

Kearsarge Regional School District
School Board Meeting
 May 19, 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 6:33 p.m.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Ms. Schultz lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	Present: Ken Bartholomew (via Zoom), Emma Bates, Bebe Hammond Casey, Eric Gregoire, Alison Mastin, Kristen Schultz; Superintendent Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent Bessette, Larry LeBoeuf, Maggie Ellison, Katrina Nowicki (Student Reps). Absent: Art Bobruff, Ben Cushing, Kyle Lombard.
IV. Public Hearing	<p><i>Appropriation for Unanticipated Funds – As required per NH RSA 198:20-b, III, the Kearsarge Regional School Board shall conduct a hearing regarding unanticipated revenue federal funds awarded from the Promising Futures Grant for \$42,698.78.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to accept and expend unanticipated revenue funds from the Promising Futures Grant for the amount of \$42,698.78. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 4-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
	<p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to allow Mr. Bartholomew to vote via Zoom. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 4-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
V. Approval of Minutes	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2022, School Board Meeting as amended. Mr. Gregoire seconded.. The Motion carried 4-0-2 (Ms. Bates and Ms. Casey abstained).</i></p>
VI. 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 noted that there are 4 weeks left of school. He discussed the AP Exams that students have been taking at the Kearsarge Professional Development Center, noting that access to the testing rooms was blocked off to allow for a quiet room for the exam takers. ● Monday, the District closed the James House Preschool Program due to a significant number of COVID-19 infections. The Preschool will reopen on Tuesday. The Superintendent went on to note that COVID-19 has also had a significant impact on the bus company. He stated that a bus route had to be canceled due to a lack of drivers. He noted that the District is not alone in this issue, stating that this issue is present in Districts state-wide. ● Several School Districts are reporting increases in COVID-19 infections. The Superintendent noted that the State Legislature has removed the ability of School Districts to close schools and move to remote learning for any period of time due to COVID-19. He appealed to staff and to

students to do everything possible to stay safe from COVID.

- On Monday the Superintendent met with representatives from the Healthy Kids Program of New York. The program is looking to expand into New Hampshire. He noted they the program had a very comprehensive program proposal and stated the District is continuing to look into the partnership.
- The Superintendent apprised to Board of the resignation of Erica Woodward, 4th Grade Teacher at Bradford Elementary. He requested a motion to approve.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the resignation of Erica Woodward. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

- The Superintendent apprised the Board of a military leave request from Jonathan Gunby, Social Studies teacher at the Middle School. He requested a motion to approve.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the military leave request of Jonathan Gunby with gratitude. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

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

- Mr. Bessette stated that work is underway with the Supervision and Evaluation Committee to examine the current teacher evaluation model. He noted that the Committee now has a draft of a new model which has been shared with the teacher's union and has received support from their leadership. He asked the Board at what point they would like to know more about the new model. Ms. Schultz stated that she would like to gain an understanding of the new model soon. The decision was made to discuss the new model at the upcoming School Board retreat.
- Mr. Bessette noted that the Professional Development Committee is currently reviewing grant applications. The application window closes next week.
- Mr. Bessette stated that the Governor has stated that he intends to veto House Bill 1431 (An Act Establishing the Parental Bill of Rights).

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

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented to the Board the deposit and withdrawal amounts for the following scholarships and Trustee Accounts:
 - Alex Gissler Scholarship - Withdrawal: \$330.00
 - Thomas McLoughlin Scholarship - Withdrawal: \$2,000.00
 - Bottinger Scholarship - Withdrawal: \$11,840.47
 - Christopher Scarpino - Deposit: \$3,000.00, Withdrawal: \$3,000.00
 - Trustee Account - Main Scholarship Fund - Withdrawal: \$3,500.00
 - Trustee Account - Linehan Scholarship - Withdrawal: \$1,000.00
 - Trustee Account - Project Climb - Withdrawal: \$600.00

- TOTAL - Deposit: \$3,000, Withdrawal: \$22,270.47

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the scholarship and trustee account deposits in the amount of \$3,000.00 and withdrawals in the amount of \$22,270.47. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for Middle School Furniture from School Furnishings in the amount of \$10,990.16.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendations for Middle School Furniture from School Furnishings in the amount of \$10,990.16. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin seconded).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with the Estimated General Fund Remaining Balance. The current projection is that the District will end the year with a favorable amount of \$1.4 million.

