

Approved as amended on 12-3-20

Kearsarge Regional School Board  
 Minutes of the Public Meeting  
 Kearsarge Regional School District  
 DATE 11/19/20

I. Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Asst. Supt. Michael Bessette led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Roll Call	<p><b>Present:</b> Emilio Cancio-Bello , Ben Cushing, Bebe Hammond Casey, Ken Bartholomew, Emma Bates, Alison Mastin, Eric Gregoire, Richard Wright, Beth Perkins ( KREA Representative) Katie Nowicki (Student Representative) Nina Spinney (Student Representative)</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Dr. Art Bobruff</p>
IV. Approval of Minutes	<p><b>Mr. Cushing made the motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2020 as submitted. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0</b></p>
V. Reports of Administration	<p><b>Public Hearing:</b> Hearing opened by SB Chair. The Appropriation of Unanticipated Funds – As per NH RSA 198:20-b, III, the Kearsarge Regional School Board shall conduct a hearing regarding unanticipated revenue from the Supplemental Public School Response Fund for the amount of \$334,800 and CARES Act, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Grant, \$ 171,635.60, posted in the Intertown Record on 11/3/20. <b>Mr. Cancio Bello made the motion to accept SPSRF funds as presented. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7/0/0. Mr. Cancio- Bello made the motion to accept ESSER funds as presented. Ms. Casey seconded. The motion carried 7/0/0. Mr. Cushing made the motion to close the hearing. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 7/0/0.</b> The hearing closed @ 6:33pm</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> No Report.</p> <p><b>Superintendent:</b> Supt. Feneberg shared with the SB the most recent Covid-19 update. The Administration and School Nurses have a good handle on contact tracing and are in contact with DHHS regularly. The schools are handling situations on individual cases, while following protocol closely using an abundance of caution. Overall numbers are still relatively low and schools are still operating in person into November. Supt. Feneberg reported on the success of the onsite Nature’s Classroom at the MS. These classes took place outside on 11/9 and 11/10, at home learners were invited to attend and some did. The students were highly engaged during these fun activity days. Supt. Feneberg shared that the NESDAC enrollment projection is stable with a 2% influx for the next 10-years. Covid-19 may skew some of these numbers over the short term. Supt. Feneberg brought forward a nomination for the SB Clerk position, Ms. Joni Boucher of Springfield, NH. <b>Mr. Cushing made the motion to accept the nomination as presented. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried. 7/0/0</b> Supt. Feneberg also requested an unpaid long term leave of absence for Ms. Bonnie Basher as she pursues her teaching degree, according to Article 10.14 of the PEAK agreement SB approval is necessary. <b>Mr. Emilio Cancio-Bello made the motion to accept LOA as presented. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried. 7/0/0.</b> It is with regret Supt. Feneberg received the resignation letter from Mr. Ernie</p>

Brake KRSD long time Cross Country coach. KRSD thanks him for his 21- years of service to the students of our district, he will be missed.

**Assistant Superintendent:** Mr. Bessette shared, he has spent time visiting the schools and staff. He wanted to take this opportunity to appreciate the effort by all staff and teachers. Administration recognizes the hard work and time everybody has invested in planning lessons and making school days effective for students.

**Business Administrator:** Mr. LeBoeuf stated that the district audit report will be complete in December. He also made the inquiry about the use of gift cards. It is discouraged by our auditors. It was suggested the Student Council make the exact purchases to donate to Families, barring that, donations are made to the PTO, PTA, or booster club. Mr. LeBoeuf and Mr. Fleury brought forward a Purchase Recommendation for purchase of PPE, KN95 masks in the amount of \$40,500 before the end of December in order for KRSD to apply for the SPSRF grant. The district using Swish White River as the vendor. **Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 7/0/0** Also bringing forward an off budget transfer of the same amount of money. **Mr. Cancio-Bello made a motion to accept the transfer as presented. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7/0/0**

**KREA Representative:** Mrs. Perkins shared the district news. Sutton’s Fifth grade enjoyed a virtual field trip on pond ecosystems with Lake Sunapee Protective Assoc. as well as a virtual presentation on the health of NH Lakes and Ponds by NH Dept. of Environmental Services. Mr. Smith is excited to announce Sutton will be working with the Center for the Arts on a “poetry page” for student’s grades 3-5. At the end of each month a selection of poetry will be posted on the Center for the Arts website. This gives students the opportunity to be creative, work on their poetry skills and enjoy the feeling of being published poets. The eighth graders are learning about 20<sup>th</sup> century art movement Op Art/ Optical Illusion. The students’ art work is compiled into a slide show to share with at home and in school remote learners. The KRMS Yearbook Committee has had their first meeting of the year. The HS and MS choruses are starting a joint virtual holiday project. KRHS delivered 43 breakfast bags to veterans around the district. Our Culinary arts program provided the breakfast bags, including thank you cards made by HS Student Council and Elementary school children. Mrs. Perkins expressed staffs’ gratitude to the PTO parents who have poured generous amounts of support to the KRES staff this month by posting signs and creating special treats from families. We are grateful to be surround by such a caring community.

