

Kearsarge Regional School Board
 Minutes of the Public Meeting
Kearsarge Regional School District
 December 3, 2020

I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mr. Bartholomew
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Bessette led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	Present: Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Art Bobruff, Emma Bates, Bebe Casey, Emilio Cancio-Bello, Ben Cushing, Eric Gregoire, and Richard Wright. Absent: n/a
IV. Board Appointment of new School District Clerk	<i>Dr. Bobruf made the motion to approve the appointment of Joni Boucher as School District Clerk. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0.</i>
V. Approval of minutes	<i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2020 as corrected. Ms. Casey seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 {Dr. Bobruff abstained}.</i>
VI. Reports of Administration	<p>Chair: MBC met and voted (6-3) on Tuesday in favor of cutting the curriculum coordinator and assistant principal position.</p> <p>Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose moving next meeting from December 10th to the 17th to preserve two week schedule • Four days into remote learning pivot and receiving great teacher, student and community feedback. Very thankful that board passed the two week pivot to help reduce covid transmission. • To date, all students will return on December 14th. • Before Thanksgiving, the district had submitted a request for reimbursement under the SPSFR#2 Discretionary 10 Million Grant for Covid in the amount of \$144,200. Thank you to Larry LeBoeuf for collecting this information and submitting. • Continue to prepare and plan for the Deliberative Session on January 9, 2021. • MBC meeting was held on Dec 1 <p>Assistant Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on final stages of development for outcome for our Supervision and Evaluation Committee and preparing, as requested through the MLA. • Working on presentation and endorsements with the team as well as addressing language for substitute compensation plans. This is in direct response last year's grievances. • Opportunity to visit with teachers and kids. Happy to see the children and teachers so engaged and connecting with their environment. <p>Business Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no report <p>KREA Representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In New London, Miss Collins is planning to feature the fifth grade in her next episode of Facebook Live tomorrow morning. We will be meeting with our literature circles groups, which pull from all three homerooms,

to discuss the main problem or conflict in our books, as well as passages we found significant or confusing.

- Hilary Grimes and Sue Nadeau will be joining with classroom teachers in Bradford to provide all students in Grades 2-5 an opportunity to participate in Hour of Code during our two weeks of Remote Learning. Students will watch a short video about computer programming and then pick a computer programming activity from the Hour of Code website.
- The sixth grade is excited to announce that they will be hosting a visit from internationally renowned, award-winning author Padma Venkatraman (Venk-a-tra-man). Cristine McCloskey and Terry Stoneking's social studies classes will join forces with Heidi Clarke and DonnaBeth Murphy's language arts classes to create an amazing humanities experience for our sixth graders. Padma's book, *The Bridge Home* is the sixth grade Global Read Aloud selection. Padma will offer three workshops to our students: analyzing sections of the book, writing workshop, and Padma's life experiences and inspiration for the story. This incredible day was organized by KRMS Media Specialist Maureen McGinty. How incredibly thankful and blessed we feel that our students are able to meet such a well-known author! Padma is also working with our local bookstores; she is going to offer signed copies of *The Bridge Home* to our students. The sixth grade team is so happy to be able to include some small businesses in our celebration.
- Culinary/baking students at the High School made 100 pies for Thanksgiving - this was a record sale! Students helped prep during the week in class then 7 students came in on Sunday morning to finish and pack them.
- During remote-from-home learning these next two weeks all classes are working on holiday foods (appetizers, main courses, sweet treats, etc.) as well as learning about holiday food traditions, customs and history in the US and other countries. Each class is also having a competition: decorated Christmas cookies, holiday themed cheese balls with homemade crackers, and a holiday snack mix. The HS faculty will judge on creativity and presentation, based on their recipes and pictures and one winner from each class will receive a prize.
- Project C.L.I.M.B. students summited 2,936 foot Mount Kearsarge on Friday, November 20, for our first-of-the-year day hike. Students hiked along the Lincoln Trail, which is 4.5 miles from the high school to the summit, through rolling mixed-hardwood forests. With warm weather and clear skies, students could be heard laughing, telling stories, and playing games, despite being masked and socially distanced on the trail. The joy of being together outdoors and away from screens was not lost on our members. We ate lunch together on the bald summit of Kearsarge as we enjoyed locating the lakes and hills, roads and buildings of our collective home towns. Eight first-time CLIMBers mixed right in with the group, keeping spirits high and sharing highlights at the end of the day. We are looking forward to our next trip and hope new members will continue to join us!

