

Kearsarge Regional School Board
Minutes of the Public Meeting
Kearsarge Regional School District
February 18, 2021

I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Mr. Bartholomew
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Bobruff led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	Present: Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Art Bobruff, Emma Bates, Bebe Casey, Emilio Cancio-Bello, and Eric Gregoire. Absent: Ben Cushing and Richard Wright
IV. Approval of Minutes	<i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to approve February 4, 2021 minutes as corrected. Ms. Casey seconded with Ms. Mastin abstaining. The motion carried 7-0-1.</i>
V. Reports of Administration	<p>Chair: Thanked Dick Wright for his service to the School Board.</p> <p>Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education Committee voted unanimously 20 to zero to retain House Bill 20 of the voucher bill.• Provided testimony last Thursday on the board's behalf, along with over 5000 others that oppose the bill.• HB 544 – another bill that raises concern; restricts academic freedom• SB 147 is of interest to our bus company.• Read via Zoom to Mrs. Woodward's 4th grade class• Continue to work on 21-22 school calendar with help/input from others on "what can we achieve" in spite of the unknowns.• Less than 15 students have had issues returning back to school if they wanted to – mostly due to physical space needed for social distancing.• Three options to accommodate getting kids back – add satellite classrooms, reduce social distancing to three feet or allow for remote learning.• Mr. Bartholomew mentions that Senate Bill 130 and HB 544 are still viable and mentions school board should put on record they oppose it. <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made the motion to extend the School Boards opposition to Senate Bill 130; it was seconded by Mr. Cancio-Bello. The vote carried 7-0-0 (Chair voted).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to extend the School Boards opposition to House Bill 544; it was seconded by Ms. Casey. The vote carried 7-0-0 (Chair voted).</i></p> <p>Assistant Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Busy week with legislation and training.▪ Building a Bigger Boat focuses on changes in disciplinary legislation and will require review of our local policies. Board can expect to see at least 11 policy changes by April.▪ Presented slides discussing the amount of learning going on in the

district through the AimsWebb testing. District is above average and learning. But it did come with a cost; science, social studies, gym, etc. decreased.

Business Administrator:

- Year-end General Fund Estimated Expenses attached.

KREA Representative:

- Sutton is wrapping up their One School One Book
- Special guest Zoom presentation this Friday by Randy Pierce, Founder of Vision Quest. He is an inspirational speaker as he is blind and currently on a journey to climb NH mountains with his guide dog, Quinn.
- Winter activities ended on Wed, Feb 17th
- Officer James MacKenna has started DARE classes with the fifth grade in New London.
- KRMS Student Council is running a Food Drive through March 5th
- Every year at Kearsarge Regional High School, English teacher Lisa Cicoria offers Writer's Workshops during flex period as an enrichment opportunity. This year, five students have placed and even won local and state competitions, including our own Katie Nowicki who won first place in the Center For the Arts Teen Writings competition, in the Creative Non-fiction category.
- Junior Eliza Cardillo was awarded Honorable Mention for her Personal Essay/Memoir, "It's Just a Sandwich", by the Scholastic Arts and Writing, New Hampshire Writing Region.
- Close to two hundred Kearsarge High School students competed in their English classroom Poetry Out Loud recitation competition in January. The school-wide competition was held on February 9th. After an hour of impressive recitations, Amanda Lyons was named the runner-up, and freshman Oliver Andrews was named the School Champion. Oliver will now advance to the NH Regional Competition being held this week.
- Culinary Arts has started their American Regional Cuisine Unit - they are making their way across the United States learning about various cuisines.
- 14 students and four chaperones from Project CLIMB met at Newbury Harbor early on Saturday morning, January 30th. From there, they hiked the Newbury trail with hopes of reaching Mount Sunapee's peak. As they hiked, students shared news and plans. They ate lunch looking over Lake Solitude.

Student Representatives:

Ms. Spinney:

- Senior show is on in a different format.
- Valentines were given to each student and faculty member and the Treble and Bass choir pre-recorded their songs to help keep the tradition alive; a little different but successful!
- A move to bring people back together. Coming up with new ways to

	<p>feel connected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent final draft of proposed new dress code to the Dress Code Committee. • The climate and culture survey went out. • Beginning discussions of graduation. • AP exams – want to take them to together. Awaiting Supts. decision. <p>Ms. Nowicki:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Everyone looking forward to break. ▪ Center Lakes Art Writing competition was exciting with all the winners. ▪ SATs on April 13th ▪ Shakespeare as You Know It rehearsals to begin soon.
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent Partnerships Report – Erin Pospychala <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet monthly; agenda is on district site; ○ March 24th next meeting; ○ working on increasing family input. ○ Found that creating videos have had good results. ▪ Grateful for the collaboration on students that have different learning needs. Remote doesn't work for some our children. ▪ There's a resounding gratefulness for the hard work with the teachers and the planning and the flexibility that you guys gave to them to make the right solution for each student desire.
<p>VII. New Business</p>	<p>A. KRHS Field Trip to Italy & Greece – Theo Selby, KRHS Teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation offered to request permission to travel to Italy and Greece in 2022. • Several comments made about the growth and education these trips offer. • EF Tours was present to answer questions about deposits, covid, refunds, etc. • <p><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to preliminarily give permission for the trip. Ms. Mastin seconded. The vote carried 6-0-0</i></p> <p>B. KRHS Steam Wing Construction Manager RFP results and recommendation Todd Fleury, Director of Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cancio-Bello spent one day interviewing contractors; three presentations were excellent; would have used North Branch, but 20% higher than others. <p><i>Mr. Fleury asked the board to approve a \$10,000 deposit for DEW to allow the project to move to the next phase. Mr. Cancio made the motion. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The vote carried 6-0-0</i></p>

	<p>a) Elementary PA System RFP results and recommendation <i>Barbra Turner, Director of Technology</i> Out to bid – TNT and First Light; we are recommending TNT from feedback and references; Bogen – analog; TN; approve money Emlio 2nd art - unanimous</p> <p>C. Elementary PA System RFP results and recommendation <i>Barbra Turner, Director of Technology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Out to bid; two responses – First Light and TNT• Went with TNT based on feedback and references. <p>Motion made by Mr. Cancio-Bello to approve funds for TNT to replace PA. Seconded by Dr. Bobruff. The vote carried 6-0-0</p>
VIII. Non-Public Session	N/A
IX. Adjourn	<i>Motion made by Ms. Mastin to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Seconded by Mr. Cancio-Bello. The motion carried 6/0/0</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Boucher
Clerk, KRSD School Board