

**Kearsarge Regional School Board**  
 November 2, 2023  
**Open to Public**

<b>I Call to Order</b>	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
<b>II Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Beth Perkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>III Roll Call</b>	Present: Ken Bartholomew (attending via zoom – not voting), Alison Mastin, Emma Bates, Art Bobruff, Kyle Lombard, Ben Cushing, Eric Gregoire, Kristen Schultz, David Keith; Beth Perkins (KREA Representative); Owen Blood, Adara Boucher (Student Reps)
<b>IV Approval of Minutes</b>	<i>Mr. Lombard made the motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2023 as written, Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 5-0-3 (Ms.Mastin, Ms. Schultz &amp; Mr. Cushing abstained)</i>
<b>V Reports of Administration</b>	<p><i>Chair Report- No report</i></p> <p><i>Superintendent Report, Mr. Feneberg:</i>                  Quick reminder for parents &amp; students the winter season has unofficially started. Schools have begun to prepare for remote instructional days, the bus company was contacted and procedures were reviewed. Our Facilities Dept. has snow plowing equipment ready for action.                  Supt. Feneberg discussed that he is actively involved with NHSTA and their efforts to improve recruiting efforts for bus drivers. Currently, NH applicants have a 10 day period to retake the written test. This hinders potential applicants. NHSTA is in takes with DOT to reduce this wait period to mirror other states.                  Supt. Feneberg reported that along with Principal Langille, and Mr.Fenn, they had the opportunity to meet with the owner and chief engineer of Mentis Sciences of Warner to discuss potential internships for ELO’s for KRHS students.                  THE KRHS hosted its first regional Building Careers Expo organized by Warner resident, Chris Wardell. 15 local and regional exhibitors participated.</p> <p><i>Assistant Superintendent Report, Mr. Bessette</i>                  Mr. Bessette met with district 504 Counselor/Case Managers to discuss changes in practices and procedures in the challenging field.                  He also met with members from the leadership team to discuss resources available to support teachers that have students from military families.                  Mr. Bessette enjoyed his opportunity to teach NLES fifth graders a science lesson - <i>Zombie Fungus Among Us</i>. As a former science teacher, this brought him much joy.</p> <p><i>Business Administrator Report, Mr. LeBoeuf</i>                  Mr. LeBoeuf presented a Purchase Recommendation for Lakes Region Environmental Contractors for \$14,840.60  <i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Lakes Region Environmental Contractors, for the amount of \$14,840.60. seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>

	<p><b><i>KREA Representative Report: Beth Perkins reporting</i></b>          New London fifth graders want to say a very special thank you to Mr. Bessette for our spooky science lesson to the whole fifth grade.</p> <p>Second grade at Simonds is learning about Warner history. They have started to explore some key people and events such as the founding of Warner, the Penacook people who lived in the area, the railroad and many stations in Warner, and the Fall Foliage Festival</p> <p>Samantha Palmer (a school social worker) and High School art teacher Ms. Jones have teamed up to offer a weekly group called "The Art of Stress Relief" during Flex Block #2 at the high school. The group teaches a new stress-reducing technique each week.</p> <p>Kearsarge Actors Guild will be presenting their fall musical "42nd Street" on Thursday, November 9 at 7 pm, Friday, Nov. 10th at 2pm, and Saturday, Nov. 11th at 7pm.</p> <p>High School teacher Amanda Leslie has an invitation to the administration and school board: On Monday, November 20, KRHS will host a panel, featuring four local New Hampshire legislators and a moderator. They will represent both political parties, as well as both the senate and house of representatives. The event will run from 9-11 am in the KRHS RC. Please reach out to Amanda Leslie if you are interested in attending.</p> <p>ELOs continue to thrive at KRHS; this past week, groups traveled to Concord with Leaders in Advocacy, to Manchester for Tissue Regeneration, to New London Hospital for LNA clinical work, and to Full Circle Farm as part of the Therapeutic Horsemanship ELO.</p> <p>Project CLIMB's second trip of the year was to Carter Notch Hut, in the range just east of the Presidentials.</p> <p>The first quarter of the school year ends tomorrow. That means this is "Report Cards Weekend" and conferences are starting this month.</p> <p>Next week the High School Culinary classes are providing lunch for the superintendent candidates during their tour of the high school as well as dinner for the school board on 11/8.</p> <p><b><i>Student Representative Report: Owen Blood and Adara Boucher</i></b>          KRHS Open House was a great success. There were also informational booths in the RC. Winter sports signups have taken place. There will be a feedback session on Nov 6 to help draft an Athletic Mission Statement.          Pumpkin carving was a Fall Spirit activity. There is a Project Climb trip coming up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>VI Public Comment</b></p>	<p><b><i>Ms. Mastin opened the meeting for public comment.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No public comment.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to close public comment. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></b></p>
<p><b>VII Presentation</b></p>	<p><b><i>No Presentation</i></b></p>
<p><b>VIII New Business</b></p>	<p><b>a) <u>Purchase Recommendations</u> Barbra Turner, Technology Director</b>  <u>Library Catalog Software</u> for \$10,652.52. Sole source subscription  <b><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Follett School Solutions, for the amount of \$*10,652.52 Ms. Schultz, seconded. The motion carried 7- 0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></b></p>

