

Kearsarge Regional School District
School Board Meeting
 April 21, 2022 - 6:30 pm
 Kearsarge Professional Development Center
 165 Main Street, New London
Open to Public

I. Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Bartholomew lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	Present: Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Emma Bates, Art Bobruff, Kyle Lombard, Bebe Hammond Casey, Ben Cushing, Eric Gregoire, Kristen Schultz (present viz Zoom); Superintendent Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent Bessette, Larry LeBoeuf, Beth Perkins (KREA Representative); Maggie Ellison, Katrina Nowicki (Student Reps).
	<i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to allow Ms. Schultz to vote on matters during the meeting via Zoom. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-2 (Mr. Bartholomew and Ms. Schultz abstained).</i>
IV. Approval of the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Schultz had a correction to the minutes from the April 7, 2022, School Board Meeting. <i>Ms. Mastin made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2022, School Board Meeting as amended. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i>
V. Reports of Administration	<p><i>Chair Report - Mr. Bartholomew - No Report</i></p> <p><i>Superintendent's Report - Supt. Feneberg</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Superintendent apprised the board that teacher contracts were delivered on April 12th. He stated that the majority of the contracts had been received back; however, there are just over 40 still outstanding. ● The High School conducted its CARE Conference this past week along with High Schoolers from other area schools. They discussed different topics of interest. The Conference was student lead and student-initiated. The Superintendent congratulated them and thanked them for their engagement. ● On Monday, the Superintendent offered testimony before the Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee against House Bill 1393 relating to school district budget caps. The bill was voted Inexpedient to Legislate 4-1. ● Supt. Feneberg apprised the Board of a request from a family in the district to allow an Austrian student to shadow the student of the host family to learn about schools in the United States. He stated that the student would be shadowing for 3 to 4 weeks and made clear that this would not be a foreign exchange student. The Superintendent requested a Board vote.

Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the shadowing of students by the Austrian student. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- The Superintendent brought before the Board the retirement of Sara Scheuch. He requested a Board vote to approve the retirement with regret.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the retirement of Sara Scheuch with regret. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- The Superintendent brought before the Board the resignation of Stephanie Drake. He requested a Board vote to approve the resignation with regret.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the resignation of Stephanie Drake with regret. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- The Superintendent brought before the Board the hiring of Emalee Whipple and Kaitlynn Porter and requested that the Board vote to approve their hiring.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the hiring of Emalee Whipple and Kaitlynn Porter. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Assistant Superintendent's Report - [Michael Bessette](#)

- Mr. Bessette expressed his appreciation for the impact the Professional Development Center has continued to have on the community.

Business Administrator's Report - [Larry LeBoeuf](#)

- Mr. LeBoeuf requested the approval of the creation of a new fund called "Week Without Walls 2022." Middle School Principal Steve Patterson explained that the Week Without Walls would help to take the place of the Nature's Classroom and Washington D.C. trip that had to be canceled this past year due to the pandemic. The Week Without Walls would allow students to go on a variety of field trips and engage in a number of other activities in New Hampshire and just over the border in Vermont. Mr. Patterson noted that they are looking to spend about \$60,000 on this week. He noted that this would include most of the cost of transportation. Mr. Lombard asked if this would include any overnight trips. Mr. Patterson indicated that there would be no overnight trips associated with this week. Supt. Feneberg commended Mr. Patterson for the creative idea.

Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the creation of the fund "Week Without

Walls 2022.” Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf requested the transfer of \$28,000 from the Nature’s Classroom fund and \$50,625 from the Washington D.C. Trip fund to fund the newly created Week Without Walls 2022 Fund.

Ms. Mastin made a motion to approve the transfer of \$28,000.00 from the Nature’s Classroom fund and \$50,625.00 from the Washington D.C. Trip fund to fund the newly created Week Without Walls 2022 Fund. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented to the board a sole-source purchase recommendation for the services of Premier Coach in the amount of \$32,547.00 which would account for transportation for the Week Without Walls.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the sole-source purchase recommendation for the services of Premier Coach in the amount of \$32,547.00. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented to the board a sole-source purchase recommendation for the services of Compass Travel in the amount of \$36,959.40 for the Disney Trip.

