

Kearsarge Regional School District
School Board Meeting
November 17, 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 6:34 p.m.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Gregoire led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	<p>Present: Ken Bartholomew, Emma Bates, Arthur Bobruff, Bebe Hammond Casey, Eric Gregoire, Kyle Lombard, Kristen Schultz.</p> <p>Winfried Feneberg, Superintendent; Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent; Larry LeBeouf, Business Administrator; Adara Boucher, Student Representative;</p> <p>Absent: Ben Cushing; Alison Mastin; Beth Perkins, KREA Representative; Maggie Ellison, Student Representative.</p>
IV. Approval of Minutes	<i>Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2022, School Board Meeting as written. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 5-0-2 (Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. Lombard abstained).</i>
V. Reports of Administration	<p><i>Chair's Report - Mr. Bartholomew</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Report. <p><i>Superintendent's Report - Winfried Feneberg, Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Superintendent attended a wonderful staff meeting event at KRMS yesterday afternoon. Middle School Literacy Specialist Elizabeth Paul, along with a number of parents and student volunteers, presented a series of simulated experiences a dyslexic or reading disabled student might encounter when trying to solve typical classroom assignments. In six rotations, teachers were asked to perform seemingly very familiar tasks, but all presented with a twist. For instance, writing or tracing letters while looking into a mirror; reading a text with unpredictable orientation of “p”, “d”, “q”, and “b” with unusual font; listening to verbal instructions with different pitch, volume, hidden frequencies, or trying to sort auditorily through multiple voices giving instruction. While not completely replicating a child’s everyday struggles with reading and writing, all adults shared a taste of how difficult and frustrating it might be for a student to take part in “regular” class activities. Thank you to Ms. Paul and the community volunteers for providing this opportunity. Mr. Paterson noted that the School Board has an open invitation to attend one of these events in the future. ● With yesterday morning’s snowfall, our grounds and snow removal team did a wonderful job clearing parking lots and bus loops in all of our schools. We successfully completed the “dress rehearsal” for bigger and deeper snow events in the upcoming season. Thank you to all who made

	<p>this happen smoothly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomorrow, Charles, Michael, and I will have a meeting with a local business representative (Chris Wardell) to discuss career opportunities for our students. We hope to cooperate with Hopkinton High School on their annual building trades career fair, and identify other ways to connect students with community based careers they might be interested in. Chris is also a strong supporter of our High School Renovation and STEAM proposal, which will also be a topic of discussion. <p><i>Assistant Superintendent’s Report - Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bessette stated that he had the opportunity to present the STEAM renovation at the New London Elementary faculty meeting. He noted that the faculty was eager to support the project. Mr. Bessette encouraged the faculty to come out for the Deliberative Session. <p><i>Business Administrator’s Report - Larry LeBoeuf, Business Administrator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a request to withdraw \$6,200.000 form the Waren Brooks Climb Trust. He noted that these funds would be used for Project Climb throughout the year. <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$6,200.00 form the Waren Brooks Climb Trust. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a sole-source purchase recommendation in the amount of \$13,483.75 from The Sensory Path for the purpose of installing sensory paths in all the elementary schools and the preschools. <p><i>Mr. Lombard made a motion to approve the sole-source purchase recommendation in the amount of \$13,483.75 from The Sensory Path for the purpose of installing sensory paths in all the elementary schools and the preschools. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained)</i></p> <p><i>KREA Representative’s Report - Beth Perkins</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report - Absent <p><i>Student Representatives’ Report - Adara Boucher, Student Representative</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Swim and Wrestling programs have started practicing. • <i>Mama Mia</i> was a huge success! The show brought in the largest turnout the high school has seen. • NHS is holding a coat drive throughout the month of November. • Student government met today to create a staff giving tree to help those in the community with gifts this holiday season.
<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><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to close public comment. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
VII. Presentation	<p><i>Nature's Classroom - Stephen Paterson, Principal - KRMS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Paterson stated that this Nature's Classroom trip was the first since prior to the pandemic in 2019. One of the highlights the students enjoyed was riding in the Concord Coach bus to the Nature's Classroom site in Charlton, Massachusetts. 119 students were able to attend with \$1,400.00 worth of scholarships being sent out. ● Mr. Paterson presented a slideshow of pictures from the Nature's Classroom trip. ● Mr. Paterson emphasized that the goal is to never have a student have to sit out due to a financial need. He noted that there are no requirements for the scholarships for students to participate in these programs. All that parents need to do is call and ask. ● Ms. Bates stated that her son attended and had a blast. She noted that it was an amazing experience for him. ● Dr. Bobruff asked what the full amount of the trip was per student. Mr. Paterson noted that it is \$400.00 per student. The District foots half of that, making the costs to families \$200.00 per student. ● Mr. Paterson discussed that you could tell that this trip was different from past Nature's Classroom trips prior to the pandemic. ● Supt. Feneberg apprised the Board of research that has come out of the pandemic showing the importance of both individualized learning and group learning. ● Mr. Paterson thanked the School Board for their support.
VIII. Old Business	<p><i>School Board 2023-24 Budget and 2023 Warrants- Continued Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a revised budget to reflect an increase of \$44,000.00 in interest. He noted that the MBC voted to approve the number for Warrant Article 1 at their last meeting. <p><i>Mr. Bartholomew read Warrant Article 1. Mr. Bartholomew made a motion to approve Warrant Article 1. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-0.</i></p>
IX. Public Comment	<p><i>Mr. Bartholomew opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Public Comment. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to close public comment. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
X. School Board Sub-Committees	<p><i>Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) - Ms. Casey</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Casey noted that the MBC was very supportive of the District's efforts. She noted that Mr. DeFelice voted against Warrant Article 4. The

	<p>Superintendent stated that Mr. DeFelice stated that he believed Warrant Article 4 should have allowed a great amount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Casey noted that the MBC expressed full support of the STEAM Renovation proposal for next year.
<p>XI. Non-Public</p>	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to enter non-public. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>The Board returned to public session.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve a purchase recommendation for Linda Mood Bell Learning Processes in the amount of \$31,200.00. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$31,200.00 for the purchase recommendation for Linda Mood Bell Learning Processes. Ms. Casey seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Casey made a motion to approve a purchase recommendation in the amount of \$53,000.00 to Parker Academy. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>XII. Adjourn</p>	<p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained). The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hilton
 School Board Note Taker