

Kearsarge Regional School Board
February 16, 2023
Open to Public

I Call to Order	The Alison Mastin, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm .
II Pledge of Allegiance	Visiting elementary students led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III Roll Call	Present: Alison Mastin, Emma Bates, Art Bobruff, Kyle Lombard, Bebe Casey, Eric Gregoire, Kristen Schultz; Beth Perkins (KREA Representative), Absent: Ken Bartholomew, Ben Cushing, Adara Boucher, Katie Nowicki
Presentation	Agenda item out of order: <i>Ms. Wendy Corbyn, Elementary Technology Integration Specialist, and Hudson Pendleton and Sofia Szymkiewicz (First Grade, Bradford) Dane Henrichsen and Jackson Pollard (Fourth Grade, Sutton), Joey Bean and Hailey Thulin (Third Grade, Simonds School) gave a brief overview of what’s happening with technology in grades K-5. Board members interacted with hands-on stations hosted by the students.</i>
IV Approval of Minutes	<i>Mr. Lombard made the motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2023, as written, Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 4-0-2 (Ms. Schultz, Ms. Casey abstained)</i>
V Reports of Administration	<p><i>Chair Report – Ms. Mastin thanked Ms. Casey for her service on the Board.</i></p> <p><i>Superintendent’s Report: Superintendent Feneberg was not present</i></p> <p><i>Assistant Superintendent’s Report: Mr. Bessette announced that this was the last official meeting for Bebe Hammond Casey as the next meeting would be after the March election. He thanked Ms. Casey for her dedication and service to the district. He stated that Ms. Casey has served two terms as a School Board rep for New London as well as serving on many committees and advocating for our students.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Bessette reported that the Leadership Team had met this week. It was the general consensus that the education of the Juneteenth holiday as well as the consideration of other federal holidays needs to be considered by the curriculum council and how it impacts the student day.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Superintendent Bessette requested the acceptance of the resignation of Caliei duCrest, James House Teacher, effective 6/30/23 <i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to approve as presented, with regrets, the resignation of Caliei duCrest, Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair Abstained)</i> • Assistant Superintendent requested the acceptance of the retirement request of Heidi Rousseau, KRMS Teacher, with regrets, effective June 30, 2023. <i>Ms. Schultz made the motion to approve as presented, with regrets, Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair Abstained)</i> • Assistant Superintendent Bessette requested to accept the retirement request of Virginia Blass with regrets, effective June 30, 2023.<i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to approve as presented, with regrets, Ms. Casey seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair Abstained)</i>

Mr. Bessette stated that he had “exciting news to report”. Mr. Tom Hilton, our Board Note Taker, and his wife are proud parents of a new baby girl named Emersyn, weighing 6lbs, 14ounces. Congratulations!

Business Administrator Report:

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented a purchase recommendation for Metrowest Cleaning Systems (current vendor) for more cleaning staff at NLES for \$44, 801.

Dr. Bobruff made the motion to approve as presented, Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair Abstained)

- Mr. LeBoeuf presented the Board with a budget transfer for more cleaning staff in the amount of \$44,801.00.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the budget transfer for additional cleaning staff in the amount of \$44, 801.00. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair abstained).

