

Kearsarge Regional School District
School Board Meeting
 December 14, 2023 - 6:30 pm
 Kearsarge Professional Development Center
 165 Main Street, New London
Open to Public

I. Call to Order	The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Ms. Schultz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	<p>Present: Ken Bartholomew (via Zoom at 7:04 p.m.), Arthur Bobruff (via Zoom), Eric Gregoire, David Keith, Kyle Lombard, Alison Mastin, Kristen Schultz.</p> <p>Winfried Feneberg, Superintendent; Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent; Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator; Catherine Hyson, KREA Representative.</p> <p>Absent: Emma Bates, Ben Cushing; Owen Blood, Student Representative; Adara Boucher, Student Representative.</p>
	<i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to allow Dr. Bobruff to vote via Zoom for medical reasons. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 4-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i>
IV. Approval of Minutes	<i>Mr. Keith made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2023 Board Meeting as written. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 4-0-2 (Ms. Mastin and Mr. Lombard abstained).</i>
V. Reports of Administration	<p><i>Superintendent’s Report – Winfried Feneberg, Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent stated that the last four weeks since the last meeting in November flew by, stating that he hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family. As we look at the end of the calendar year, the Superintendent extended best seasons greetings to everyone from the SAU and the District. • Before Thanksgiving, the district welcomed Mentis Sciences of Warner for a tour of the STEM/STEAM educational spaces at the High School. Metis is the District’s potential way for our students to gain valuable skills and earn credit for their work. More details will be available in the future. • On, Monday, November 20th, the High School Library hosted a legislative panel consisting of three NH House Representatives (Rep. Dan Wolf, Rep. Linda Tanner, and Rep. Hope Damon) and one NH State Senator (Sen. Dan Innis). Students prepared questions of the participants to answer and learned about the legislative process in the state along the way. The Superintendent stated that there was great attendance and interest from the students. • On Wednesday, the Superintendent had the opportunity to attend a gathering of Middle School Principals from across the state at KRMS. As

a part of the meeting, Laurie Prewandowski and Maureen McGinty, along with several students, demonstrated learning with the drone programming and piloting grant that was presented the Board a few meetings ago. The principals witnessed the enormous progress and skill development in all the students involved in the program. Problem solving, teamwork, competition, and career exploration at work at the same time. Supt. Feneberg thanked Ms. Prewandowski and Ms. McGinty of creating this opportunity for students.

- On Tuesday night, the Superintendent attended the KRMS winter concert. He stated that the band and chorus did a fabulous job in front of a packed house.

Assistant Superintendent's Report - Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent

- Mr. Bessette had the opportunity over the last week and a half to work with the teams developing the portrait of a learner and the portrait of an educator. He stated that the importance of that work cannot be ignored. He stated that the teams are very close to being able to present the Board with an incredible proposal. The hope, he stated, is for the teams to be able to present to the Board in April.
- He explained that the plan is to encourage the students to engage in the portrait of a learner. He discussed bringing this vision to constituents, community leaders, and ultimately the students for feedback.

Business Administrator's Report – Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with the monthly estimated fund balance, estimating a surplus of a little over \$1.8 million.
- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a budget transfer in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the Special Ed Out of District Placement High School line to the Special Ed Out of District Placement Middle School line.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$150,000.00. Mr. Keith seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a deposit of \$200.00 from the National Middle Level Science Teacher Association Classroom Teacher award organization to be used for classroom materials.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the deposit of \$200.00 from the National Middle Level Science Teacher Association Classroom Teacher award organization to be used for classroom materials. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

KREA Representative's Report – Catharine Hyson, KREA Representative

- Jo-Ann Belanger reports the creator of Franco Foods on YouTube has asked her class to pick the country destination for the recipe that she will create and record for the month of La Francophonie (March). La Francophonie is the month that globally is set aside for all things

"French". The students are pretty excited about this and selected Rwanda as the destination.

- The KRMS winter concert just took place on Tuesday and the 8th grade chorus is going caroling at The Cove Assisted Living Center on December 20th!
- Emily Anderson reports that Project CLIMB has had a successful 1st Semester of Trips. Their most recent trip was to Concord Rock and Fitness where over 25 students got belay certified and all students challenged limitations in mind and body. They are collaborating with the middle school for the upcoming Lonesome Lake trip on February 2-4, where they are hopeful a group of 8th graders will join their ranks. This is a long term tradition. In fact, two of the CLIMB advisors went on the 8th grade trip to Lonesome Lake Hut 20 years ago.
- The Kearsarge Regional School District was well represented by the After-School Tone Chime Choir from KRES/NL, who sang and rang in the Christmas spirit at the New London Historical Society's Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 3.
- April Ross reports that culinary students are working their way through cooking methods for lunch service. They will also be learning more about the development of their edible drones on Dec. 22nd when Lauri Pre comes in to visit with them. Baking students just started a gingerbread wreath competition. They will design, bake, decorate and display their own wreath out of gingerbread dough. The HS staff will vote on the best overall and a prize will be awarded.
- The Hot & Cold Plated dessert class is creating desserts for lunch service: Cranberry orange cheesecake and a chocolate peppermint cake they designed all on their own.
- Laurie Prewandowski shared that the middle school is taking three teams to a drone competition on Saturday, Jan. 27 in Springfield, Vermont. They will be required to work as a team to fly manual challenges and to code their drone in a skills challenge.
- This year's cohort of six Extended Learning Opportunity LNA students passed their state licensing exam and will be getting fingerprinted to wrap up their program requirements.
- Sutton Central School held its second annual Sutton Book Awards show on Tuesday, November 21st. Students and staff read and voted on five wonderful picture books. The winner was announced at the assembly which included a red carpet, twinkly lights and the celebrity books as our guests. The winner was ... "I am a Tornado" by Drew Beckmeyer. A lot of fun was had by all.
- 6th graders got the chance to explore a variety of genres in a Book Tasting Activity. Students were given "menus" that they filled out while sampling at least four different books during a class period to see if they would like to check them out for their independent reading book. In their menus, students answered questions about the book covers, jackets, and first few pages. They also rated the books in each of their four rotations. We decided to go with an Italian trattoria as our backdrop, and the students loved it! Students also completed a survey prior to our closing

