

**Kearsarge Regional School District**  
**School Board Meeting**  
 May 5, 2022 - 6:30 pm  
 Kearsarge Professional Development Center  
 165 Main Street, New London  
**Open to Public**

<b>I. Call to Order</b>	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
<b>II. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Ms. Schultz lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>III. Roll Call</b>	Present: Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Art Bobruff, Kyle Lombard, Eric Gregoire, Kristen Schultz; Superintendent Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent Bessette, Larry LeBoeuf, Beth Perkins (KREA Representative); Maggie Ellison, Katrina Nowicki (Student Reps). Absent: Emma Bates, Bebe Hammond Casey, Ben Cushing,
<b>IV. Approval of the Minutes</b>	<i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2022, School Board Meeting as written. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i>
<b>V. Reports of Administration</b>	<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"> <li>● On Friday, the Superintendent accompanied the Facilities Committee on a walk-through of the High School to discuss the STEAM addition. He noted that the walk-through helped to shed light on the instructional needs of the High School and how education has changed in the last 50 years. Mr. Lombard thanked the Superintendent for the walk-through, stating that it helped to see the needs at the High School firsthand.</li> <li>● On Thursday, April 28th the Senate was in session and took a vote on HB 1417. The Bill was passed by the Senate 22-2. He noted that though the Bill was passed it was later tabled by a motion made by the Senator from Wilmot. The Motion carried along party lines and the Bill was tabled. The Superintendent noted that some Bills like this are tabled and come back attached to other Bills later in the form of amendments. He noted that the tax relief to the District had the Bill passed would have been around \$300,000. Supt. Feneberg encouraged the public to speak with their local elected officials regarding this legislation.</li> <li>● The Superintendent apprised the Board that all 7 schools in the District are close to meeting the building-based merit goals. The benefits to the teachers as a result of these goals will be paid out by the end of the school year.</li> <li>● The Superintendent brought before the Board the retirement of Carol Ellis, Art teacher at the High School. He requested a motion be made to approve her retirement with regret.</li> </ul> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the retirement of Carol Ellis with regret. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew</i></p>

*abstained).*

- The Superintendent brought before the Board the retirement of Michelle Duffy Para Educator. Supt. Feneberg requested that the Board approve her retirement as well as that the prior notice requirement per PEAK CBA be waived.

***Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the retirement of Michelle Duffy and waive the prior notice requirement. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).***

- The Superintendent brought before the Board the resignation of Brian Horn (Elementary Social Worker) and Olivia Kotusky (KRHS Math). He requested a motion to approve their resignation.

***Ms. Mastin made a motion to approve the resignation of Brian Horn and Olivia Kotusky with regret. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).***

- The Superintendent apprised the Board of the resignation of Bill McKinley. He stated that Mr. McKinley is a retired Colonel who after his military career became a substitute teacher in the District. After substituting he came on as a Para Educator. Supt. Feneberg thanked him for his service. He noted that no motion approving is necessary.
- The Superintendent brought before the Board the hiring of Beth Terwilliger (Reading Specialist) and Stephanie Stevens (Special Ed Teacher). He requested a motion to approve their hiring.

***Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the hiring of Beth Terwilliger and Stephanie Stevens. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).***

- The Superintendent noted that graduation is June 18th.

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

- Mr. Bessette stated that he had the opportunity to participate in a call with the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE) on Monday. He asked the Commissioner about Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Health curriculum, noting that this curriculum is required by the DOE and is subject to the Department's approval. The Commissioner stated that the curriculum is there and available; however, Mr. Bessette noted that it was from 2003. He stated that he is very concerned about the age of this curriculum and the lack of effort to remedy this from the DOE. He stated that though the state has RSAs requiring teachers to teach certain topics, the state doesn't provide what is necessary to meet the requirements that the RSAs require. He noted that it is the duty of the State Board of Education to review the curriculum every 10 years.

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

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented to the Board the price increase of \$0.25 per meal for the school lunch program based upon bid pricing from RFP. He requested a motion to approve the increase.

***Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the increase of \$0.25 per meal for the school lunch program. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).***

- Mr. LeBoeuf requested the transfer of \$5,810.00 for additional Literacy RTI supplies.

***Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the transfer of \$5,810.00 for additional Literacy RTI supplies. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).***

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented to the Board a purchase recommendation for 160,000 gallons of propane for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years at the rate of \$1.869 per gallon from Rymes.

