

Approved as corrected 10/22/20

Kearsarge Regional School Board
Minutes of the Public Meeting
Kearsarge Regional School District
DATE 10/8/20

I. Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Director of Technology Barbra Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	Present: Emilio Cancio-Bello , Ben Cushing, Bebe Hammond Casey, Art Bobruff, Ken Bartholomew, Emma Bates, Alison Mastin, Eric Gregoire, Richard Wright (6:34 pm) Beth Perkins (KREA Representative) Katie Nowicki (Student Representative) Absent: Nina Spinney (Student Representative)
IV. Approval of Minutes	<i>Ms. Hammond-Casey made the motion to approve the Minutes of September 17th as submitted. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 9-0-0, unanimously.</i>
V. Reports of Administration	<p>Chair: The chair reported he would be leaving the meeting promptly at 7pm, in order to present at the Warner Budget Committee meeting as requested. Vice-chair Alison Mastin will take over the meeting at that time He had nothing report.</p> <p>Superintendent: Supt. Feneberg reported that we successfully completed week six of the school year however, not without bumps. The District is thankful for the many notes and feedback from staff, parents and the community. The district has a plan carefully presented, following and maintaining guidelines and delivering on a daily basis fully knowing the plan could pivot at any moment. The leadership team acknowledges the daily effort. Leadership is talking about adding a teacher planning day into the schedule helping to maintain momentum. The leadership team may be ready to implement this by October 22 as it is still in the works.</p> <p>Enrollment update- The enrollment figures from October 2019 to October 2020 we have seen 55 new students across the district. Being overall slightly lower due to lower enrollment in the Preschool program. We expect the majority of our 90 homeschool students to return and we have always had a number of homeschool students across the district. There is a discussion at the state level to re-look at adequacy for the NH homeschool population. As you know the District has experienced the first case of covid-19 at KRMS level. KRMS handle this situation exceptionally and according to our plan in place was able to pivot to remote learning within hours. Our custodial crew, with protocol in place jumped right in and according to guidelines had the six grade wing cleaned and disinfected.</p> <p>At this time there were questions as to the protocols in place, Principal Patterson spoke on the current protocols as well as a representative from the school districts nursing team. Ms. Laurendeau, Bradford School Nurse went into detail about the nurse's connection to DHHS and how they are in constant contact weekly between the school and the state watching for DHHS updates on their website as well as CDC guidelines. She reminded all, that these guidelines and protocols are ever changing and the school nurses look for these changes every day.</p>

	<p>The District received a donation of two thousand surgical mask from the Rotary Club. The masks will be distributed to Families throughout the district who may be struggling with the added expensive of PPE. A huge thank you goes out the Rotary Club for their generous donation.</p> <p>Supt. Feneberg clarified the questions and concerns from the Town Representatives of Sutton as brought forth by Mr. Cancio-Bello. Supt. Feneberg also, briefly mentioned the data breach that occurred in the district this week, as it will be addressed later in the meeting. Regrettably, Mr. Feneberg brought forward a retirement request from Ms. Connie Powers Special Educator from the Bradford school, she has requested to be released from her 20-21 school year contact to pursue retirement, starting October 30, 2020. Thank you, Ms. Powers for your many years of service wishing you the best. Mr. Ben Cushing made the motion to accept the retirement request as submitted. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0.</p> <p>(The meeting was turned over to Vice-Chair Alison Mastin @ this time, 7pm)</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent: Michael Bessette was not present Business Administrator: Mr. Larry LeBoeuf will be bringing forward purchase recommendation later in the meeting.</p> <p>KREA Representative, Mrs. Perkins, shared her sincere appreciation to Administration for the accurate summarization of the start of school through these last six weeks.</p> <p>KRES-NL, Mrs. Katsanos' Kindergarten loved using boom cards on their I Pads and she loves her flexible, supportive families of her remote and in-school learners. KRMS music classes are learning about the history of rock and roll and are currently working on putting together their first virtual chorus video of the year The World Language classes are up and running in 8th grade, 7th grade will begin on October 14th CP Chemistry students are participating in a National Institutes of Health grant. KRHS students are testing a number of wells in Maine and New Hampshire. The students have collected their water samples and have begun researching water quality issues. Elizabeth, as part of her senior project is working with Ms. Wright on a community Outreach project. Dr. Kellogg tried his first home/in-person collaborative physical lab. Students at school will conduct an experiment and gather data while showing the experiment over Google meet. The intro to Culinary Arts 1 is starting their soup unit. KRHS Culinary Arts, finished their quick bread unit, and are starting the cookie unit. Lastly, The Bass Fishing team has won their Third State Championship, congratulations to Seniors Chris and Steven who have been part of all three Championships.</p> <p>Student Representatives, Katie Nowicki shared news about a student council's survey, how is the year going? Overall these surveys had positive responses.</p>
VII. Public Comment	<p>Ms. Erin Popsychala, presented a written statement for the School Board, (see attached). In reference to her comment, Supt. Feneberg states the remote/ virtual learning situation is different from the spring. The district administration is addressing these concerns. Thank you for the</p>

