

**Kearsarge Regional School District
School Board Meeting
March 16, 2023
Open to Public**

<p>I. Call to Order</p>	<p>The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Superintendent Feneberg explained that due to the delay of the vote until March 28, 2023, Board members will be sworn in at the next meeting.</p>
<p>II. Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>Maggie Ellison led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
<p>III. Roll Call</p>	<p>Present: Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Emma Bates, Ben Cushing, Eric Gregoire, Kyle Lombard, Kristen Schultz; Maggie Ellison, Adara Boucher (Student Reps), Winfried Feneberg (Superintendent), Michael Bessette (Assistant Superintendent), Larry LeBoeuf (Business Administrator).</p> <p>Absent: Dr. Bobruff, Bebe Hammond Casey, Beth Perkins – Teacher Rep</p>
<p>Organizational Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Election of Chair - Supt. Feneberg asked for nominations of School Board Members to be Chair of the School Board. <p><i>Ms. Mastin nominated Mr. Bartholomew to be Chair of the School Board. Seconded by Mr. Lombard. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Bartholomew asked for nominations of School Board Members to be Vice-Chair of the School Board. <p><i>Mr. Bartholomew nominated Ms. Mastin to be Vice-Chair of the School Board. Seconded by Mr. Cushing . The Motion carried 6 -0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Chair asked for nominations for the position of School District Clerk<i>Ms. Mastin nominated Doreen Salera to be School District Clerk. Ms. Schultz, seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-0</i> ● The Chair asked for a motion to retain Legal Counsel to the School Board. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to retain Soule, Leslie, Kidder & Loughman, PLLC as legal counsel to the School Board. Seconded by Mr. Cushing. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Chair asked for a motion to retain Roberge & Company, PC as auditor. <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to retain Roberge & Company, PC as auditor. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair asked for a motion to approve Nancy Barthol as Treasurer. <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve Nancy Barthol as Treasurer. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair asked for a motion to approve Doreen Salera as Deputy Treasurer. <p><i>Ms. Mastin made a motion to approve Doreen Salera as Deputy Treasurer. Ms. Schultz, seconded. The Motion carried 6 -0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair asked for a motion to approve Bar Harbor Bank and Trust and New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool as the Banks of the District. <p><i>Ms. Schultz, made a motion to approve Bar Harbor Bank and Trust and New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool as the Banks of the District. Seconded by Mr.Cushing. The Motion carried 6 -0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bartholomew thanked Ms. Mastin for chairing the last meeting at such short notice.
<p>IV. Approval of the Minutes</p>	<p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2023 meeting as amended, seconded by Mr. Cushing. The Motion carried 5-0- 1(Mr. Bartholomew & Mr. Cushing abstained)</i></p>
<p>V. Reports of Administration</p>	<p><i>Chair Report - Mr. Bartholomew stated that it was with great pride and joy to announce Michael Bessette as the recipient of the NHSAA Outstanding Service Award. Michael will be honored at the Edies Ceremony in June.</i></p> <p><i>Superintendent Report –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supt. Feneberg also congratulated Mr. Bessette. • Tuesday vote postponed to March 28, 2023. PEAK Contract is a question on the ballot. • YCN Chronicle Series – Various staff will talk about the great things going on in our district. • Choral Festival for elementary, middle and high school students played to a packed house last week – First live performance of the Choral Festival since COVID. • The Decarbonization Ad Hoc Committee met and discussed active pursuance of sustainable energy sourcing. It was suggested to add another trust fund. Ideas will be proposed to the Board at the retreat to

consider as Board Goals.

- The HR Committee is reviewing staffing needs. There is ESSR III grant funds to hire a 2nd Guidance Counselor at NLES, our largest elementary school.
- Supt. Feneberg reminded the Board of an email sent by Maureen Prohl regarding hearings on the State Budget.
- Mr. Bartholomew also reminded the Board of Dr. Bobruff's email regarding an article on students and exercise.
- The Superintendent brought before the Board the resignation of Kelly Dobin, KRMS SPED teacher for approval.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to accept the resignation of Kelly Dobin with regrets. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6 -0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

- The Superintendent brought before the Board the retirement of Peg Jones, KRHS Reading Specialist for approval.

