

**Kearsarge Regional School District
School Board and Municipal Budget Committee Joint-Meeting**

June 16, 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 6:41 p.m.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	<p>For the School Board - Present: Ken Bartholomew, Emma Bates, Arthur Bobruff, Bebe Hammond Casey, Ben Cushing, Eric Gregoire, Kyle Lombard, Alison Mastin; Superintendent Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent Bessette, Larry LeBoeuf, Beth Perkins (KREA Representative), Maggie Ellison, Adara Boucher (Student Reps). Absent: Kristen Schultz</p> <p>For the Municipal Budget Committee - Present: James Bibbo, David Bates, Robert Hemenway (via Zoom), Lyndsay Harkins, Michelle Kendric, Richard Anderson. Absent: Luke Gorman, Tom Schamberg, Robert DeFelice.</p>
IV. Approval of Minutes	<p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2022, School Board Meeting as amended. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2022, School Board Retreat as written. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
V. Reports of Administration	<p><i>Chair's Report - Mr. Bartholomew</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Bartholomew thanked the School Board and Administration for another great school year and reminded everyone of the graduation taking place on June 18th. <p><i>Superintendent's Report - Supt. Feneberg</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supt. Feneberg shared with the Board that he attended the New London Rotary Scholarships Breakfast. ● Last Saturday, Mr. LeBoeuf was celebrated at the "ED"ies Award Ceremony as Business Administrator of the Year. ● The High School Athletics Banquet was held at the New London Historical Society under the same tent Prom was held. ● On Saturday, the Board spent 3 hours at the School Board retreat. He stated that the session had great input and discussion. ● The Superintendent apprised the Board that the budget process has begun for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The administration is currently discussing with principals and department heads what each school and department needs. ● Supt. Feneberg presented to the Board and requested a vote on the resignation of Robert Harrington, Choral Director at the High School.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to accept the resignation of Robert Harrington with regret. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- The Superintendent presented to the Board the leave request of 1-year from Kristin Walters. He requested a Board vote and encouraged them to approve the leave request.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the leave request of 1-year for Kristin Walters. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- The Superintendent presented to the Board the hiring of Molly Giles (New London Elementary School - Teacher) and Jessica Poland (Bradford Elementary School - Teacher). He requested Board approval of the hiring.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the hiring of Molly Giles and Jessica Poland. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

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

- Mr. Bessette stated that he had the opportunity to meet with Mentors and Mentees who are participating in the Mentorship Program. He apprised the Board that they all provided great feedback on the program and were all grateful for all the Board has done to keep staff and students safe throughout the pandemic.

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

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented to the Board and requested the approval of a \$500.00 withdrawal from the Main Scholarship and a deposit of \$2,000.00 to the Thomas Mcloughlin Scholarship.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$500.00 from the Main Scholarship and the deposit of \$2,000.00 to the Thomas Mcloughlin Scholarship. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a Year-End General Fund Estimate. He estimates that the District will end the year with \$1.9 million favorable. The Board briefly discussed the shortage of bus drivers, noting that the District is 13 bus drivers short. Mr. Bates asked if the Fire Marshall had released a report on the explosion that took place at the District bus yard earlier in the year. The Superintendent noted that they have not yet released a report and stated that it remains under investigation.
- Mr. LeBoeuf presented to the Board a number of budget transfers in the

amount of \$239,000.00 to clean up line items currently in the negative.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the budget transfers totaling \$239,000.00. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf apprised the Board that food service is looking to purchase a Convection Steamer. He presented to the Board a purchase recommendation for the Convection Steamer in the amount of \$23,789.02 from Kittredge. Ms. Harkins asked if the additional food service surplus could be used anywhere else in the budget. Mr. LeBoeuf noted that the surplus is largely due to the federal funds that came in to aid the free lunch program during the pandemic. He stated that there are very specific parameters in which the money must be spent. The Board also noted and discussed that lunches will not be free for the upcoming school year and encouraged parents to fill out the proper paperwork if they will continue to qualify for a free or reduced lunch.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for a Convection Steamer in the amount of \$23,789.02 from Kittredge. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for Civil/Site Engineering Services for the Bradford Pre-K project in the amount of \$20,000.00 from TFMoran. He also presented the Board with a transfer to cover the cost of the purchase recommendation.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Civil/Site Engineering Services in the amount of \$20,000.00 from TFMoran. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$20,000.00 to cover the purchase recommendation for Civil/Site Engineering Services. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for pre-bond design documents, administrative fees, and reimbursables relating to the STEAM Project in the amount of \$27,500.00 from Banwell Architects.

Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for pre-bond design documents, administrative fees, and reimbursables relating to the STEAM Project in the amount of \$27,500.00 from Banwell Architects. Mr. Cushing seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the budget transfer for pre-bond design

documents, administrative fees, and reimbursables relating to the STEAM Project in the amount of \$27,500.00 from Banwell Architects. Mr. Cushing seconded. The Motion Carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

KREA Representative's Report - Beth Perkins

- First grade in New London had an amazing time at Squam Lake Science Center for a field trip. The excitement was palpable--- the joy of riding the bus, the hands-on exhibits, viewing the animals. They loved it! The PTO funded the trip and it was the children's favorite school memory from the year.
- Mrs. Kellogg's third grade put on an outdoor play of *Where the Wild Things Are* this week. They painted face masks for their "wild things" costumes. They performed for Mrs. Houle's Kindergarten class.
- All classes in Sutton had 4 sessions each with Mr. Rich from Youth Beatz. This was a great combination of drumming and supporting SEL messages of teamwork, good decision-making, and self-management.
- New London and Sutton 4th graders traveled to the Fells for a great environmental day through Lake Sunapee Protective Association.
- Elementary schools are wrapping up end-of-year testing and each school is very proud of the academic gains students have made throughout the pandemic.
- Mrs. Downing wanted to say she is very appreciative of the extra efforts Sutton staff continue to invest each and every day.
- At Simonds School, students are teaming up to help a fellow student who was diagnosed with cancer. In May, the school conducted a Penny War to raise money for the cancer facility that he attends. The funds will go to the children there to get toys and games to help them through their treatment. It was a week-long event, and the school raised a little over \$1,400. On Tuesday, June 14th Dr. Stokes and Mrs. Downs went to Dartmouth and presented the check to Dartmouth Chad's Children's fund in the student's name. The students, parents, and other directors of the CHAD program were in attendance. Seeing the Simonds community rally behind this student and show their support was outstanding.
- The New London fifth-graders simulated the process of immigrating through Ellis Island this week. Each student assumed the identity of a person immigrating to the United States in 1907. They brought simple costumes and props and simulated the boat journey, as well as the inspections travelers, would encounter.
- Simon Brooks came to KRMS to tell the sixth graders the story of Gilgamesh during their Mesopotamia unit. Students were excited to hear this strange tale come to life
- Today was Step-up day for the fifth graders. The sixth graders were tour guides. Students met their new teachers and heard the 6th-grade band

	<p>and chorus perform. It was an informative, enjoyable morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some of the 8th graders went to both the Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum and Altitudes Trampoline Park for the Week Without Walls. Mrs. Belanger reports they were truly a credit to our school! ● Students in Precalculus Honors Class completed a project using Desmos.com at the beginning of June. They had to graph conic sections and polar equations to create a picture that was recognizable. The finished products hang on the bulletin board in the hall. A senior, Samuel Lloyd, was able to replicate a 1975 album cover by Paul McCartney. ● Culinary classes finished the year with some fun projects! In culinary classes, we did breakfast cookery that included making all types of eggs & Omelettes as well as gourmet pancakes then feasted on our creations. In baking classes, we learned about sugar and made button candy, lollipops, tootsie rolls, and a small poured sugar showpiece. ● As we come to the end of this school year, staff and students would like to offer our deep gratitude for the tireless work by the school board on our behalf. It is a rare privilege to be able to trust so deeply in a group of people who work as hard as you do to support public education and students and staff. We thank you all. <p><i>Student Representatives' Report - Adara Boucher, Maggie Ellison</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Ellison introduced Adara Boucher an incoming Junior who has been selected to be the new Student Representative. The Board welcomed Ms. Boucher. ● Prom was a lot of fun and took place under a tent outside the New London Historical Society. ● The Athletic Awards Banquet was a great way to end the year. At the banquet, the Lacrosse program was discussed. ● Seniors had their first graduation rehearsal today with another one prepared for tomorrow morning. ● Senior night is tomorrow night. ● Finals wrapped up today. They took place yesterday and today.
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p><i>No Public Comment.</i></p>
<p>VII. New Business</p>	<p><i>Permission to Hire - Summer Hiring - Winfried Feneberg, Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Superintendent requested that the Board empower him to continue the hiring process over the summer as has been done in past summers. <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to authorize Supt. Feneberg to continue the hiring process over the summer. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Card Readers RFP - Barbara Turner - Director of Technology</i></p>

- Ms. Turner presented to the Board a purchase recommendation for the replacement of the Card Reader Access system in the amount of \$77,999.77 from AST Technologies. She stated that this system will give the District significantly better card readers and help to keep buildings more secure.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for the Card Reader Access Replacement in the amount of \$77,999.77 from AST Technologies. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Laptop Purchase RFP - Barbara Turner, Director of Technology

- Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for 35 replacement laptops for teachers in the amount of \$26,228.65 from Y&S Technologies.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 35 replacement laptops for teachers in the amount of \$26,228.65 from Y&S Technologies. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Ms. Turner presented the Board with a sole-source purchase recommendation for Applitrack, My Learning Plan, Evaluation Management in the amount of \$15,295.83 from Frontline Technologies.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Applitrack, My Learning Plan, Evaluation Management in the amount of \$15,295.83 from Frontline Technologies. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Second Wind - Sole Source - Water Treatment and Testing - Brett Paré, Director of Facilities.

- Mr. Paré presented the Board with a sole source purchase recommendation for water treatment and testing in the amount of \$25,607.33 from SecondWind Water Systems.

