

Kearsarge Regional School Board

April 11, 2024

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| I Call to Order | The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33pm |
| II Pledge of Allegiance | Ms. Mastin led the Pledge of Allegiance. |
| III Roll Call | Present: Alison Mastin, Emma Bates, Art Bobruff, Kyle Lombard, Eric Gregoire, Ben Cushing, Patrick McGowan, David Keith; Beth Perkins (KREA Representative) Owen Blood, Adara Boucher (Student Reps), Kristen Schultz-Absent |
| IV Approval of Minutes | <i>Mr. Keith made the motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2024, or as written, Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 6-0-2 (Ms. Mastin and Dr. Bobruff abstained).</i> |
| V Reports of Administration | <p><i>Chair Report – Alison Mastin</i></p> <p>Chair Mastin reviewed with the Board the process and chain of command as a School Board member. Ms. Mastin will schedule a meeting for the Board in May to review protocol and processes as a Board member with an attorney as it has not been done since 2016. The Board’s role is to set policy and not be involved with personnel issues. The proper chain of command is to bring any concerns to the Chair and not directly to Administrators or Staff. This is also spelled out in KRSD Board Policy.</p> <p>Ms. Mastin reviewed Board Committee assignments: Human Resources-A.Mastin, Policy Committee-D. Keith, K. Schultz, Facilities Committee- B.Cushing, K. Lombard, Communications Comm- A.Mastin, E. Bates, Finance & Audit-A. Mastin, A. Bobruff, Transportation Comm-B.Cushing, D.Keith MBC Rep-K. Schultz, Wellness- Sustainability Comm. -E. Gregoire, Food Committee- E. Bates, Parent Partnership-A. Bobruff Neogations – A.Bobruff, A. Mastin, K. Schult, Alternate-D. Keith</p> <p>Superintendent Feneberg clarified the difference between a School Board Sub Committee (needs to have minutes taken and publicly posted)verses a non School Board Committee</p> <p><i>Superintendent Feneberg’s Report:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of exciting things happened since we last met despite disruptions by weather, cosmic, and professional development events. • Staff members were trained in ALICE- an enhanced method for responding to unsafe or violent situations that may affect our schools. Supt. Feneberg commended Principal Chouinard and the Safety Committee for their outstanding efforts. A parent information night was held about the basic components. • Solar Eclipse – students received protective eyeglasses from the district. Teachers used the time to share interesting information with their students. • There will be a presentation in May on “Getting to Y” which is an effort to analyze data obtained from students who take the biennial YRBS survey • Supt. Feneberg stated that he had the pleasure of serving as a prospective employer while middle school students were completing mock interviews as part of their Family Consumer Science units with Mrs. Young. Students were well prepared. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students, staff, and administrators have been working on a series of video productions that will help us share with the public our effort in three related areas: Portrait of a Learner, Portrait of an Educator, and Portrait of an Athlete. <p>Resignations: Superintendent Feneberg requested the acceptance of the resignations of the following staff: Reily Moskalenko, Carrie Healy, Lauryn Spadafore, and Evan Walsh, effective June 30, 2024. Mr. Cushing made the motion to approve the request for resignations as presented. Dr. Bobruff, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</p> <p>Nominations: Superintendent Feneberg requested the acceptance of the following staff for nomination of the upcoming 2024-25 school year: Lisa Davis -Special Education, Sutton Central; Stephani Martin – Math Specialist, KRMS; William LaCroix -Social Studies, KRHS</p> <p>Mr. Keith made the motion to approve the nomination requests as presented. Ms. Bates, seconded. The motion carried 8-0-0 Superintendent Feneberg also stated that he was pleased to announce that Molly Mc Dougal was hired as the first KRMS Assistant Athletic Director and will be starting in the 2024-25 school year.</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent’s Report – Michael Bessette</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title 1 compliance has been achieved with the NH Dept of Ed. • Mr. Bessette had the opportunity to sit on the Middle School Athletic Director Interviews- congratulations to Molly McDougal • It was a fun day with students participating in the Portrait of a Learner video, great process and opportunity • Currently working on a grant application – There is a new universal process that requires a consolidated application • On April 16-will be joining 3 other Superintendents to present an equity series for the Superintendents Association titled <i>Crypto Equity- How Administrators View Equity</i> |
| | <p>Business Administrators Report – Larry LeBoeuf</p> <p>Purchase Recommendation Request for approval: Diesel and Unleaded Gas for buses – Ayer & Goss – current rates Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation as recommended, Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</p> <p>Balance Transfer Request from Special Ed Salary Aides MS to Maintenance Water & Sewer for \$8,870. Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation as recommended. Mr. Keith, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</p> <p>Mr. LeBoeuf reported that the estimated Grand Total General Fund remaining as of 3/29/24 is \$1,872.40</p> |