KREA Representative Report: Beth Perkins reporting

- Several schools in the district will be celebrating “One Book One School” during Read Across America Month in March. In New London and Sutton, every student and staff member in the school will receive a copy of a fun chapter book called *Nuts to You*, by Lynne Ray Perkins. The whole school will read the story and collaborate with community members like Woodcrest Village and Lake Sunapee Protective Association to discuss the book and participate in enrichment activities. Books were paid for thanks to a donation from Mascoma Bank, arranged by the PTO.
- This year during Winter Activities, some of the 6th graders learned about games the Abenaki played (and still play) in our area. One of the games they learned about was called Snow Snakes.
- The other news is that both the middle school and high school French students are participating in the international music competition called Manie Musicale de mars. There are almost 4,000 schools across the globe that are participating-representing almost 400,000 students! They are analyzing music, lyrics, and videos and voting on their favorites. These videos are pitted against each other like basketball March Madness.
- The high school math team has ended its regular season. In the Lakes Region Math League they finished 2nd overall in the large school division. Amber Houle, grade 12, is the individual high scorer in the large school division. Thomas Shepherd, grade eleven, tied with a student from another school for 2nd highest individual score right behind Amber, and is the highest scoring junior. We will be taking a team of ten students to the state math meet on March 14th at Plymouth State University. This is the first state meet since March of 2020, where we placed third in our division, then everything shut down about a week later. Amber was the only freshman on the team back then, so Sarah Millard and Persis Wirkkala are happy to be able to take her one more time before she graduates!
- The National Honor Society held a sock drive in January to collect socks for the Families in Transition Shelter in Manchester. They collected over 100 pairs of socks, which have since been delivered to them.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baking classes are starting a laminated dough unit and will be producing danish, croissants and puff pastry items. Culinary just finished up Southern cuisine and will take a break to explore some carnival treats next week for winter carnival. After vacation they will pick up American Regional cuisine and explore Floribbean cuisine. The Hot & Cold Plated Dessert class is practicing plating with various dessert sauces and will be doing a Twinkie challenge next week. They will take two Twinkies and plate them as if they were being served in a five star restaurant. This helps them to understand the concept of eating with your eyes. • The KRHS Drama Club presents “Caught in the Act” this week, Feb 16-18. <p><i>Student Representative Report: No report</i></p>
<p>VI Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Ms. Mastin, Chair, opened the meeting for public comment. Ms. Mastin explained that Public Comment would be open for a limited amount of time and there would be a second public comment further in the meeting. Judy Shank, Springfield, announced that the Girls & Boys KRMS Ski Team won the State Championship. Katie Anthony (via zoom) Appreciated the time spent explaining the reasons behind changing the date of Juneteenth. Requested that in the future the Board consider sensitivity when making an announcement. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. Ms. Schultz made a motion to close public comment. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1(Chair abstained).</i></p>
<p>VIII Old Business</p>	<p>2022-23 School Calendar Revision</p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to rescind the previous Board vote of February 6, 2023, to approve the calendar change, Ms. Casey Seconded. 4-3-0 (Chair voted yes to break tie vote), motion passed</i></p> <p>Mr. Bessette, at the request of Ms. Casey, stated the rationale as to why Juneteenth was changed at the last meeting and that it was to be observed after the school year had ended. Two snow days had moved the calendar’s planned last day of school. Discussion by Board: of recognition of the holiday, Juneteenth is not yet recognized by the State of NH, some community members were offended by wording of the announced change, Board members realize this, the District needs to be more sensitive to how to deliver a message. Discussion of recognition of the importance of the holiday and how to incorporate it in the school curriculum. The difference between a federal holiday verses a state holiday, how is this created?</p> <p><i>Ms. Bates made the motion to adopt the 2023 previously amended calendar, to include school to be in session on June 19th, seconded by Ms. Schultz. 7-0-0 (Chair voted)</i></p>
<p>IX New Business</p>	<p>a) Kearsarge Regional Preschool Bradford – Sole Source purchase recommendation of playground equipment for 2023-24, needs to be ordered now to be installed by August, same vendor as in the past. <i>Mr. Gregorie made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation</i></p>

	<p><i>for the amount of \$57,593.34, Ms. Bates, seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LeBoeuf presented a purchase recommendation for James House Supply line for \$11,041.24 for playground equipment. <i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the budget transfer as presented, seconded by Ms. Bates. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair abstained).</i> <p>b) Siemens - Boiler Replacement Purchase Recommendation – <i>Brett Paré, Director of Facilities presented the final quote of \$564,721 for the boiler upgrade for KRHS to include installation and maintenance Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Siemens to replace a boiler, for the amount of \$564,751, Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LeBoeuf presented a purchase recommendation for Capital Improvements KRHS for \$365,000 for boiler replacment. <i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the budget transfer as presented, seconded by Ms. Bates. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair abstained).</i> <p>c) Stearns Septic – <i>Preschool Bradford -septic tie in - sole source, presented by Brett Paré for \$18,734.Ms. Schultz made the motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Stearns Septic –septic tie in for Preschool Bradford, sole source, for the amount of \$18,734, Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair abstained).</i></p> <p>d) Gemini Electric - <i>Preschool Bradford- electrical tie in - sole source, presented by Brett Paré. Ms.Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Gemini Electric for the electrical tie in for Preschool Bradford, for the amount of \$21,455, Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair abstained).</i></p> <p>e) Secondwind Water Systems - <i>LEAD testing district wide - sole source (our contracted vendor), presented by Brett Paré Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Secondwind our contracted vendor, for the amount of \$ 15,791, Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LeBoeuf presented a request to withdraw \$200,000 from the Maintenance Trust (#8034). <i>Mr.Lombard made a motion to approve the withdrawl of \$200,000 from the Maintenance Trust, Ms. Casey seconded. 6-0-1 (Chair abstained)</i>
X Public Comment	<p><i>Ms. Mastin opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <p>Judy Shank, Springfield, stated she has a grandson at the middle school and expressed that she was upset with Juneteenth calendar decision. She hopes the school district will start teaching more about the Juneteenth holiday.</p>

	<i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to close public comment. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Chair abstained).</i>
XI Non Public	<i>No non-public</i>
Adjourn	<i>Ms. Schultz made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Chair abstained) Meeting adjourned 8:09pm</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Salera
School District Clerk