***Ms. Mastin made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 160,000 gallons of propane for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years at the rate of \$1.869 per gallon from Rymes. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).***

***Mr. Gregoire made a motion to authorize Mr. LeBoeuf to lock in fuel oil prices when he sees appropriate. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).***

**KREA Representatives Report - Beth Perkins**

- In honor of Earth Day, Mrs. Katsanos' 2nd graders did a big recycled art project. They collected recyclable materials for a couple of weeks and the students used the materials to create an animal. They created a name for the animal, as well as its habitat, predators, and foods.
- Meanwhile, Mrs. Parker's 2nd graders have been weighing their plastic waste each day to see if the strategies they are using to reduce plastic are creating less waste.
- The New London elementary teachers are very pleased with their newly-installed audio system. Each class has two microphones that broadcast from a speaker in the ceiling. This helps students focus on the teacher's voice and also allows students to share stories and projects so that all their classmates can hear.
- Kearsarge 5th graders will be studying ecology at Camp Coniston at the end of the month. New London and Sutton feel lucky to have our own Mr. Lombard to lead the fishing station when we go on May 26.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The High School culinary classes are finishing up a project on James Beard. Introduction to Culinary classes are learning all about braising and grilling - they will finish up the unit with a burger challenge.</li> <li>• Baking classes are finishing up a pie unit and a pate au choux unit as well as filling several orders they have.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Student Representatives - Katrina Nowicki, Maggie Ellison</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP exams started this week and will continue into next week.</li> <li>• Teacher Appreciation Week was this week. Tuesday Student Council sent out an E-Card thanking the teachers. On Wednesday the Teachers were served ice cream in the Teacher’s Lounge.</li> <li>• The Girl’s tennis team is undefeated and are playing their rivals. Littleton, in the playoffs right now.</li> <li>• The Band and Chorus had a great trip to Disney and it was a huge success. It was a lot of fun being in the Park and getting to see the recording side of things. Dr. Bobruff asked if there was a recording of what the students produced while at Disney. It was noted that due to the strict nature of Disney’s copyright policies there may be an opportunity to play the recording for people; however, it cannot be shared or posted on any social media platforms.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VI. Public Comment</b></p>	<p><b><i>No Public Comment.</i></b></p>
<p><b>VII. New Business</b></p>	<p><b><i>KRMS Lacrosse - Principal Steve Paterson</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Paterson presented the request to the Board to create Boys and Girls Lacrosse teams for the Middle School. He stated that it is a great way to get more kids involved. This would be added as a spring sport along with Baseball, Softball, Track, and High School Lacrosse. Mr. Bartholomew asked if the necessary fields were already present. Mr. Paterson noted that the Soccer field would be used as they are not in use currently for any spring sports. Ms. Mastin stated that she supports Lacrosse being added to the Middle School as a sport. Mr. Bartholomew also stated his agreement and noted that playing Lacrosse in Middle School will help the students that wish to go out for High School Lacrosse.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Ms. Mastin made a motion to approve the creation of Boys and Girls Lacrosse teams at the Middle School. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-0.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Life and Long Term Disability RFP Results - Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. LeBoeuf presented to the Board a purchase recommendation for Life and Long Term Disability insurance in the amount of \$56,392.00 from Symetra. Mr. LeBoeuf noted that the District has used Symetra before.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Life and Long Term Disability Insurance in the amount of \$56,392.00 from</i></b></p>

	<p><i>Symetra. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><b><i>Chromebook and Laptop RFP Results - Barbara Turner, Director of Technology</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for a Hosted vPBX phone system from FirstLight. This would be a 5-year contract at the rate of \$74,065.08 per year. Mr. Gregoire asked what was wrong with the current phone system. Ms. Turner noted that the current phones are leased and that the District could either buy the phones out or lease new phones. Ms. Turner noted that this is a system that is hosted off site.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation of a Hosted vPBX phone system from FirstLight in the amount of \$74,065.08 per year for a 5-year contract. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for 160 1st Grade Chromebooks from CDW-G in the amount of \$56,160.00.</li> </ul> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 160 1st Grade Chromebooks from CDW-G in the amount of \$56,160.00. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Mastin made a motion to approve the ERATE funding for the 1st Grade Chromebooks. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Turner presented the Board with a purchase recommendation for Para Chromebooks from Whalley in the amount of \$20,520.00.</li> </ul> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Para Chromebooks from Whalley in the amount of \$20,520.00. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p><b>VII. Adjourn</b></p>	<p><i>Ms. Mastin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained). The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hilton  
 School Board Note Taker