Mr. Cushing made a motion to accept the retirement of Peg Jones with regrets, Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Assistant Superintendent Report - Mr. Bessette

- *The SAU hosted an NHSSA meeting with Guest Fred Bramante.*
- *Spoke to the State Board of Education and informed the Board about the awesome staff and students of Kearsarge*
- *Met with John Stark and Mascoma school districts regarding offering a series of virtual hybrid courses. The intent is to offer more choices to students.*

Business Administrator Report –

- *Mr. LeBoeuf requested the Board's approval for a Tech Purchase of 60 Apple Ipads for Preschool South, Bradford.*

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for 60 Apple I Pads as presented for \$26,940. Mr. Cushing seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).

Mr. Cushing, made a motion to utilize E-Rate funds for the purchase of the Ipads. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LeBoeuf requested the Board’s approval of a budget transfer of \$9,500 from the Instruction Sub NL line to the Capital Improvements NLES line. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$9,500 from the Instruction Sub NL line to the Capital NLES Improvement line. Mr. Cushing seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LeBoeuf requested the Board’s approval of a budget transfer of \$14,000 from the Special Ed Salary Aides, MS line to the Middle School Wood Furnace line. <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$14,000 from the the Special Ed Salary Aides, MS line to the Middle School Wood Furnace line. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LeBoeuf requested the Board’s approval of a budget transfer of \$59,148.00 from the Special Ed Heath Ins, Brad, Heath Ins, Simonds & Special Ed Salary Aides Brad to Capital Improvements Bradford. <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$59,148 as presented, Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>KREA Representative Report – No report</i></p> <p><i>Student Representative Report: Ms. Maggie Ellison, Adara Boucher</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring sports started Monday • SAT’s are next week • Chorus went to see a play in Hartford, CT. • Winter Carnival went well • Project Climb Trip to Carter Notch • Student Elections
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Mr. Bartholomew opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <p>Emma Bates recognized and congratulated Amy Cook, Sutton Guidance Counselor, for being awarded the CHART (Character and Resiliency Together) Award.</p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to close public comment. Ms. Mastin seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>

<p>VII. New Business</p>	<p>Approval of School Board Calendar a)Mr. Bartholomew asked that the decision to approve the School Board calendar to be postponed to the next meeting.</p> <p>b) RFP _ Bradford PreSchool Site Work, presented by Brett Paré, Director of Facilities. Over budget by \$100,000. One vendor bid, Davis Bacon rate required as it is grant funds, costs were estimated over a year ago, prices have increased.</p> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation of \$439,389.17 for a site excavation, concrete slab and utility trenching, to William P. Davis Excavation, LLC, Ms.Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p>Bradford PreSchool –Merrimack County Customs-Sole Source, presented by Brett Paré, Total of 5 exterior staircases one ramp with handrails, built to design</p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation of \$28,550 for the construction of a total of 5 exterior staircases and one ramp with handrails. Mr. Cushing, seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$28,550.from Para Health Bradford to Capital Improvements- Bradford, Ms.Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>VIII. Old Business</p>	<p>Policy JLCF – Wellness – Policy Revision, Mr. Bessette, Assistant Supt. Federal Standards have change, Schools can no longer promote marketing of unhealthy foods as well as other changes noted. <i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to waive the second reading requirement and adopt the revision of Policy JLCF as amended. Ms. Bates, seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>IX. Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Mr. Bartholomew opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to close public comment, Ms. Mastin seconded. Motion carried, 6-0-1. (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>X. School Board Sub Committees</p>	<p>HR Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peer coverage when teachers are without a substitute- different scenario

	<p>in each school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Job Descriptions – Tech Dept. ● Hiring Plan - “Handshake” program - recruiting on college campuses ● Remote Days – Who should be in buildings? <p>Communications Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athletic Dept. Program - align with school district mission and vision statement ● YCN ● How we release information
<p>XI. Non-Public</p>	<p><i>No Non Public</i></p>
<p>XII. Adjourn</p>	<p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lombard seconded. The Motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained). The meeting was adjourned at 7:30</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Salera
School District Clerk