

Kearsarge Regional School District
School Board Meeting
 May 4, 2023 - 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 6:33 p.m.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Ms. Ellison led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	<p>Present: Ken Bartholomew, Emma Bates, Arthur Bobruff (via Zoom), Eric Gregoire, David Keith, Kyle Lombard, Alison Mastin, Kristen Schultz.</p> <p>Winfried Feneberg, Superintendent; Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent; Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator; Beth Perkins, KREA Representative; Maggie Ellison, Student Representative</p> <p>Absent: Ben Cushing; Adara Boucher, Student Representative.</p>
	<i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to allow Dr. Bobruff to vote via Zoom for medical reasons. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i>
IV. Approval of Minutes	<i>Ms. Mastin made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2023 School Board Meeting as written. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-2 (Mr. Bartholomew and Dr. Bobruff abstained).</i>
V. Reports of Administration	<p><i>Superintendent’s Report - Winfried Feneberg, Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Superintendent reminded the Board of the decision to dedicate the track at the High School to Ed Rehor, a retired longtime track coach at the High School. The track will be dedicated to Mr. Rehor on May 16th at 3:00 p.m. ● On May 25th at 6:30 p.m., the District will be hosting a discussion regarding Administrative Rule ED306 which sets the minimum standards for school approval. He encouraged everyone who is interested in participating to attend. ● The Superintendent apprised the Board of a recent meeting with himself, Mr. Langille, Ms. Hemingway and New London Hospital regarding how to collaborate around the LNA Extended Learning Opportunity offered at the High School. ● The Superintendent presented the Board with the resignation of Peter Keene, teacher at the Middle School and requested that the Board accept his resignation with regret. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to accept the resignation of Peter Keene with regret. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>

- The Superintendent presented the Board with the resignation of Bonnie Basher. He noted that Ms. Basher is seeking an early release from her contract and recommended that the Board approve that. He requested the Board approve her retirement with regret.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to allow an early release from contract and to accept the retirement of Bonnie Basher with regret. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- The Superintendent presented the Board a letter announcing that he will be retiring following the 2023-24 School Year. He noted that he wanted to ensure that the District had ample time for the hiring of the next Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent's Report - Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent

- Mr. Bessette stated that, with it having been school vacation week, he spent the week catching up. He stated that it was a productive week with a number of great discussions.
- Mr. Bessette discussed with the Board a recent increase in cyber attacks that have been occurring throughout the region. He noted that the Board has some ideas on how to approach the threats that have been seen. He also commended the Technology Department for the good work that they are doing.
- Mr. Bessette sent his congratulations to all of the teachers and staff throughout the District as it is Teacher Appreciation Week.

Business Administrator's Report - Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for two new UTVs for the High School and for New London Elementary from Townline Equipment Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$49,380.00.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for two new UTVs for the High School and for New London Elementary from Townline Equipment Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$49,380.00. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for 80,000 gallons of heating oil at a rate of \$2.84/gallon from Dead River. He apprised the Board that 80,000 usually gets the District through March or April depending on the winter.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 80,000 gallons of heating oil at a rate of \$2.84/gallon from Dead River. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