Ms. Mastin made a motion to approve the sole-source purchase recommendation for the services of Compass Travel in the amount of \$36,696.40 for the Disney Trip. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented to the Board estimated year-end funds.
- Mr. LeBoeuf presented to the board a budget transfer for fuel oil in the amount of \$63,000.00.

Ms. Casey made a motion to approve the transfer of \$63,000.00 from the MS Wages Line to the Maintenance - Fuel Oil Sim (\$8,000.00), Maintenance - Fuel Oil NL (\$20,000.00), and Maintenance - Fuel Oil Mid (\$35,000.00) lines. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a budget transfer for Capital Improvements at Simonds Elementary in the amount of \$138,000.00.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the transfer of \$138,000.00 from the Capital Improvements-Mid line to the Capital Improvements-Sim line. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

KREA Representatives Report - Beth Perkins

- Third, fourth and fifth graders are having a blast playing the ukuleles in music classes at New London. They are learning a bit of Hawaiian history along the way.
- Anya Leokadia Harford, a fourth-grader at KRES/NL is NH's Young Composer of the Year, in the K - 5 categories, for her beautiful song entitled, "Summer Night."
- April is military children's month, and the staff at KRES/NL wore purple (the color that is achieved by mixing all the military flags' colors together) on April 15, National Purple Up Day.
- Sutton 4th Graders planned and coordinated an Easter egg hunt last Friday, April 15th for all the other students in the school. This was a great activity that promoted Social/Emotional Learning objectives related to relationship skills and social awareness.
- Sutton students are working with Ms.Densmore to plan for their spring concert on May 9th. This year the event will be under a big event tent and board members are invited to attend.
- Students in Grades 3 through 5 across the district are preparing for state assessments in reading, writing, mathematics, and science after they return from April break.
- Students in 4th and 5th grade at KRES at Bradford are enjoying working on DASH the Robot Challenges with the Math Coach. The students are showing a tremendous amount of GRIT as they work on solving 13 different ten-step problems to program Dash to move, talk, sing, tell jokes, and light up.
- Seven students participated in a CLIMB hike up Cardigan Mountain on Friday, April 15. It was a gorgeous day for it. Climbers did encounter some lingering snow on the trail! Pete Hattan and Amanda Leslie chaperoned.
- Baking classes finished up with their Easter macaron Sale on Friday - they sold 240!
- Culinary classes just studied Pacific Northwest cuisine and will finish up with California and Hawaiian cuisine after vacation.
- The Music Department at the High School leaves tomorrow for their Disney Trip. They will be visiting all four parks and participating in a studio experience, where the Band and Chorus will each record a Disney soundtrack to a video. Students will be able to experience the behind-the-scenes of a recording studio, see "backstage" of Disney, and work with highly qualified Disney musicians. Everyone is very excited and are appreciative of the support of the community and the School Board's support.

	<p><i>Student Representatives - Katrina Nowicki, Maggie Ellison</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP exams are about to begin. The majority of these exams will be over by the second or third week of May. ● The English Literature class is going on a trip to the Art Museum in Manchester. ● The Girls Tennis team won their match 9-0. ● The Sophomores started an initiative called Kearsarge Helping Ukraine. ● The Track Team has two meets coming up.
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p><i>No Public Comment.</i></p>
<p>VII. New Business</p>	<p><i>HVAC Equipment maintenance, Repair, and Emergency Services RFP - Recommendation - Scott Lanier, Assistant Facilities Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Lanier presented a purchase recommendation to the Board and apprised them that the District’s contract with Honeywell is up in July. These services were put out to bid. Mr. Lanier recommended the bid from Siemens in the amount of \$947,856.00. Mr. Lombard stated that this was discussed in the facilities committee and stated that this is a quality bid. <p><i>Ms. Casey made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for HVAC Equipment, Maintenance, and Repairs and Emergency Services with Siemens in the amount of \$947,856.00. Seconded by Mr. Cushing. The Motion carried 7-0-2 (Mr. Bartholomew and Dr. Bobruff abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Purchase Recommendation Sole Source - Ossipee Mtn. Electronics - Battery Replacements for Hand Held Radios - Scott Lanier, Assistant Facilities Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Lanier presented the Board with a sole source purchase recommendation for 15 new radios and replacement batteries for radios already owned by the District. Supt. Feneberg stated that these radios are used to help teachers and staff communicate within the schools to help protect the children. Mr. Bartholomew asked why this was a sole source recommendation and the Superintendent stated that these radios and batteries are compatible with the radios the District currently has. <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the sole source purchase recommendation with Ossipee Mountain Electronics in the amount of \$10,345.00. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a budget transfer for the radios and batteries in the amount of \$7,427.86. <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the transfer of \$7,427.86 from the Transportation Fuel line to the Capital Improvements-BR (\$1,485.57), Capital Improvements-Sim (\$1,485.57), Capital Improvements-Sut (\$1,485.57), Capital Improvements-Mid (\$1,485.57), and Capital Improvements-HS (\$1,485.57) lines. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew</i></p>