	comments and concerns.
VII. New Business	<p>2021 warrant - Finance and Audit committee meet agreeing to add Fifty Thousand dollars to the warrant article for the maintenance trust fund as well as adding Twenty Five Thousand dollars to the SPED trust fund, these trust funds are to be used in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>Purchase Recommendation - Mr. LeBoeuf brought forward a purchase recommendation for Phase II, Broadview Construction Corp. This recommendation was brought forward at the May 21st SB meeting but was never voted on. Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to accept the recommended purchase as presented. Mr. Cushing seconded. Motion carried 8/0/0</p> <p>Mr. LeBoeuf also brought forward a deposit to the Alex Gissler Scholarship account of Twenty Five dollars. Mr. Cushing made the motion to accept the deposit as submitted. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. Motion carried 8/0/0</p> <p>Concord Regional Technical Center update- Supt. Feneberg talked in depth about the CRTC and the challenges the district was up against to have this opportunity for our students who attend. Vice Principal Downing has worked hard with CRTC to come up with scheduling plans and transportation plans. Thank you to all who made this possible for our students who attend CRTC.</p> <p>Data Breach Report- Ms. Turner reported it was suspected KRSD was a victim of ransomware. It was determine that it was not a true ransomware attack. After a debriefing with authorities the District was cleared. We commend the IT team as the District worked together for a solution.</p> <p>Looking ahead to the Holiday Season- The district has begun to image a contingency plan if our staff and students decide to travel beyond New England. The district has sent out a survey for staff travel plans. Based on the information we have received back, the administration feels we may not have the staff to cover in person learning based on a DHHS guidelines for a 14 day quarantine for those who travel outside New England. That leaves our school with minimal staff present, who in turn cannot be absent for any other reason. To be proactive than reactive to this concern. The district is proposing to go to all remote learning on November 30th for 14 school days through December 11th, back to in person learning on December 14th through Christmas break, December 22nd Based on the outcome of this pivot to remote learning we may revisit this option again for the winter break. There was a discussion about all the moving parts for moving to remote learning. The overall consensus by the School Board and the Administration is to be proactive. It was decided to vote on an amendment to the school calendar at this time. It was noted that there is a delay in place for winter Athletics to start in January. Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to amend the school calendar to reflect remote learning from 11/30 – 12/11, starting back in person on 12/14 as presented. Mr. Wright seconded. The motion carried 8/0/0</p>

VIII. Old Business	2021 Approved Budget continued discussion- No update at this time. 2020-21 School Year- In Session –Update – This was addressed earlier in the meeting.
IX. School Board Sub Committees	<p>Finance and Audit Committee – Mr. LeBoeuf presented Kearsarge Regional School District Trust Funds. This sheet explains the Fund, balance as of 10/1/20, target, purpose, the articles and the year it was presented. He then presented the Covid-19 and remote Learning Expenditures Estimates sheet. There was a discussing about these presentations. There was a question as to looking at another roof study, Mr. Feneberg will bring that request back to the Facilities director.</p> <p>Facilities Committee – The last FC discussion was about the STEAM wing renovation at the High School. There is an interest in a hybrid of two of the designs. This information will go back to the architect and we will look at this again at the October 22nd School Board meeting. KLC renovations are going well. The district will present an update at the next School Board meeting with a slide show.</p> <p>Transportation Committee – As of right now we are short two bus drivers. Students are being added on a daily a bases for transportation, the busses are at maximum capacity on the ride to school and light on the way home. The district has hit a snag with the installation of the propane tank, this is on hold until the final notification from the property owner about the actual site for a pump. There should be more information after the next transportation meeting.</p> <p>Communication Committee – The committee meet and talked about a number of things including the latest press release, the free school meals through 12/31, and the Covid-19 situation at the Middle School. They also are re-looking at the responsible use policy in regards to video release due to remote learning.</p> <p>Parent Partnership- The committee discussed new Special Education legislation being proposed in NH. The Partnership Group is a working group of longevity and history, thank you to all the parents and staff who contribute.</p>
X. Non-public Session under RSA 91:A3,II	No non public
XII. Adjourn	Mr. Cancio- Bello made the motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:25 pm. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Kershaw
Clerk, KRSD School Board