

Kearsarge Regional School Board
 September 21, 2023
Open to Public

I Call to Order	The Chair, Mr. Bartholomew, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm .
II Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Bartholomew led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III Roll Call	Present: Ken Bartholomew, Alison Mastin, Emma Bates, Art Bobruff, Kyle Lombard, David Keith, Eric Gregoire, Kristen Schultz; Catharine Hyson (KREA Representative); Absent: Ben Cushing, Owen Blood, Adara Boucher (Student Reps)
IV Approval of Minutes	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made the motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2023 as written, Ms.Bates seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr.Bartholomew abstained)</i></p> <p>Mr. LeBoeuf requested to amend August 24, 2023, minutes to reflect 23-24 encumbrances The General Fund totaled \$792,411.99 plus fund 400 totaling 56,248.32 for a total of 848,660.31.</p> <p><i>Dr.Bobruff made the motion to amend the minutes as requested, Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1. (Mr. Bartholmew abstained)</i></p>
V Reports of Administration	<p>Chair Report –No Report, Mr. Bartholomew noted that the MBC will also need to vote on Joint Meeting minutes.</p> <p>Superintendent Report - Supt. Feneberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supt. Feneberg reported that the Grand Opening of the PreSchool at Bradford was a success with town representatives and other guests attending. Yankee Cable recorded the event and interviewed attendees. Overall a lot of positive feedback. • Supt. Feneberg had the opportunity to meet with State Senator Innis, (District 7, Bradford). Senator Innis is interested in public education and will continue to meet with him and tour our new pre-school. • KRMS are recipients of a 12K grant for drones. The Drone Club will present at the next Board meeting. • There is a request from Christi LeBoeuf to accept the Art Club at KRMS as a stipend position. The club has been offered for 5 years, this fulfills the KREA CBA requirement of at least 2 years and is requested before October 1. Supt. Feneberg supports this request. <p><i>Ms. Bates made the motion to accept the recommendation of Art Club for the 2024-2025 School Year as a stipend CoCurricular position, Ms.Schultz seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr.Bartholomew abstained)</i></p> <p>Assistant Superintendent’s Report – Michael Bessette</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record total of pending legislation proposals coming into effect. The district will be hearing much more in the near future. • Policy Committee is presently writing policy related to nursing mothers.

KREA Representative Report: Catharine Hyson

- The New London 5th grade team reports that today fifth graders headed to Camp Coniston for a day trip for an extended school day. Students participated in canoeing, fishing, archery, pond life, disc golf, painting on canvas, and a bog walk. This trip aligns with their science standards about ecology and will provide some great team building for teachers and students. Thanks to Kyle Lombard for volunteering for this trip! The administration at all the elementary schools is working on pulling together a district wide 5th grade overnight trip in the spring in preparation for middle school. Stay tuned for more details!
- [Laurie Prewandowski](#) has two updates from the middle school. On Wednesday, Yankee Cable Network interviewed Elise Bundy, Laurie Pre, LilyAnn LePenven (student) and Jack Glidewell (student) about the Take Flight drone program that was piloted last year and will continue this year. KRMS is the proud recipient of a Robotics Education Development Program grant from the NH Department of Education. They will be starting a Robotics (drone) club and participating in Aerial Drone Competitions this year.
- At the high school April Ross reports that culinary and baking students are finishing up safety & sanitation with a hands on summative this week. They will move through 30 different stations and identify which scenarios are safety & Sanitation issues, why and how they could have been prevented. By Friday all the classes will be working in the kitchen and starting knife skills for culinary and measuring/weighing skills for baking.
- Amanda Leslie shared The 6 students involved in this year's Leaders in Advocacy Extended Learning Opportunity had their first session with New Futures in Concord on Sept. 12. On Sept. 19, students involved with Modern Manufacturing headed to Rugers for a factory tour, while Therapeutic Horsemanship students visited Full Circle Farm for their first class. Six LNA students began clinicals at New London Hospital today. These are only a few of the dozens of ExtendedLearningOs running this year.
- [Nicole Densmore](#) shared that this week KRES-NL and Sutton Elementary welcomed Mashpee Wampanoag Cultural Advisors, CheeNulKa and David Pocknett. Their residency was kicked off with an opening ceremony at each school. They will be working with all classes during music classes. The Red Hawk Singers and Dancers provide a variety of formats to share the ways of the Wampanoag people. Each presentation is an educational program that includes song, dance and teachings about the virtues of humility, respect, identity and self-care. The culmination of this residency will be a Closing Ceremony on September 29th with both Sutton and New London elementary schools.