	<p><i>abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Purchase Recommendation Sole Source - Messersmith - Wood Chip Burner Display Upgrade - Scott Lanier, Assistant Facilities Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Lanier presented to the Board a sole source purchase recommendation from Messersmith for an upgrade to the wood chip burner display in the amount of \$14,300.00. He stated that replacements components for what is currently in place are no longer available. He stated that Messersmith is currently used by the District for these services and, therefore, this is a sole source purchase recommendation. <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the sole source purchase recommendation with Messersmith in the amount of \$14,300.00. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a budget transfer in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the wood chip burner display upgrade. <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$8,000.00 from the Maintenance Electricity-Mid line to the Middle School, Wood Furnace line. Mr. Cushing seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>VIII. Old Business</p>	<p><i>JLCJA - Emergency Action Plan for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for Athletics Participation - Second Reading with Revisions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bessette stated that at the April 7, 2022, meeting, Dr. Bobruff requested further information regarding Sickle Cell Disease be added, specifically the difference between Sickle Cell Trait and Sickle Cell Disease. Dr. Bobruff thanked Mr. Bessette for forwarding more information on this topic. Dr. Bobruff stated that this could be added, but it won't really have any practical difference. He stated that it should be taken out. Mr. Bessette stated that as soon as a plan is established it will be brought back to the Board for approval. <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve Policy JLCJA. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>IX. School Board Sub Committees</p>	<p><i>Facilities Committee 4/21 - Mr. Cushing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Cushing stated that conversations regarding the STEAM Wing have continued. The Committee also discussed prioritizing what the needs are of the buildings in the Districts. Mr. Cushing stated that he believed that citizens taking a tour of the High School would be a benefit to the project. A tour had been scheduled at the High School for Friday morning to discuss the project. Supt. Feneberg stated that anyone is invited. Mr. Cushing stated that a common question is how many students are in the District today versus how many students were in the District 10 years ago. Mr. Bessette noted that kids don't go to school today and stay in a 900-square-foot classroom. Students go out of their classrooms in the

	<p>school to get the services that they need. He stated that the need is present for flexible learning spaces for students. He stated that the District needs to be looking forward to 30-years from today and what education will look like, not just what education looks like now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Cushing stated that the Committee discussed the installation of a sprinkler system in Simonds Elementary. Supt. Feneberg stated that the Fire Mashall has agreed that with the installation of sprinklers, one fire escape would be necessary for the school. ● Mr. Cushing stated that the Committee discussed the Capital Improvement Plan. <p><i>Communications Committee 4/21 - Ms. Mastin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Mastin stated that the Committee discussed the STEAM Project and how to present the plan going forward. She stated that there was consensus that emphasis should be made on how much of the current space would be renovated compared to what would actually be added on. ● The Committee continued to discuss the creation of an athletics communications plan. She stated that the Athletic Department has been tasked with coming up with a scope and a mission for this plan. <p><i>Human Resources Committee 4/21 - Ms. Mastin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Mastin stated that Juneteenth has been added to the calendar. She stated that the holiday would be celebrated the Monday after the last day of school. ● The Committee continued to discuss benefits packages. This also included a discussion regarding vacation days.
<p>X. Non-Public</p>	<p><i>Ms. Casey made a motion to go into Non-Public. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>XI. Return to Public</p>	<p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve an out-of-district placement. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$104,167.62 from the Spec-Ed - Out of Dist -HS line to the Spec Ed - Out of Dist - MS line. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Mastin made a motion to seal the non-public minutes for 10-years from the date of the meeting. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>XII. Adjourn</p>	<p><i>Ms. Mastin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained). The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hilton
School Board Note Taker