KREA Representative Report: Beth Perkins reporting

Simonds school is wrapping up their annual Read-A-Thon. This year's theme is "Hop Into a Good Book" which is inspired by their One School, One Book selection,

New London third graders worked with Sage Tokach at the Barn Playhouse for a series of 3 theater workshops. One class at a time walked over to the Barn to learn about traditional Japanese theater.

Storyteller Simon Brooks came to the Middle School 6th grade on March 29th to tell the story of Gilgamesh. This story is part of the sixth grade study of ancient civilizations.

The Middle School Student Council sponsored a Food Drive the week of March 25th. Because students and their families were so generous with donations, they have enough food for two local Food Pantries! Non-perishable food items as well as personal items were donated to the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Food Pantry in New London and Warner Connects in Warner.

The Kearsarge Actors Guild hosted 5 high schools from the state during the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild Regional Festival. Calvin Smith, a junior at KRHS, was awarded All-Star Company award for his work behind the scenes "calling the technical cues" to the Tech crew. This is a high honor!

In celebration of Music In Our Schools Month, Kearsarge hosted a series of exciting events throughout March. The Choral Festival was a thrilling evening, featuring all the fourth graders in the district, The 6th-8th grade chorus, and the High School Chorus. There were also some guest artists accompanying the groups.

The Kearsarge Band Festival featured the 7th and 8th Grade Band and the High School Band. The students spent the day rehearsing their music at the High School, first in their own groups and then as one band.

To punctuate the month, KRHS Music Department teamed up with the Culinary Arts department to put on a cabaret evening called the KC Club. The High School auditorium stage was transformed into an inviting night club atmosphere. Chef Ross and the Culinary students provided an a la carte menu.

5 High School students participated in NH All State Music Festival over the weekend: singers Thomas Shepard, Emma Geraghty, Taylor Grace, Oliver Boyer, and violinist Oliver Andrews, Oliver Andrews received a 4 year award given to students who are chosen for the festival for all 4 years in high school. A rare achievement!

Finally, the KRHS Music Department trip to Universal Studios leaves on Thursday, April 18 and returns on Tuesday, April 23. Thank you, School Board for your support to make it happen!