	<p><i>Student Representative Report:</i> No report</p>
<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. Mastin made a motion to close public comment. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>VII New Business</p>	<p><u>KRMs Robotics Education Development Program Grant \$12,710 –</u> KRMS will assemble a team of at least 16 students and create an afterschool Robotics program that will participate in an Aerial Drone Competition. <i>Mr. LeBoeuf</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the acceptance of the Robotics Education Development Program Grant, for the amount of \$12,710 Ms. Bates, seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><u>New Student Activity Account</u> for KRHS– <i>Mr. LeBoeuf</i> <i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the creation of a new student activity account at the High School. Ms. Mastin, Seconded The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>IX New Business</p>	<p><u>Additon of Co Curricular Stipends Volleyball and Mountain Biking as added stipend positions for the 2024-25 Budget per the KREA CBA IX Paragraph N</u></p> <p>Athletic Director, Scott Fitzgerald, announced that Bass Fishing has moved onto the finals competition.</p> <p>Mr. Fitzgerald explained to the Board the request to add three stipends. This is the third year of Volley Ball, there is great interest. Amount of games are 16-18 (similar to soccer). Unable to get coaches.</p> <p>Mountain Biking is in its 4th year (started during Covid as an outdoor activity) and has maintained interest. Not an NHIAA sport, 10 races with prep schools. Students use Proctor course, close to creating a site a Kearsarge. The school Nordic trailer is used to transport bikes.</p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the addition of CBA CoCurricular stipends for Varsity \$3,880 and Jr Varsity \$3,362 Volleyball and Varsity Mountain Biking\$3,362. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><u>2024-2025 Proposed Budget</u> Mr. Bartholomew noted Mr. Lombard’s email to the Board will be entered in the minutes. He noted that the figures were not exact as some items were double counted.</p>

	<p>Mr. Bartholomew noted the budget increase is higher than inflation largely due to deferred maintenance on buildings. There are choices (staffing) verses non choices (health benefits, workmen’s comp, etc.)</p> <p>New budget proposal includes: New Elementary Math Specialist, which was paid by ESSER funds in the past, 4% increase for non-union employees, increase in custodian wages and Admin Assistants starting rate, addition of Assistant Athletic Director, Transportation contract up 4%,.</p> <p>New London Elementary playground needs updating, safety concerns. Deterioration widespread. Playground committee formed this summer. Principal Collins discussed removal or repair of bridge and the start of a fundraising effort to help defray some of the cost.</p> <p>Mr. Lombard asked to see a Version III of the budget with a reduction. Ms. Schultz inquired also to seeing two versions to analyze actual outcome of a specific reduction.</p> <p>Board discussion to table budget vote and look at revising it. Further discussion to procedure as a budget needs to be presented to the MBC the first week of October.</p> <p><i>Mr. Keith made a motion to approve the current Version 2, 2024-2025 budget to present to the MBC. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The Motion carried 6-1-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Bartholomew made the motion to propose a third version of the 2024-25 budget to show a decrease to 5.57% or under 6%. Mr. Lombard, seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>Sub Committees</p>	<p>Facilities Committee: Mr. Lombard reported updates were needed on the sprinkler systems at Simonds Elementary (\$330,000) and KRES at New London (\$282,700). When asked about NLES as it is a much newer building than Simonds, Mr. Paré explained that fire protection rules have changed since NLES was built in 1987. Mr. Paré recommends one school at a time, request to accept bid for sprinkler systems for NLES first.</p> <p><i>Dr. Brobruff made the motion to accept the bid from John L. Carter Sprinkler \$282,700 for NLES. Mr. Lombard seconded The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Lombard made the motion to reject all bids for the Simonds School sprinkling project. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p>Mr.Lombard reported that the SAU Roof (office buildings) needs repair prior to the winter. This is not in the budget and will need to be taken from the Roof Trust Funds.</p> <p><i>Mr. Lombard made the motion to accept the Sole Source bid from A1 Roofing for \$21,989. Mr. Keith seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>

	<p><i>Mr. Lombard made the motion to withdraw \$21,989 from the Roof Trust Ms. Mastin, seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p> <p>Mr. Lombard stated that a structural evaluation was conducted on Simonds Elementary with no safety issues reported. There were recommendations to increase longevity.</p> <p>Supt. Feneberg stated that the district needs to begin the process to look at all our building needs. Other school districts have gone through this process. He proposes a Renovation/Construction Committee to take a comprehensive look and create a target objective plan. This will take funds for planning and engineering studies. This committee would be open to participation with citizens and board members. There would be an RFP process for a study of the buildings. Contacting other districts to see what companies they used for building studies. Ms. Bates mentioned that the historical structure of Simonds School is important and needs to be considered. Mr. Paré acknowledged further conversation and community value will be part of the Facilities Committee options.</p> <p>Mr. Bartholomew stated that there is a need to explore options to either renovate, consolidate, or replace buildings. It’s our obligation to maintain the School District’s physical assets.</p>
<p>X 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. Bates made a motion to close public comment. Ms. Schultz seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).</i></p>
<p>XI Non Public</p>	<p><i>There was no non public</i></p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Mr. Bartholomew abstained).abstained. Meeting adjourned 8:05pm</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Salera
 District Clerk