

Kearsarge Regional School District
School Board Meeting
 December 1, 2022 - 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	Dr. Bobruff led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	<p>Present: Ken Bartholomew (via Zoom), Emma Bates (via Zoom), Arthur Bobruff, Bebe Hammond Casey, Eric Gregoire, Kyle Lombard, Alison Mastin.</p> <p>Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent; Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator; Beth Perkins, KREA Representative.</p> <p>Absent: Ben Cushing; Kristen Schultz; Winfried Feneberg, Superintendent; Adara Boucher, Student Representative; Maggie Ellison, Student Representative.</p>
IV. Public Hearing	<p><i>Public Hearing – Appropriation for Unanticipated Funds</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Mastin opened the public hearing.</i></p> <p>As required per NH RSA 198:20-b, III, the Kearsarge Regional School Board will conduct a hearing to accept and expend unanticipated revenue funds awarded from the Promising Futures Grant for \$18,900.79.</p> <p>Promising Futures Grant was written by Theresa Georges, Social Worker at KRHS. Funds will be used for advanced development in the expansion of substance misuse prevention strategies.</p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to accept and expend unanticipated revenue funds from the Promising Futures Grant for \$18,900.79. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 4-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
	<p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to allow Mr. Bartholomew and Ms. Bates to vote remotely via Zoom for medical reasons. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 4-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
V. Approval of Minutes	<p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2022, School Board Meeting as written. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
VI. Reports of Administration	<p><i>Chair’s Report - Ms. Mastin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Mastin extended the Board’s condolences to Principal Sean Moynihan of Sunapee Middle High School following the passing of his daughter, Mary Moynihan, in a car accident the day prior. <p><i>Assistant Superintendent’s Report - Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Bessette commended the New London Police Department for their communication during an emergency event that affected bus routes. He apprised the Board that he spoke with Chief Cobb following the incident

and noted that she expressed that she values the strong relationship the District has built with the Police Department. Mr. Bessette also thanked Mr. Elliott for his work in organizing the buses that needed to be redirected quickly and efficiently. He stated that the District has not received any complaints about how the incident was handled, but encouraged anyone who may have a concern to reach out.

- Mr. Bessette apprised the Board that the District has reached out to the Sunapee District to extend its condolences to Principal Moynihan and noted that the District has offered to provide any counseling in the wake of this unfortunate accident that may be needed.
- Mr. Bessette apprised the Board that the District has received \$380,000.00 from the State's Stay Safe Grant. These funds will be used for video surveillance in the schools.

Student Representatives' Report - Mr. Bessette on behalf of Ms. Boucher and Ms. Ellison

- Student Council provided teachers with hot lunch and dinner options during their parent conferences last week.
- The National Honor Society collected coats during the month of November for the Warner Coats of Care drive.
- The Kearsarge Yale Model Congress Delegation left this morning for the conference, and will be in committee meetings tonight through Sunday morning.
- Ms. Moskal, our librarian, is offering seniors assistance with the research component of their Senior Project during flex periods.
- Student Council set up the Giving Tree before Thanksgiving to give teachers a way to give back to the community. The gifts from this will be for elementary schoolers.
- Winter sports have begun. Swim team has their first meet at Colby-Sawyer College next Friday.

Business Administrator's Report - Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation in the amount of \$40,000.00 to purchase fuel oil from Dead River at a rate of \$3.68/gallon.

Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation in the amount of \$40,000.00 to purchase fuel oil from Dead River at a rate of \$3.68/gallon. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for Geskus Studios & Yearbook Publishing, Inc. for photos.

Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Geskus Studios & Yearbook Publishing, Inc. for photos. Ms. Casey seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation in the amount of \$50,379.00 to replace amplifiers and microphones from Lightspeed. He noted that this is being covered by grant funds.

Ms. Casey made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation in the amount of \$50,379.00 to replace amplifiers and microphones from Lightspeed. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

KREA Representative's Report - Beth Perkins

- Sutton School has been offering after-school Pop-Up Steam Workshops, aimed at different age groups each week. Session one launched with the topic of circuits.
- Sutton also started a project-based school leadership group. Five students worked after school, creating book trailers for the Sutton Book Awards. These books support Sutton's new mission statement and promote themes of community, kindness, perseverance, and respect.
- The Sutton Book Awards happened just before Thanksgiving. Classes read 5 different picture books that support Sutton's mission statement. Students voted on which book they liked the best. The school gathered for the award show, dressed in fancy clothes. They walked the red carpet, complete with dance music and a disco light. They watched the student-created video trailers, then students dressed as the books were introduced and took center stage. The winning book, Snail Crossing, was announced. It was a fun time to celebrate reading. This project was funded by the Sutton PTO.
 - **Student Mission Statement:** I am a Sutton Central School student. It is my job to learn, to be a respectful member of the school community, and to prepare for my future. It is my responsibility to take care of myself.
- Jenn Collyns-Duda, a paraprofessional at Bradford, worked with fifth graders to create cinnamon applesauce ornaments for the Bradford Giving Tree. The ornaments will have tags on them, indicating what the members of the community need. Ultimately, the wonderful ornaments will also go to the folks in need to remind them of their caring community.
- The 7th and 8th grade art students were invited to display their artwork at the Woodcrest Community Center in New London. Their work will be on display for the month of December:
- The 8th graders have contributed acrylic paintings on canvas. These students studied the French Impressionist painter Claude Monet and the American Modernist artist Georgia O'Keefe. The students created landscape paintings inspired by Claude Monet and large abstract flower images inspired by Georgia O' Keefe.