	<p>of the lesson while the experience was still fresh in their minds, as to how they could transfer these strategies into reviewing/evaluating future literary selections for their independent reads. It also gave the librarian and the library assistant a chance to promote the new design of the library layout, featuring books organized by genres! Overall, there were positive reviews, students were engaged, and they will definitely do this activity again next year.</p> <p><i>Student Representative’s Report – Winfried Feneberg, Superintendent on behalf of Adara Boucher, Student Representative and Owen Blood, Student Representative.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supt. Feneberg presented the Student Representative’s Report as Ms. Boucher and Mr. Bloor were unable to attend. • The band and chorus had their winter concert on the 7th. The audience not only got to enjoy the music being performed, but they also got to purchase ceramic bowls created by students. The bowls, and soup to go in them, is a fundraiser to pay off negative student lunch accounts in our school. • Project climb took a day trip to go indoor rock climbing on the 8th. • Winter sports have begun at KRHS. Basketball season opener was last Friday. Wrestling had a match yesterday. Swim team has their first meet Friday. Indoor track will have their first meeting Sunday. • The Math Team had a meet yesterday. Results are yet to be released but team members are feeling good about their performance.
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Ms. Mastin 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. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>VII. Presentation</p>	<p><i>Extended Learning Opportunity – Airplane Construction – Mr. Langille and Mr. Fenn</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Langille thanked Mr. Fenn and Ms. Hemingway for their work on this ELO. • Mr. Fenn presented the Board with an ELO the District has applied to be a part of that would allow a group of about 12 to 20 students to build an airplane. This would be a real airplane that would be built from a kit and inspected by the FAA provided by the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire at no cost to the District. The plane would later be sold by a company out of Texas which sells the planes to purchase more kits so other Districts can have the same experience. He stated that the District has arranged for the donation of hanger space at Parlin Field in Newport to house the project. • Mr. Fenn apprised the Board that members of the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire’s Board will be coming to tour the hanger. He stated that there are two additional spots available for the tour and invited members

	<p>of the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supt. Feneberg stated that he discussed the ELO with Mr. Bartholomew who expressed that this is a no-brainer. He requested a formal motion in support of the program. <p><i>Mr. Keith made a motion to support and approve the District’s involvement in the Extended Learning Opportunity that would allow students to construct an airplane as presented. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>VIII. New Business</p>	<p><i>Preschool Proposal for 2024-2025 – Nikki Robertson, Program Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Robertson proposed a change to the schedule for the preschools that would include some full-day preschool options. She stated that there is an increased number of families who are in need of full-day programming in the District. The proposed schedule would have the morning and afternoon schedules running back-to-back. • Ms. Schultz asked how this would impact the budget. Ms. Robertson stated that there would be no budget impact as the District has the appropriate staffing. • Ms. Mastin asked if more people would sign up. Ms. Robertson stated that she believes there would be more interest in the program. • The Superintendent stated his belief that for the current interest in the program, he believes this is the right thing to do. • Ms. Schultz asked when the new schedule would begin. Ms. Robertson stated that it would begin for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the changes to the preschool schedule as presented. Mr. Keith seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Special Education Contracts – Larry Elliott, Director of Student Support Services</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Elliott presented the Board with a purchase recommendation in the amount of \$56,000.00 for School Psychologist coverage from Leslie Burton. The coverage is needed to cover the position while a School Psychologist is out on extended leave. Mr. Elliott also presented the Board with a corresponding budget transfer in the amount of \$54,000.00. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation in the amount of \$56,000.00 for School Psychologist coverage from Leslie Burton. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$54,000.00 as presented. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Laptop Purchases – Barbara Turner, Director of Technology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation in the

amount of \$15,020.00 for 20 replacement computers for teachers from Wally Computer Associates (WCA).