	<p><u>Firstlight Duplicate internet backup</u>, securing another internet connection -3 year contract, \$37,448.73.</p> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Firstlight, for the amount of \$37,448.73. Ms.Schultz, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><b>b) Florida Band/Chorus Trip – KRHS, April 2024</b>          KRHS Principal Charles Langille, Music Teachers Mr. Lavoie and Mr. Anderson presented a preliminary request to travel to Florida with the band in April of 2024. This trip is bi-annual and this year the students will stay at Universal Studios. Why Universal? To officer a different experience in studio recording. Universal Studios resort is familiar with hosting large school groups. The itinerary was explained. An administrator and nurse will attend. Their attendance is covered as a district expense. Ms. Schultz thanked the staff for all the planning that goes into such a trip.</p> <p><i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to for preliminary approval of the KRHS Florida Field Trip to Universal Studios, Mr. Keith, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p><b>VIII Old Business</b></p>	<p><b>a) Superintendent Search – Mr. David DeRuosi of NESDEC</b>          Ms. Mastin, announced the three finalists for the Superintendent position starting July 1, 2024 in alphabetical order. Michael Bessette, John Fortney, Michael Jette. She thanked the members of the screening committee for their devotion and many hours of hard work. Mr. DeRuosi stated that the committee’s work was outstanding and was done with due diligence. The next step is the School Board to decide from the three candidates. He reviewed the steps with the Board explaining how they will access the finalist’s resumes online. The candidate’s schedule with building walk-throughs, open session to the public, and interviews with the Board was reviewed. Interviews will be November 8 &amp; 9 and are open to the public.</p> <p><b>b) Proposed 2024-2025 Budget</b>          Mr. LeBoeuf explained that he will have health insurance financial numbers by November 16, 2023(the next School Board meeting) for the Board to vote on the final budget.</p> <p><b>c) Draft 2024 Warrant</b>          Mr. Bartholomew reported that the Finance &amp; Audit Committee recommends to update the Trust Fund targets to the following: Roof Fund to \$1,200,000 and the School Buildings Maintenance Trust to \$750,000.          The F&amp; A also recommends for warrant articles: Article 2 School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, \$100,000 and Article 3 Roof Fund, \$100,000. The Maintenance Trust can also be used for boilers and plow trucks if needed.</p>

	<p>Remove the proposed Article 4 Capital Reserve Fund from the warrant this year. The F&amp; A looked at this fund, may use for a Building Assessment. Will ask legal counsel if it can be used for a Building Assessment. Hold target for now.</p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz, made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Finance &amp; Audit Committee for the 2024 Warrant, Mr. Cushing, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p><b>IX</b></p>	<p><b>School Board Sub Committees</b>  Ms. Mastin gave a brief report of the Communications Committee. Minutes attached.</p>
<p><b>X</b></p>	<p><i>Ms. Mastin opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No public comment.</li> </ul> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to close public comment. Mr. Lombard seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p><b>XI Non Public</b></p>	<p><i>Mr. Keith made the motion to go into nonpublic. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained). Meeting adjourned 8:09 pm.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Salera  
School District Clerk