Plan</i> for students and coaches. Reviewing steps with Athletic Trainer, Molly Quigley.</p> <p>Discussion regarding COVID protocols with winter sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KRSD is more conservative than most schools by requiring masks on sidelines and on the bench.</li> <li>• Some sports, such as hockey- masks on ice would be safety hazard</li> <li>• Masks are worn wrestling.</li> <li>• Masks are not worn when actively playing basketball on the court, required on bench.</li> </ul> <p>Citizen, Eugene Tappan, asked about wrestling protocols. Brian Kellogg, Wrestling Coach spoke, stating that the specialized masks currently being used seem to be working. Students are very good about it – seems to be staying on the face. KRSD didn't have a wrestling team last year, other schools did. Wrestling changed competition practices – avoiding crowds, separating teams until they compete –sport has shown to have good track record.</p> <p>Mr. Cancio-Bello asked where is the consistency of mask wearing with teams such as basketball and hockey. Discussion of basketball – masks were used last year. Hockey – condensation higher, masks would get wet. Dr. Bobruff stated he is concerned of what long term risks will be to students contracting COVID. Supt. Feneberg stated that outside organizations have less protocols than KRSD</p> <p>Ms. Mastin stated that there are risks in all sports. So many different factors. Chair Bartholomew noted that the Board is forced to make decisions with imperfect information</p> <p>Mr. Fitzgerald said that the Athletic Directors are in touch with one another frequently. Ryan Moskalenko – Assistant Wrestling Coach – a log is kept with the names of the wrestlers, school/time, - allows for instant contact tracing</p> <p>Mr. Cancio- Bello – Sports possibly exposes our students to other students form other schools. Frustrated that we are making decisions without data.</p>

Mr. Kyle Lombard of Sutton, parent, spoke in favor of the Wrestling Program. His statement is attached to these minutes for the record.

***Mr. Cancio Bello made a motion for masks to be required for basketball. Ms. Bates seconded.***

Ms. Casey stated the Board should not make decisions and hold trust in the Athletics Department.

***Mr. Cancio-Bello withdrew is motion, Ms. Bates seconded.***

Chair Bartholomew trusts the Athletic Department to make decisions. The Board knows they have the best interest for the students at heart – through the education process.

Kristen Schultz - I don't want to micro manage or dictate- my questions are not a lack of trust or disrespect, decisions should not be taken lightly.

**b) Policies Second Readings:**

BEC Non Public Minutes

***Ms. Schultz made the motion to approve the second reading of Policy BEC, as presented – Ms. Casey seconded 7-0-0***

BEDG Minutes-Revision

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EH Public Access to School District Records

***Ms. Schultz made the motion to approve the second reading of Policy BEC, as presented – Ms. Casey seconded 7-0-0***

**c) Polices to Rescind – Policy ID School Day, Policy IDA School Day – do not align with current CBA**

***Ms. Schultz made the motion to rescind Policy ID, and IDA as presented – Ms. Casey seconded 7-0-0***

**d) Warrant 2022 – Article language discussion. Chair**

Chair Bartholomew explained that the Department of Revenue Administration suggested additional language for Article 3 of the 2022 Warrant regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Language would allow for an option to call one special meeting if the article does not pass to allow for cost items.

It's too late this year as the MBC has already had their hearing. The Board has not included this language in the past. The Board will continue the practice of not including the language.

<p><b>VIII School Board Sub Committees</b></p>	<p><b>MBC 11/23 &amp; 11/30</b></p> <p>The MBC approved all articles, except for one vote against the STEAM project. The member supported the project, however voted against it for tax implications for their town.</p> <p>Dr. Bobruff asked what approach is being used to get the word out to towns regarding the STEAM project.</p> <p><b>Facilities Committee Report –11/18/21</b> Sutton PTO will be purchasing a granite sign for Sutton Central School. \$2,000 was requested to offset the cost.</p>
<p><b>IX Non Public</b></p>	<p><i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to go into nonpublic. Ms.Schultz, seconded. 8:54 pm</i></p>
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p><i>Ms.Casey made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried 7 -0-0 Meeting adjourned</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Salera  
School District Clerk