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation in the amount of \$15,020.00 for 20 replacement computers for teachers from Wally Computer Associates (WCA). Mr. Keith seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Washington DC Trip Lodging – Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation in the amount of \$34,216.40 for lodging for the 8th Grade Washington DC Trip from The Catholic University of America.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation in the amount of \$34,216.40 for lodging for the 8th Grade Washington DC Trip from The Catholic University of America. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

KRHS School Trip – Universal Studios – Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation in the amount of \$62,220.76 for airfare (\$33,778.26) and the hotel (\$28,442.50) for the High School Trip to Universal Studios from Compass Travel, Inc.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation in the amount of \$62,220.76 for airfare (\$33,778.26) and the hotel (\$28,442.50) for the High School Trip to Universal Studios from Compass Travel, Inc. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

KRHS HVAC Upgrade Purchase Recommendation – Brett Paré, Director of Facilities

- Mr. Paré presented the Board with a purchase recommendation in the amount of \$978,640.00 for the KRHS Auditorium HVAC upgrade from Siemens.
- He stated that this is a project that would take place over the summer. Mr. Lombard stated that about half of the purchase recommendation is for structural reinforcement to the auditorium roof.

Mr. Keith made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation in the amount of \$978,640.00 for the KRHS Auditorium HVAC upgrade from Siemens. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Municipal Leasing Consultants Resolution – Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf stated that the District will need to use three different methods to pay for the HVAC upgrade: a budget transfer, a disbursement from a maintenance trust fund in the amount of \$200,000.00 and a

Municipal Lease.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$278,640.00. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Mr. Keith made a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$200,000.00 from the maintenance trust fund. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Mr. Keith made a motion to approve the resolution with Municipal Leasing Consultants, LLC for a lease in the amount of \$500,000.00. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

District Lead Sampling – Brett Paré, Director of Facilities

- Mr. Paré presented the Board with a purchase recommendation in the amount of \$16,065.00 for District wide lead sampling from Secondwind. Mr. Paré explained that the District replaced a number of fixtures throughout the buildings that had led to higher lead levels and the District has been frequently testing. This testing, however, is the annual three-year testing for a couple of the schools. He apprised the Board that the results from the other school have come back clean following the fixture replacement.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation in the amount of \$16,065.00 for District wide lead sampling from Secondwind. Mr. Keith seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Vital Structures Roof Engineering KRHS – Brett Paré, Director of Facilities

- Mr. Paré presented the Board with a purchase recommendation in the amount of \$77,200.00, as well as a transfer in the same amount, for engineering services, evaluation, design, bid assistance, and limited construction administration for the replacement of the roof at the High School from Vital Structures.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation in the amount of \$77,200.00, as well as a transfer in the same amount, for engineering services, evaluation, design, bid assistance, and limited construction administration for the replacement of the roof at the High School from Vital Structures. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$77,200.00 as presented. Mr. Keith seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

2024 District Calendar – First Draft – Winfried Feneberg, Superintendent

- The Superintendent presented the Board with a first draft of the 2024

	<p>school year calendar. He reminded the Board that the calendar needs to line up with the Concord Technical Center. The Board discussed moving around some of the dates to allow teachers more time to grade in January with the implementation of the new evaluation model.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supt. Feneberg requested the Board take a look at the calendar and bring their thoughts back for the next meeting.
<p>IX. Old Business</p>	<p><i>RFP Bid Results – Comprehensive Buildings Assessment – Brett Paré, Director of Facilities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Paré updated the Board on the status of the bid results for the comprehensive building assessment. He stated that the District received bids from 6 firms. The District is currently taking time to review the bids and apprised the Board that paper copies of the bids are available should they want to take a look. <p><i>Policy ACN – Accommodations for Employee Nursing Related Activities – Second Reading – Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bessette presented the Board with the changes to Policy ACN – Accommodations for Employee Nursing Related Activities for second reading. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve and adopt Policy ACN – Accommodations for Employee Nursing Mothers. Mr. Keith seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Procedure EHAB-R Data Governance & Security – Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bessette apprised the Board of recent changes to Procedure EHAB-R that have been made in light of the enacting of SB 213. He stated that a Board vote is not necessary as the Board does not cover procedures, rather policies.
<p>X. School Board Sub-Committees</p>	<p><i>MBC – Ms. Schultz</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Schultz apprised the Board that the Municipal Budget Committee has moved forward with the same recommendations as the School Board. No changes to the warrant articles will be made. <p><i>Facilities Committee – Mr. Lombard</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lombard apprised the Board that the boiler at Bradford Elementary needs repairs. He stated that Siemens has replaced most everything that can be on the boilers, and they have concluded that it’s likely a fuel line issue. He stated that the school is frequently running on just one boiler which is not sufficient.
<p>XI. Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Ms. Mastin 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 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
XII. Non-Public Session	<p><i>Mr. Keith made a motion for the Board to enter a non-public session. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried by rollcall vote 6-0-0.</i></p> <p><i>The Board returned to public session.</i></p>
	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve an extended leave period in excess of 10 days for Susan Golden, paraprofessional in New London, as per the PEAK Agreement. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
XIII. Adjourn	<p><i>Mr. Keith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained). The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hilton
 School Board Note Taker