Student Representatives:

Ms. Spinney:

- Remote learning off to a great start.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received 200 items for donation to the Kearsarge Cares food pantry. • Working with Booster’s Club to get our donation to the family in need recipients before the holidays. • Creating a Principal’s District Advisory; new platform to share leadership ideas and address different issues. • Upcoming winter gear drive to ensure all students have what they need during school breaks. <p>Ms. Nowicki:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class officers sent out a poll for activity theme. • Positive feedback on pivot to remote learning. <p>Mr. Bartholomew asks about spring remote learning vs. today’s remote learning. Met with additional positive remarks with tech being the only issues. Supt. Feneberg thanks the students for their participation on the board.</p>
<p>VII. Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Zoom chat <i>Erin P</i> thanks everyone for efforts; “it’s working without a hitch and my child is learning”. • Kenneth Bartholomew asked Supt. Feneberg about childcare programs in Sutton and Warner. Asks about attendance rate among students. Small IT blips but IT Dept is awesome. • Dr. Bobruff asked about technology in Springfield. Supt. Feneberg mentions individual town infrastructure is out of school board’s control, however, IT department has installed new switches to help with internal infrastructure at each school. • Barbra Turner mentions getting over 35 hot spots out to families in need of connectivity. • Bebe Hammond Casey confirms that Sutton and Warner daycare programs are funded by parents. • There were additional comments made in the Zoom Chat window that were not captured.
<p>VIII. Old Business</p>	<p>A. Technology</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chromebook purchase: <i>Ms. Turner</i>, Director of Technology, requested to update the vendor and model of 200 Chromebooks purchased in June 2020 as the product has reported overheating issues and they can’t guarantee product availability. Would also like to request that money come from budget vs. Erate so it will be reimbursed through Cares Act. Dr. Bobruff made the motion to approve the requested update of 350 Chromebooks purchased in June 2020 as discussed, seconded by Mr. Gregoire. The motion carried 8/0/0 2. Chromebook purchase: <i>Ms. Turner</i>, also requested to change vendor and product on the remaining 150 Chromebooks to be purchased to alleviate additional distribution issues. Dr. Bobruff made the motion to approve the requested update of 350 Chromebooks purchased in June 2020 as discussed, seconded by Mr. Gregoire. The motion carried 8/0/0 <p>B. Deliberative Session Planning - Secured a moderator and continue to follow covid guidelines for social distancing during planning sessions.</p>
<p>IX. New Business</p>	<p>A. Supt. Feneberg made the recommendation to pivot to At Home Remote Learning directly following the holiday break; January 4 – 15, returning</p>

	<p>after MLK Day.</p> <p>B. Supt. Feneberg proposes February 3rd, March 9th, and April 1st, as “Teacher Planning” Days.</p> <p>C. Supt. Feneberg also recommends 10 minute delay to the start of school for high school/winter driving.</p> <p>Ms. Casey made the motion to approve at home remote learning from the holiday break (Jan 4-15) with a return to school after MLK day as presented.</p>
<p>X. School Board Committees</p>	<p>Human Resources as reported by Alison Mastin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing staff is amazing; internal contact tracing. • Low Staff absences <p>Communications as reported by Alison Mastin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliberative Session safety planning continues. • Steam and pivot to remote learning must be well communicated to parents and community to avoid undue stress on families. <p>MBC as reported by Kenneth Bartholomew:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS27 – budget submitted • Vote on warrant – March 9 • MBC sees value in position, but not right time with economic uncertainty. <p>Additional comments: Richard Anderson, MBC Chair, adds “the MBC recognizes the need for this position”. Also asks for restraint as towns may not have ability to offer more now; uncertain economy and over \$600K in unexpected budget increase. This is 1/8 of proposed cut. Dr. Bobruff asks if we can we find other cuts to fund Assistant Principal position Kenneth Bartholomew offers “now is not the time”</p>
<p>XI. Non-Public Session</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>XII. Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion made by Bebe Hammond Casey to adjourn at 8:31 pm and seconded by Alison Mastin. The motion carried 8/0/0</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Boucher
 Clerk, KRSD School Board