KREA Representative - Beth Perkins, KREA Representative

- Sutton kindergarteners have been hatching quail eggs and raising quail chicks as part of their science unit on life cycles and the natural world. They've loved this project and have learned so much. They share daily updates and facts about quails with the rest of the school and their families.
- New London Fifth Grade Teacher Jenn Kane will be living and volunteering at the summit of Mount Washington July 5th - 12th. She will be a guide at the Mount Washington Museum, as well providing dinners for staff in the summit weather station, which involves cooking at high altitude. She plans to keep a vlog and to bring back what she learns to the district in the fall.
- This is state testing season at the elementary schools. It's a huge effort of coordination to help students in grades 3-5 complete the weeks of online assessments. Grades 3-4 test on Math, English/Language Arts, and Writing. Fifth grade also tests on science.
- The beautiful New London Elementary School community mural is up! All students in grades K-5 helped to paint and stamp a piece of this giant puzzle mural. The mural was a collaborative endeavor by professional artist in residence, Mark Ragonese and Caitlin Mauser Rowe, KRES-NL art teacher. The mural represents our amazing school, unified arts subjects, and images of our New London community and landscape. We are so thankful for this artistic experience for our students and for Mark and all his hard work making the mural come to life. The mural is a permanent installation and can be viewed on the side of the SAU building facing Cougar Court.
- This Saturday, May 6th, 10 band and chorus students are representing KRMS and the Kearsarge community at the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Southwest District Middle School Music Festival. The students have been attending extra rehearsals and working hard to prepare for a concert with 15 other middle schools.
- Culinary classes at the high school are in the final stretch and coming into event season! All classes will be helping prepare food for the following events, as well as continue with curriculum.
 - New London Elementary School fundraising event - May 12th
 - Booster Club Trivia Night - May 11th
 - Kearsarge Actors' Guild Dinner Theater - May 18-19th
 - Sports Banquet - June 6th
 - Senior BBQ - June 9th
- On May 15, KRHS will present Performing Arts Night. Music Department students and the Jazz Band will be performing in the first half. The second half is a performance by the UNH Jazz Faculty.
- May 23 is the Spring Concert by the KRHS Band and Chorus.
- May 26 is the Memorial Day Assembly at KRHS and the KRHS Music Department is traveling to watch Return of the Jedi with the soundtrack performed by the Boston Pops.
- On May 29, KRHS Band will be performing at the New London Memorial Day Service.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kearsarge Actors’ Guild is hosting their first-ever Dinner Theatre. This will be held in the KRHS Cafeteria on May 18th and May 19th. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner will be served shortly thereafter. Tickets can be purchased at: https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/kearsarge-actors-guild/643bd124ff558e1e0d47bede <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-Sale Tickets only - by May 12th. Ticket cost: \$15 each. <p><i>Student Representative’s Report – Maggie Ellison</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Decision Day was May 1st for Seniors to decide where they will be attending college in the fall. • AP exams started on Monday. Other classes have been pretty calm as a result. • Teacher appreciation week will be continuing next week. • Student Counsel is planning their Spring field day for next Friday. • Spring sports have continued to go well. • Student Government positions will be opening in late May. • Senior show rehearsals have begun. • Prom tickets will be going on sale next week. • The trips to Italy and Greece were a big hit. It was a great opportunity for students to stand in historic places and see different cultures.
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Mr. Bartholomew opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment.
<p>VII. Presentation</p>	<p><i>KRHS Student Constitution – Charles Langille, Principal and Maggie Ellison, Student Representative</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Langille presented the Board with the Constitution created by the students. He stated that after some great discussions, the result is the governing body presented in the document. He noted that being that this creates a governing body, it is subject to Board approval. • Ms. Ellison presented the contents of the document, noting that the Counsel will consist of 24 members, 6 from each grade. • Ms. Schultz asked what the time frame was for Board approval. Ms. Ellison noted that the hope would be before the end of the school year. • Mr. Bartholomew asked how this changes the current governance. Ms. Ellison noted that it doesn’t make any changes to the current governance, but simply puts it in writing. Mr. Langille noted that the largest change would be that the Student Counsel would be solidified as a governing body. • Mr. Bartholomew stated that the Board will review the Constitution and bring it back for discussion at the next meeting.
<p>VIII. New Business</p>	<p><i>KRHS LNA Program Purchase Approval – Charles Langille, Principal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Langille apprised the Board that the grant that had been approved by the State in past years for LNA courses in High Schools would not be

approved again for the upcoming school year. There are discussions ongoing with New London Hospital to see if there could be some collaboration and cost sharing on this Extended Learning Opportunity. He noted that for students looking to start a career in nursing, an LNA certification is required for admission into a number of nursing programs. The purchase recommendation he presented reserves spots for 8 students from My CAN Now LLC DBA LNA Health Careers for \$11,000.00. Mr. Langille also presented the Board with a budget transfer to cover the cost in the same amount.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for the LNA ELO at the High School from My CAN Now LLC DBA LNA Health Careers in the amount of \$11,000.00. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$11,000.00. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