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| | <p><i>Student Representative Report: Owen Blood and Adara Boucher</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Council hosted a Para Educator Day. Snacks were enjoyed by all. Thank you to our Para’s in the district for all they do. • Lacrosse, Tennis, and Track & Field have started their season in spite of the bad weather • Band and Chorus are leaving for their Florida Trip to Universal Studios • Best Buddies Basketball Game is April 19, still need more players for the staff team |
| VI Public Comment | <p><i>Ms. Mastin opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment. <p><i>Mr. Keith made a motion to close public comment. Ms. Bates seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> |
| VII Presentation | <p><i>Portrait of a Learner</i></p> <p>Supt. Feneberg introduced the video. Input came from parent groups, student groups, and staff. The video was created as part of the Strategic Plan and represents what we stand for. The Board viewed the video.</p> |
| VIII New Business | <p>Ms. Turner presented a request for approval of funds for a Wireless Upgrade/Replacement for KRMS & KRHS using E-Rate Funds. <i>Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for the amount of \$61,654.60. Mr. Keith, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p>KRHS Graduation Service Contract – Charles Langille, Principal requesting. <i>Mr. Keith made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Consider it Done for the KRHS Graduation, for the amount of \$ 45,770 Mr. Cushing, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p>Town Line Equipment, New UTV for NLES, current one will be traded in. <i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for a new UTV for NLES from Townline Equipment Sales for the amount of \$ 23,879 . Mr. Keith, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p>Request for Budget Transfer from Maintenance Snow removal to Maintenance New Equipment for \$6,938.00. <i>Mr. Keith made a motion to approve the request for the budget transfer as presented. Mr. Lombard, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p>One Source Security – Mr. Paré presented the sole source request to have KRHS rekeyed <i>Mr. Keith made a motion to approve the request for One Source Security for the amount of \$37,922. Ms. Bates, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p>New Hampshire Learning Initiative, Federal Grant -Purchase recommendation to spend funds for High School Admin consulting and coaching services (professional development), \$12,467 <i>Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the request for the amount of \$12,467 as presented. Mr. Cushing, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p>General School Supply – Renew contract with WB Mason for school supplies, per</p> |

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| | <p>Larry LeBoeuf – no price increase <i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the request to renew for the third year with WB Mason. Mr. Monahan, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p>Overnight Field Trip – Principal Paterson requested the permission of the Board for KRMS students and chaperones to attend a Drone Competition in West Virginia. <i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the request the request for KRMS students to travel to West Virginia for a Drone Competition. Mrs. Bates, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p>Staff Renominations - Superintendent Feneberg presented the staff nomination list as required by NH RSA. Supt. Feneberg explained state law requires that faculty be renominated by April 15 for the upcoming school year.</p> <p>Supt. Feneberg requested the renomination of those teachers on a continuing contract. <i>Mr. Keith made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented, Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained)</i></p> <p>Supt. Feneberg requested the renomination of those 10 teachers moving to a continuing contract. <i>Mr. Keith made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented, Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained)</i></p> <p>Supt. Feneberg requested the renomination of those teachers working towards a continuing contract, not yet ready to go to tenure. <i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented, Mr. Keith, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained)</i></p> <p>Supt. Feneberg requested the renomination of those 10 teachers moving to a continuing contract. <i>Mr. Keith made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented, Ms. Bates seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained)</i></p> <p>Supt. Feneberg requested the renomination of those that are Licensed Professionals with the sate, and do not fall under tenure law, for example SPL, Nurse, OT, BCBA's, etc. <i>Mr. Cushing made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented, Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained)</i></p> <p>Supt. Feneberg requested the renomination of those that are Administrators as some are tenure eligible. <i>Mr. Keith made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented, Mr. Cushing, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained)</i></p> |
| Old Business | <p>Policy IMGG Therapy Dog use in District Programs – Second Reading <i>Mr. Keith made a motion to accept the second reading as presented. Mr. Cushing, seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained)</i></p> |

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| School Board Sub Committees | <p>Facilities Committee, April 11, 2024</p> <p>Mr. Paré reported that the switch to Seimens Fire and Alarm Testing will be easier and less expensive as Siemens is already contracted for HVAC. A generator from a Homeland Security Grant is anticipated. This generator will be installed on the New London Campus and will serve as a shelter for the Town of New London. Electrical modifications will be necessary. EV chargers are being looked at for the parking lot as part of the sustainability objective. Looking at municipal leasing for grounds vehicles verses purchasing in the future.</p> |
| X Public Comment | <p><i>Ms. Mastin opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No public comment. <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to close public comment. Mr. Cushing, seconded. The Motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> |
| XI Non Public | <i>NO non public</i> |
| Adjourn | <p>It was confirmed that the Board would meet April 18, 2024</p> <p><i>Ms. Mastin adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm</i></p> |

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Salera