- The 7th grade art students have comic enlargements on display at Woodcrest. The students divided their small comic into a 4x4 grid. The students also divided their large drawing paper into a 4x4 grid. By plotting points from the comic to the drawing paper, the students created an enlarged version of the original comic.
- Laurie Prewandowski and Elise Bundy are two of 4 educators in the region chosen to lead an exciting project starting in January. The class is called "Take Flight: Using Drones to Get Middle School Girls Interested in STEM Careers." This year's project includes 4 lessons; next year they will teach 8 lessons. The Middle School gets to use and keep 12 drones from the classes.
- Before Thanksgiving break, students in Mrs. Millard's Math Class did a building challenge. They built a small bridge that had to allow a matchbox car to travel between two desks, and another that was free-standing. The last challenge was a tall tower: students worked together to build free-standing towers out of popsicle sticks and hot glue.
- The KRMS Winter Band/Chorus Concert is on Tuesday, December 13th. Students in grades 6-8 have been working really hard to put together a great concert for our community.
- Amanda Leslie attended the NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) annual convention from Nov. 17-20. This year, it took place at the Anaheim, CA Convention Center and included general sessions with recently published authors, small group sessions, and an overall theme of "Pursuing the Light."
- Baking classes had a successful pie sale, thanks to all the support of their amazing school family! This week, baking classes are learning all about custards and next week they will begin construction on their gingerbread stacked trees.
- Culinary classes are learning about sandwiches and competing in a gourmet grilled cheese challenge. Culinary classes are also pairing with Art classes for an empty bowls fundraiser the night of the winter band concert.
- The All New England Chorus Festival took place at Plymouth State University on Thursday, November 3. 7 high school students participated with students from all over New England. The All New England Band Festival was on Monday, November 21 at Plymouth State University. 4 students were selected for that festival. In each case, they had about 6 hours of rehearsal before giving a concert that evening.
- Percussionist Tim Cohen visited the high school on November 3 to work with band percussionists. The students enjoyed getting some time to go really in depth in techniques. They hope to have him back!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NH All State Auditions were on Saturday, November 19. 5 high school students make the festival! Thomas Shepard, Addie Whitty, and Taylor Grace all made it for chorus. Robert Seney and Oliver Andrews made it into the orchestra. This is Oliver's third year making the festival, which is quite an accomplishment! ● KRHS Jazz Band is performing Friday, December 2 at Whipple Hall @ 6:30PM. It is part of the First Friday Concert Series sponsored by Center for the Arts. ● KRHS Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm in the KRHS Auditorium. It is free and open to the public. ● Finally, Thursday, December 15 the High School is hosting composer Maddie Stephenson to talk to the band about the upcoming piece she will write for them. Also, she will meet with the Music Theory class about composing and her process and she will answer any questions about film scoring.
<p>VII. Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Ms. Mastin opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Bessette noted that the members of the Board should have received two documents from Mr. Schamberg. <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to close public comment. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>VIII. Presentation</p>	<p><i>KRHS Arts Presentation - Charles Langille, Principal - KRHS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Langille presented the Board with an overview of the arts programs at the High School. ● Mr. Langille gave an overview of the Culinary Arts program, noting that the students have the opportunity to host guest chefs, run a weekly cafe for staff, and cater events such as staff meetings and the music/theater programs. ● Mr. Langille discussed the Band and Chorus programs. He highlighted the Dallas Brass Concert, discussing the time the band spent in a workshop with the students. He discussed the upcoming winter concerts and all the preparations that go into putting on the shows. He noted that 5 students from Kearsarge made all-states. Mr. Langille stated that nearly 1,300 tickets were sold for the fall musical, <i>Mama Mia</i>. ● Mr. Langille discussed the visual arts classes, showing pictures of work students have done in the ceramics class, 2 dimensional class, and the graphic arts/photography class. ● There are a number of instances where these different classes have the opportunity to collaborate with each other. For example, the culinary arts class provides catering for the theater productions. He also noted the Empty Bowls Project that will take place prior to the upcoming concert to raise money to fight hunger and for the homeless. ● During the presentation, Mr. Langille noted that only 40% of the demand for these classes is being met due to a lack of space. Ms. Casey asked how the students who are accepted into the class are selected. Mr.

	<p>Langille noted that it is based on a computer algorithm that looks at a number of different criteria. He noted that it is solely based on the computer algorithm. There is no human selection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bessette thanked Mr. Langille for his presentation. He noted that he had recently spoken with the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Education, Frank Edelblut, and noted that the District will have an opportunity to make a couple of presentations to the state Board of Education. Mr. Besetee noted that he has requested that Mr. Langille give an abbreviated version of this presentation.
IX. New Business	<p><i>Power School - Technology Purchase - Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation in the amount of \$18,458.96 for Power School Group, LLC. <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation in the amount of \$18,458.96 for Power School Group, LLC. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
X. Old Business	<p><i>Warrant 2023 - School Board Signatures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board signed the 2023 Warrant Articles.
XI. Public Comment	<p><i>Ms. Mastin opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Public Comment. <p><i>Ms. Casey made a motion to close public comment. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
XII. School Board Sub-Committees	<p><i>Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) - Ms. Casey</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Casey stated that this was the last MBC meeting of the year. They signed off on everything. She noted that she felt things went really well and stated that the Committee is very supportive of the District. <p><i>The Communications Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee meetings have both been rescheduled.</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bessette discussed with the Board the situation that took place earlier in the day which resulted in the Middle School and High School to enter into a secured campus state.
XIII. Adjourn	<p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained). The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hilton
School Board Note Taker