KRHS Graduation Program Purchase Approval – Charles Langille, Principal

- Mr. Langille presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for graduation contracted services for the 2022-23 High School graduation from Consider It Done in the amount of \$45,630.00. He noted that Consider It Done has done the last two graduations and takes care of most aspects of the graduation: setup, tear down, sounds, chairs, etc.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for graduation contracted services for the 2022-23 High School graduation from Consider It Done in the amount of \$45,630.00. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Preschool South Furniture Bid – Niki Robertson, Program Director

- Ms. Robertson presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for Bradford Pre-K Furniture from W.B. Mason in the amount of \$39,943.00.

Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Bradford Pre-K Furniture from W.B. Mason in the amount of \$39,943.00. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Technology Purchase Recommendations – Barbara Turner, Director of Technology

- Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for 1st

Grade Chromebooks from CDW-G in the amount of \$45,840.00.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 1st Grade Chromebooks from CDW-G in the amount of \$45,840.00. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for 9th Grade Chromebooks from WCA in the amount of \$48,840.00.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 9th Grade Chromebooks from WCA in the amount of \$48,840.00.

- Mr. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for 6th Grade Chromebooks from WCA in the amount \$51,480.00.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 6th Grade Chromebooks from WCA in the amount \$51,480.00. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Food Service RFP – Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for food services management from Fresh Picks Café, LLC. He noted that a committee has reviewed the bids submitted and ranked them based on a points scale in accordance with State guidelines.

Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for food services management from Fresh Picks Café, LLC. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Acceptance of Fall Foliage Grant – Simonds – Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf apprised the Board the Dr. Stokes was able to get a “Fall Foliage” mini grant. He requested the Board make a motion to accept and expend the funds.

Ms. Bates made a motion to accept and expend \$1,730.00 for a “Fall Foliage” mini grant. Mr. Keith seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Office Supply Renewal – Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for renewal with W.B. Mason for year 2 of 3 of the General School Supply

	<p>Contract.</p> <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for renewal with W.B. Mason for year 2 of 3 of the General School Supply Contract. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Scholarship Awards – Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with multiple scholarship withdrawals and requested their approval. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$525.00 from the Alex Gissler Scholarship. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$2,000.00 from the Thomas McLoughlin Scholarship. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$10,759.96 from the Bottinger Scholarship. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$1,000.00 from the Tara Linehan Scholarship. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$3,000.00 from the Trustee Account – Main Scholarship Fund. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>IX. Old Business</p>	<p><i>Policy JICL – Responsible Use of Technology and Policy – Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bessette presented Policy JICL for second reading. <p><i>Ms. Mastin made a motion to waive second reading and adopt Policy JICL. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Policy JICM/GBEG - Prohibited Use of Technology – Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bessette presented Policy JICM/GBEG for second reading.

	<i>Ms. Bates made a motion to waive second reading and adopt Policy JICM/GBEG. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i>
X. Public Comment	<p><i>Mr. Bartholomew opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Bartholomew read two letters submitted for public comment regarding the number of 4th grade classes for the upcoming school year. The letters are attached below. ● Ms. Perkins expressed that she believes the single greatest factor that contributes to the amount of time she spends on her class is class size. <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to close public comment. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
XI. Non-Public Session	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion for the Board to enter a non-public session. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 8-0-0.</i></p> <p><i>The Board returned to public session.</i></p>
XII. Adjourn	<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 8:12 p.m.</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hilton
 School Board Note Taker