Student Representatives - Katrina Nowicki, Maggie Ellison

- The induction ceremony of the National Honor Society was Tuesday.
- The Stepup date for 8th graders who will be heading to the High School next year is coming up.
- Spring Carnival planning is underway and the students are getting really excited.
- AP Exams ended last week. The AP students are glad to have the exams behind them. Next week, the AP English Literature class will be taking a field trip to the Museum of Art in Manchester. Following their trip, the students will have to write a poem based on how they were inspired by the art.
- The trip to Six Flags for class officers is coming up.
- This Sunday is Senior Takeover. The Seniors will have the opportunity to be in the High School from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
- Prom is scheduled for June 4th. Ticket sales are beginning to ramp up.
- Monday was Performing Arts Night. The UNH Jazz Faculty Band performed and also took the time to help out the High School Jazz Band.
- The Band and Chorus concerts are next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The students are looking forward to performing the pieces they have been working on for the past few months.
- The Band will be performing at the Memorial Day Ceremony at New London Baptist Church.
- The Academic Awards Ceremony is on June 6th.

<p>VII. KRHS April Trip to Disney World, Florida</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Anderson, Music Teacher at the High School presented the Board with details of the Band and Chorus’ trip to Disney World in Florida. He stated that the students got to enjoy the parks as well as work with professional musicians at Disney. ● Students who attended the trip were present and presented to the Board some of what they learned on the trip. They stated that they had the opportunity to work with a professional Disney Cast Member who gave them tips on how to get started in a career in the Performing Arts or in any other career. One student noted that as a result of the trip he had the opportunity to spend time with fellow students he normally wouldn’t have been able to establish a relationship with and stated that he was grateful for the opportunity to learn and build those relationships. ● Ms. Schultz stated that she was very impressed with the students’ ability to present what they learned before the Board. She asked the students how many of them were considering a career in the performing arts. All of the students raised their hands. ● Ms. Casey stated that she was glad that the students had the opportunity to go to Disney. ● Ms. Mastin expressed her appreciation to the students for sharing what they had experienced with the Board. <p><i>Mr. Anderson presented to the Board a video of the final recordings of the student's efforts at Disney.</i></p>
<p>VIII. Public Comment</p>	<p><i>No Public Comment.</i></p>
<p>IX. New Business</p>	<p><i>KRHS Auditorium Equipment Purchase and Transfer - Charles Langille, KRHS Principal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a sole-source purchase recommendation for FCC Compliant Microphones in the amount of \$25,116.00 from Degange Sound Solutions, LLC. ● Mr. Langille noted that the current microphones are no longer FCC compliant as it was discovered that they have the possibility of interfering with air traffic communications. He also stated that the purchase of the microphones would help the District avoid the need to rent microphones when the need for them arises. Mr. Bartholomew asked why this is a sole-source purchase recommendation. Mr. Langille stated that the equipment from this vendor matches the sound systems that the District currently has. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the sole-source purchase recommendation for FCC Compliant Microphones in the amount of \$25,116.00 from Degange Sound Solutions, LLC. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Casey made a motion to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$22,200.00 to cover the costs of the FCC Compliant Microphones. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>

Summer School Update - Charles Langille, KRHS Principal, and Larry Elliott, Director of Student Support Services

- Mr. Langille apprised the Board of the current plans for Summer School in the District, noting that there is a difference between Extended School Year and Summer School. He stated that students who do not pass certain competencies have the opportunity to make those competencies up during the summer. Mr. Langille also explained that a number of summer school courses are completed online. Though a number of the courses are online, the District has continued in-person Summer School for monitoring of the student's progress; however, he noted that digital monitoring may be more fiscally responsible.
- Mr. Elliott apprised the Board of the staffing challenges for Summer School, noting that there were 40 staff members for 104 special education students. He stated that in the last two weeks, 20 families have opted not to have their students attend summer school, reducing the number of students to 84 for the summer. He noted that the 40 staff members are not covering Summer School for every week of the program from start to finish. Most staff members will work the program for a week or two.

Districtwide Paving and Striping Sole Source - Brett Paré, Director of Facilities

- Mr. Paré presented the Board with a sole-source purchase recommendation for District-wide paving and striping in the amount of \$14,853.20. It was noted that the purchase recommendation is sole-source as no other bids were received. Ms. Mastin asked how frequently the District stripes the buildings in the District. Mr. Paré noted that this takes place every summer.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the sole-source purchase recommendation in the amount of \$14,853.20 from D&M Striping. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Chromebook and Laptop RFP Results - Barbara Turner, Director of Technology

- Ms. Turner presented the Board with a sole-source purchase recommendation for 46 iPads for kindergarteners in the amount of \$13,754.00 from Apple. Ms. Mastin asked if most students usually have iPads. Ms. Turner stated that only Kindergarteners have iPads.

Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the sole-source purchase recommendation for 46 iPads in the amount of \$13,754.00 from Apple. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

- Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for 175 Chromebooks for 9th Grade in the amount of \$59,580.00 from Whalley (WCA).

	<p><i>Ms. Casey made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 175 Chromebooks for 9th Grade in the amount of \$59,580.00 from Whalley (WCA). Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for 180 Chromebooks for 5th Grade in the amount of \$61,560.00 from Whalley (WCA). <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 180 Student Chromebooks for 5th Grade in the amount of \$61,560.00 from Whalley (WCA). Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for 7 laptops for Associate Directors in the amount of \$5,658.94 from SHI. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 7 laptops for Associate Directors in the amount of \$5,658.94 from SHI. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for 35 replacement laptops for teachers in the amount of \$28,294.70 from SHI. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 35 replacement laptops for teachers in the amount of \$28,294.70 from SHI. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Paper & School Supply Bid - Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for copy paper in the amount of \$25,853.00 from WB Mason. Mr. LeBoeuf noted that this is the first time that the District has put out for bid for copy paper and only received one bid back. <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for copy paper in the amount of \$25,853.00 from WB Mason. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for general school supplies in the amount of \$9,366.40 from WB Mason. <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for general school supplies in the amount of \$9,366.40 from WB Mason. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>X. School Board Sub-Committees</p>	<p><i>Facilities Committee - Supt. Feneberg on behalf of Mr. Cushing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Superintendent stated that two big items were discussed at the Facilities Committee meeting: the STEAM Wing and Preschool South. He noted that there was a frank discussion about whether or not the

program should be modified as well as whether the District should continue seeking approval. The Superintendent stated that there was a strong opinion among the committee that the District should continue to seek approval. He apprised the Board that the Committee has voted unanimously to present the Board with a motion to go forward with the project. Supt. Feneberg stated that it is not fiscally responsible to ignore these issues.

- Ms. Mastin asked if any of the projects will need to be completed before the Public votes on the project next month. The Superintendent stated that there may need to be some projects done as a last stopgap. For example, the Air Conditioning system on the auditorium. The system is recharged every year due to a loss of freon. The cost to recharge the system is in the thousands. He also noted the need for duct cleaning, stating that if the ducts aren't cleaned they have the possibility to trigger the fire alarm system, prompting the need to evacuate the building.
- Ms. Mastin asked if the District needs to reengage the architects. The Superintendent stated that the cost of the project will need to be redetermined.
- Mr. Bartholomew asked if the locker rooms will remain in the project. Supt. Feneberg stated that they would remain as part of the project.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to bring the STEAM project before the public for a vote on the March 2023 ballot. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

- The Superintendent stated that the District has completed the necessary preliminary work with the Department of Education to go forward with the Preschool South project. There is now paperwork to be done. He stated the need for construction management services in order to not overwhelm the Facilities Department.
- Ms. Mastin asked what the projected start date of the project is. Supt. Feneberg noted that the plan is to begin in September of 2023.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to support going forward with the Preschool South project. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin seconded).

- Supt. Feneberg stated that the rooms in the Kearsarge Regional Development Center are to be named after the state parks in the District. The names will be Kearsarge, Winslow, Wadleigh, and Rollins.

Policy Committee - Ms. Casey

- Ms. Casey stated that the Policy Committee is currently winding down as there is less pressure from the legislature, at the moment, regarding the creation of policies. She noted plans to recreate the District's summer reading policy. She stated that the recreating of this policy would allow for other activities that could go along with summer reading, noting that some students have a harder time reading over the summer than others. She noted that there would be projects that could be turned in at the end

	<p>of the summer. Ms. Schultz asked about the workload that this could have on teachers regarding the grading of these projects. Mr. Bessette noted that these would be projects that are more experimental as opposed to being grade-oriented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Casey stated that at the beginning of the upcoming school year, the Committee will begin reviewing some of the District’s older polcies.
<p>XI. Adjourn</p>	<p><i>Ms. Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained). The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hilton
 School Board Note Taker