**Student Representatives:** Katie Nowicki shared Student Council is in the process of planning this year’s Prom. Plans will be following Covid-19 protocols in place. Katie also acknowledged the hard work and fantastic job the teachers are doing under Covid - 19 circumstances. Supt. Feneberg addressed this area and stated the Admin. Team and the union are engaged in a uniform effort of gathering information to find the best way to help teachers adjust to changes in learning environment. Nina Spinney was appreciative of the conversation and stated overall the

	<p>students love attending the remote in- school learning vs the remote at home learning. The Student council continues the Food Drive and after the break will start a Winter Clothing drive. The Student Council is also looking forward to working with the MS Student Council assisting with developing leadership skills and helping with aspects of transition to the HS. The HS Student Council will be developing a survey to go out to the school community regarding the current dress code. It was suggested the SC be made aware of local families seeking donations relative to the ongoing food drive, as well as notice of delivery of meals over the remote break, posted on the school website.</p>
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p>No Public Comments</p> <p><b>Parent Partnership:</b> Ms. Nancy Glynn from Sutton, talked about the Parent Partnership meeting from the morning. Their discussion revolved around remote learning for SPED children within the district. Also indicating parents would like more communication, more often. Parents continue to be grateful to the Special Education staff. She suggested that parents should reach out to the child’s case manager for specific questions regarding their students’ programs. Next meeting is December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. These meeting are held by Zoom and all are invited, please contact Larry Elliott for more information. Please see attached statement.</p>
<p>VII. Old Business</p>	<p><b>A) 2021-22 Budget:</b> Version 3 of the budget was presented. There was a discussion about the additional reduction proposed to the MBC on 11/17, no action was taken by the MBC on this. However, the MBC did vote on a motion to recommend to approve the two ½ time positions currently in the budget. This MBC motion carried with a 5/3 vote in favor.</p> <p><b>B) 2021 Warrant:</b> The reading of Article 1 was presented by Mr. Bartholomew. <b>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion for the SB to recommend \$46,485,550 for Article 1 as written. Ms. Casey seconded. The motion carried 8/0/0 (with chair vote)</b> The reading of Article 2 was present by Mr. Bartholomew. <b>Ms. Casey made the motion for the SB to recommend Article 2 as written. Ms. Mastin seconded. The motion carried 8/0/0 (with chair vote)</b> The reading of Article 3 was presented by Mr. Bartholomew. <b>Ms. Casey made the motion for the SB to recommend Article 3 as written. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 8/0/0(with chair vote)</b></p> <p><b>C) KRHS STEAM Addition:</b> Supt. Feneberg reported that he presented the STEAM project to the MBC on Nov, 17th, including the floor plan, site plan and overview of the project. There was an extensive discussion with favorable responses. It is the intent of the District to have detailed discussions within the seven communities, addressing the needs of our student population. The District would like the approval of the SB to move forward with this project working with the Facilities Committee and the Facilities Director. There is money in the current budget for this project to move to the next phase. <b>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to</b></p>

	<p><i>move forward with design of the STEAM project. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 8/0/0 (with chair vote)</i></p> <p><i>d) Propane Bus Refilling Station Purchase:</i> Mr. Cancio-Bello updated the SB on the refilling station installation. Irving Energy will include installing the pumps and tanks, provide service and electricity in exchange to the district accepting a 5 –yr. fuel purchase contract. The district has written permission from the land owner for the installation of the pumping station. STA will train persons for the dispensing of fuel. <i>Mr. Bartholomew made the motion to approve a 5 –yr. fuel purchase contract with Irving Energy. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried 8/0/0 (with chair vote)</i></p>
VIII. New Business	<p><i>A) E-Rate Purchase:</i> Ms. Turner presented a purchase recommendation for approval to use e-rate funds of \$3,899.07 to purchase 30 webcams from the vendor Adorama. <i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Ms. Casey seconded. The motion carried 7/0/0</i></p> <p><i>Purchase Recommendation:</i> Ms. Turner presented a recommendation to use the vendor B&amp;H to purchase 20 Lenovo laptops. <i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion for recommendation to use this vendor as submitted. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0</i></p> <p><i>B) Student Transportation of America – KRSD Bus Contract – Adjustment:</i> Mr. Elliott talked about the adjustment to the transportation contract for the time period of 11/30 through 12/11, for remote at home learning. This covers a total of 10 days, saving the district 13K. STA will be running 20 regular routes for SPED services, out-of-district students, and Voc-Center students and distributing district lunches. <i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to adjust the transportation contract totaling \$76,592.60. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7/0/0</i></p>
IX. School Board Sub Committees	<p><i>MBC:</i> discussion above</p> <p><i>Transportation Committee:</i> discussion above</p> <p><i>Facilities Committee:</i> discussion above</p> <p>Next SB meeting is on December 3<sup>rd</sup></p>
X. Non-public Session under RSA 91:A3,II	<p><i>Mr. Cushing made the motion to go into non-public. Mr. Cancio-Bello seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0</i></p>
XII. Adjourn	<p><i>Mr. Cancio-Bello made the motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:30 pm. Mr. Cushing seconded. The motion carried 7-0-0</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Kershaw  
Clerk, KRSD School Board