Ms. Casey made a motion to approve the sole source purchase recommendation for water treatment and testing in the amount of \$25,607.33 from SecondWind Water Systems. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Snow Plow RFP - Brett Paré, Director of Facilities

- Mr. Paré presented the Board with a sole source purchase recommendation for two GMC Sierra plow trucks in the amount of \$132,521.00 from Springfield GMC.
- The Board discussed that the recent RFP put out by the District for plowing at the elementary schools brought in no bids.
- The Board discussed the current efforts to hire a 4th groundskeeper.

- Mr. Bates asked the Board if they had looked into electric trucks. Mr. Paré noted that there isn't yet an electric truck on the market that could withstand what these trucks will go through.

Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation of two GMC Sierra plow trucks in the amount of \$132,521.00 from Springfield GMC. Mr. Cushing seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. Paré presented the Board with a sole source purchase recommendation for 2 stainless steel fisher sanders in the amount of \$18,931.00 from Dyers Welding. He also presented the Board with a budget transfer of \$151,452.00.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the sole source purchase recommendation for 2 stainless steel fisher sanders in the amount of \$18,931.00 from Dyers Welding. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$151,452.00. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Student Activities Fund Annual Review - Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a summary of the student activities funds.
- Mr. Langille discussed the addition of the Best Buddies program into the activities funds.

Ms. Casey made a motion to approve the Student Activities Funds as presented. Mr. Cushing seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Exxon Mini-Grant \$500.00, Simonds School - Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a mini-grant in the amount of \$500.00 from Exxon for Simonds School.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the Exxon Mini-Grant in the amount of \$500.00 for Simonds School. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Special Education - End of the Year Update - Larry Elliott, Director of Student Support Services

- Mr. Elliott presented the Board with an annual review of the Special Education programs.
- Mr. Elliott presented the Board with the request to approve \$875,000.00 for Out-of-District placements for the 2022-2023 school year.

	<p><i>Ms. Casey made a motion to approve \$875,000.00 for Out-of-District placements for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Cushing seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Elliott presented the Board with the request of \$431,540.00 for contracted services for the 2022-2023 school year. <p><i>Ms. Casey made a motion to approve \$431,540.00 for contracted services for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>VIII. Presentation</p>	<p><i>Impact of COVID-19 and Student Learning Outcomes - Kelly Collins, Steve Shepherd, Andy Chouinard, Tim Stokes, and Christine Downing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Principals of the District Elementary Schools presented the Board with data showing student improvement in reading and mathematics from the beginning of the pandemic until now. They noted that this data was collected via AimsWeb Plus which helps the District to understand which tier of structure a student needs. They noted that despite the pandemic, this data shows that student learning performance has either increased or stayed the same. They noted that though this data is excellent, what isn't measured is what students may have lost socially, not being able to interact peer-to-peer during the pandemic. • The Principals stated their appreciation for the Board and their support through the pandemic. • The Board discussed with the Principals the importance of students being paired with teachers, noting how influential the right teacher can be on a student. • Dr. Bobruff asked the Principals if any new procedures came out of the pandemic that they wanted to see continue. The Principals stated that they did have certain procedures and unintended consequences of the pandemic that they would like to remain in place. For example, how dismissal is handled, increased outdoor time for students, and working closely with parents.
<p>IX. Old Business</p>	<p><i>Policy EBB School Safety - First Reading - Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bessette presented the Board with Policy EBB School Safety, noting that the Board did not previously have this policy in place. He requested approval of the policy to be in compliance with State guidelines. <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to waive the first reading and adopt Policy EBB School Safety. Mr. Cushing seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Policy IJH Summer Reading List - Revision - Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bessette presented the Board with a revised copy of Policy IJH. • Mr. Bartholomew asked if the word "Required" should be taken out of

	<p>the title. The Board agreed that it should be removed. It was noted that this policy will be revised in the upcoming year.</p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve Policy IJH as amended. Mr. Cushing seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>X. School Board Sub-Committees</p>	<p><i>Policy Committee - Ms. Casey</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Casey stated that the Committee discussed the policies voted on above. ● Ms. Casey also noted that the Committee finalized information to be sent to the New Hampshire School Board Association (NHSBA). <p><i>Communications Committee - Ms. Bates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Bates stated that the Committee discussed the STEAM Wing and the needs of the locker rooms at the High School. <p><i>Facilities Committee -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was noted that the Facilities Committee did meet and discussed much of what had already been presented. <p><i>Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) - Ms. Casey</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Casey noted that Mr. Anderson had been elected chair again. ● Ms. Casey also noted that the MBC decided that they would like to hold joint meetings regarding the budgeting process. <p><i>Decarbonization Committee - Mr. Bates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Bates noted that there had been a good discussion about how to move the District forward on Decarbonization without creating a large workload on administration. ● Mr. Anderson brought up the projected increase in electricity costs in the coming months.
<p>XII. Adjourn</p>	<p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained). The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hilton
School Board Note Taker