

**Kearsarge Regional School Board**  
Minutes of the Public Meeting  
**Kearsarge Regional School District**  
March 18, 2021

<b>I. Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Supt. Feneberg. Supt. Feneberg announced the addition of one new board member, Kristen Shultz, representing Newbury, and newest MBC member, Michelle Kendrick. The clerk swore the candidates in as requested by superintendent.
<b>II. Roll Call – School Board</b>  <b>Roll Call - MBC</b>	<b>Present (SB):</b> Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Art Bobruff, Emma Bates, Kristen Schultz, Emilio Cancio-Bello, Ben Cushing, Eric Gregoire, and Richard Wright. <b>Absent:</b> Bebe Casey <b>Present (MBC):</b> David Bates, Luke Borham, Michelle Kendrick, Brian Dumais, Richard Anderson, Tom Schamberg, Bob Defelice, James Bibbo, Robert Hemenway.
<b>III. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Mr. Bessette led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>IV. Organizational Action – School Board</b> <b>Organizational Action – MBC</b>	<b>A. Election of School Board Chair</b> <i>Supt. Feneberg asked for a motion to nominate Ken Bartholomew as School Board Chair. Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Bebe Casey absent and Ken Bartholomew abstained)</i> <b>B. Election of School board Vice Chair</b> <i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to nominate Alison Mastin as School Board Vice Chair. Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0.</i> <b>C. Election of Board Appointments</b> <b><u>Clerk:</u></b> <i>Motion made by Ms. Mastin to nominate Joni Boucher as district clerk. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0.</i> <b><u>Legal Counsel:</u></b> <i>Motion made by Mr. Cushing to nominate Soule, Leslie, Kidder &amp; Loughman as legal counsel. Seconded by Mr. Cancio-Bello. The motion carried 8-0-0.</i> <b><u>Auditor:</u></b> <i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to accept Roberge &amp; Company, PC as auditor. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0.</i> <b><u>Treasurer:</u></b> <i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to accept Nancy Barthol as treasurer. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0.</i> <b><u>Deputy Treasurer:</u></b> <i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made a motion to accept Doreen Salera as deputy treasurer. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0.</i>  <b>MBC nominations:</b> <b>A. Election of MBC Chair</b> <i>Mr. Schamberg made the motion to nominate Richard Anderson as MBC Chair. Mr. Defelice seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1. Michelle Kendrick, Abstained</i> <b>B. Election of MBC Vice Chair</b> <i>Mr. Anderson made the motion to nominate Mr. Brian Dumais as MBC Vice Chair. Mr. Bibbo seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1. Michelle Kendrick, Abstained</i>

<b>V. Approval of minutes</b>	<i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve the Minutes of February 18, 2021 as written. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 5-0-2. (Mr. Cushing and Ms. Schultz abstained).</i>
<b>VI. 2021-2022 School District Budget</b>	A lengthy discussion ensued between both boards. Both boards see the need for the elementary position (only difference in two budgets) and both sides see the importance of the public vote. MBC was not aware of new COVID funding available and agreed to meet in April to discuss new information and how best to proceed on this subject.
<b>VII. Reports of Administration</b>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Bad news, SB130 passed the Senate 14 to 10 on a party line vote</p> <p><b>Superintendent:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District Vaccination clinic scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2021. This will bring employee vaccinations to 80-90% of district. Second shot is tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2021. Supt. Feneberg asked board to approve moving last remote independent student work day from April 1 to April 16.</li></ul> <p><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve moving the independent learning day from April 1, to April 16. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supt. Feneberg discussed the latest changes to Covid and how they align with reopening efforts. District will continue to follow DHHS guidelines through CDU.</li><li>• Resignation request by Abby Krause – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sutton – for June 13, 2021.</li></ul> <p><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve Ms. Krause’s resignation effective June 13, 2021. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retirement requests by Kevin Girard – high school – for June 30, 2021.</li></ul> <p><i>Ms. Mastin made the motion to approve Mr. Girard’s retirement effective June 30, 2021. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unpaid leave of absence request from Sara Scheuch for school year 21-22.</li></ul> <p><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve Ms. Scheuch’s unpaid leave of absence for school year 21-22. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unexpected extension of unpaid leave due to additional injury for Pam Derderian – to return May 3, 2021.</li></ul> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to approve Ms. Derdarian’s unpaid leave extension to May 3, 2021. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p>

***Assistant Superintendent:***

- Wants to offer kudos to CDU and how much they give to the district.
- Need to be creative when following guidelines and insure lunch times, furniture needs, etc. are addressed before opening the doors to all.

***Business Administrator:***

- Purchase recommendation for JSI, Inc. Paid by state grant Promising Futures NH in the amount of \$12,348

***Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve purchase of JSI services in the amount of \$12,348. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.***

- Purchase recommendation for Geskus three year contract for photography and yearbooks. Paid for by families, but needs vote to move forward with contract.

***Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve Geskus for three year school photography contract. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.***

- Funds transfer of \$30,000 from supply line to electrical line due to repairs necessary that were not budgeted.

***Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve funds transfer as described. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.***

- Current projected budget savings is 2.4 million dollars.
- Summary of free and reduced lunch program funding – see attachment.
- Will continue summer lunch program.

***KREA Representative:***

- Sutton's 5th grade selected their March Madness themes. The first Friday was Crazy Hat Day; the 2nd Friday was School Spirit Day, with everything blue and gold; the 3rd Friday will be Dress to Impress Day ( we can't wait to see how dressed up everyone is); and the 4th Friday is PJ day with Sutton's grade level buddies reading books to each other.
- Last Friday, March 12th, Mrs. Betty Erickson provided each grade level in Sutton with a math activity related to Pi (3.14) Day, which was celebrated on Sunday, March 14th. Mrs. Erickson was a long-time former K-8 Mathematics Coach for the Kearsarge Regional School District.
- A word about our amazing librarians at the elementary level, who continue to get books and resources to children and who also keep finding fresh ways to promote reading, for example:

Mrs. Hyson has provided a wealth of activities for Read Across America Month. She arranged for 5th graders at New London to participate in a virtual visit with author Georgia Ball. She has written the graphic novel adaptations for some of the popular "I Survived" books. Ms. Ball shared her experience with the process of making graphic novels and answered questions from students about writing.

*Approved Minutes as corrected*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meanwhile, Mrs. Palin, the Bradford and Simonds librarian, posted a book review for other librarians on her Twitter feed of Gary Paulsen’s autobiography. Paulsen’s agent saw it and showed it to the author, who wrote Mrs. Palin and her students a personal letter and sent a box of books to the school.</li> <li>• Mr. Kershaw from the High School says that the American Sign Language ELO group will be doing a teaching session for the elementary students this May (remotely)! The ELO students have been working hard all year with their ASL mentor. They have been building a lesson plan to share, and they’re very excited to teach it to the younger students.</li> </ul> <p><b>Student Representatives:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Spinney:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asks that board shares any info about senior travel through Executive Order 82</li> </ul> <p><b>Ms. Nowicki:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey to field interest in prom</li> <li>• SATs are coming and goodies will be provided to students</li> <li>• Spring Musical in June</li> <li>• Basketball has wrapped up – great season.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VIII. Public Comment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No public comment</li> <li>• Erin Pospychala offered Parent Partnership report:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New videos going up on website</li> <li>○ Last meeting, 10 new parents attended.</li> <li>○ March 24<sup>th</sup> – next scheduled meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>IX. New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Chromebooks – removed from agenda – no bids to discuss</li> <li>B. Graduation update – Charles Langille – moving forward with traditional ceremony as much as possible. Hired an event coordinating company to help with ushering. Six tickets per family.</li> <li>C. Spring Athletics – recommendation to board that spring season move ahead full steam with safety modifications as needed. Practice to begin April 15<sup>th</sup>. Play only one town per week with home fans only.</li> <li>D. 2021 – Reopening plan Discussion – task force of 45-60 people put together looking at September 2021.</li> <li>E. Approval of School Board Calendar</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to accept school board calendar. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>F. Policy Revisions             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DAF – Admin of Federal Grants</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made a motion to waive reading and adopt policy revision DAF Admin of Federal Grants. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IMBA – Distance learning</li> <li>IMBC – Alternative Credit Options</li> <li>IHBI – Alternative Learning Plans</li> </ul>

	<p>IHBH – Extended Learning Opportunities                      IK-Earning of Credit                      JJF-student activity management</p> <p><b><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made a motion to waive reading and adopt policy revision JJF – Student Activity Management. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></b></p> <p>JJF-R – student account management procedure</p>
<p><b>X. School Board Committees</b></p>	<p><i>Human Resources as reported by Alison Mastin:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed vaccinations</li> <li>• Reopening task force</li> </ul> <p><i>Communications as reported by Alison Mastin:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing project on how to market and sell the STEAM addition.</li> </ul> <p><i>Facilities Committee as reported by Emilio Cancio-Bello:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary school needs new sound system.</li> <li>• Growing vegetables</li> <li>• STEAM wing project</li> <li>• Supt. Feneberg mentions Peter Christian’s asking for parking along Cougar Court. They will share their concerns with PCs mgmt.</li> <li>• Furniture bids – go with Magee</li> <li>• Short school bus drivers</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Ms. Mastin made the motion to approve furniture purchase for PDC through Magee’s for 45,625.95. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></b></p>
<p><b>XI. Non-Public Session</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>XII. Adjourn</b></p>	<p><b><i>Motion made by Mr. Cancio-Bello to adjourn at 9:31 pm and seconded by Mr. Gregoire. The motion carried 7-0-0.</i></b></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Boucher  
 Clerk, KRSD School Board