

Kearsarge Regional School Board

16 April 2026

Open to Public

I. Call to Order	Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	The School Board led the pledge of allegiance.
III. Roll Call	<p><i>Present:</i> Art Bobruff, Matt Esenwine, Nancy Glynn, Eric Gregoire, David Keith, Jamie MacKenna, Patrick McGowan, Alison Mastin, and Kristen Schultz.</p> <p><i>Absent:</i> none</p> <p><i>Absent:</i> KREA representative Catharine Hyson</p> <p><i>Absent:</i> Student representatives Cooper Russell & Leah Stone</p>
IV. Approval of Minutes	<p><i>The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from 2 April 2026.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to approve the minutes of 2 April 2026, as written.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Esenwine seconded. The motion carried 7-0-2 (Ms. Mastin and Ms. Glynn abstained).</i></p>
V. Reports of Administration	<p><i>The following provided Administrative Reports:</i></p> <p>Chair Alison Mastin’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Mastin wanted to reiterate that as board members they need to safeguard confidentiality when topics have not been disclosed publicly. • Mr. Esenwine announced his resignation due to a surprise move to a different town within the district. He can therefore no longer represent the town of Warner. <p>Superintendent John Fortney’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He thanked Mr. Esenwine for his brief service. • He sought board approval to accept the resignations of Sarah Katsanos, NLES teacher, effective 6/30/2026. • He sought board approval to accept the retirement of Melissa Crowe, KRMS teacher, effective 6/30/2026. • He sought board approval to hire Thom Smith as the Assistant Principal at NLES, effective 7/1/2026. <p>Assistant Superintendent Michael Bessette’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>Business Administrator Larry LeBoeuf’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He presented a purchase recommendation for updated signage across the middle-school campus. The vendor is NH Signs, which has done work for the district before. This is a budgeted item. The total cost is \$18,718.50. <p>KREA Representative Catharine Hyson’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None (absent) <p>Student Representative Leah Stone’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None (absent) <p>Student Representative Cooper Russell’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None (absent) <p><i>Actions taken by the Board:</i></p>

	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the resignation of NLES teacher Sarah Katsanos, with regret. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the retirement of KRMS teacher Melissa Crowe, with regret. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Esenwine made a motion to approve the hiring of NLES Assistant Principal Thom Smith, Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to accept vendor Cengage for math textbooks at the middle school. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to accept the purchase recommendation for NH Signs, as presented. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mag Francis of New London:</i> She noted that the anchor school agreement with Croydon costs that town a lot less than they would have had to pay in an open-enrollment situation. She encouraged the board to put more depth into their discussion in the upcoming strategic plan development when it comes to out-of-district student placement. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to exit public comment. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>VII. Presentation: KRHS Tiny-House Project</p>	<p><i>ELO Coordinators Rebecca Hemingway and Colleen MacIntyre introduced the following:</i></p> <p>A. Tiny House Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two freshmen working on the tiny house project discussed the benefits of trade-based opportunities at the high school. <p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to allow the students to fundraise for the tiny-house project. Mr. Esenwine seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>VIII. New Business</p>	<p>A. Unified Basketball -Athletic Director Taylor Lipinski He sought approval to partner with Sunapee School District to be able to have an area-wide basketball team.</p> <p>B. Purchase Recommendations: <i>Technology Director Barbra Turner made the following purchase recommendations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chromebooks: This was for 6th- and 9th-grade Chromebooks with vendor WCA. This is a budgeted item and it did go out to bid. The total cost, which includes licensing, is \$112,465.00. 2. PowerSchool: For 1st-grade Chromebooks, also with vendor WCA. This is likewise a budgeted item and did go out to bid. The total cost is \$40,916.00. 3. Teacher Laptops: This purchase is for teacher laptops. It is a budgeted item and did go out to bid. The chosen vendor is Eastern Data and the total cost is \$50,655.00. 4. District Website: The website is outdated and difficult to navigate. This is a budgeted item that went out to bid after extensive vetting and Communications Committee input. The vendor chosen is Apptegy Thrillshare for a total of \$16,835.00 for initial setup, which includes a one-time set up cost of \$8,700 and an annual cost of 58,135. <p>C. Lead Remediation Grant <i>Superintendent Fortney read the following motion:</i> Brett Paré is applying for a Lead Remediation Grant. The NH Dept of Environmental Services secured funds from Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund to provide grants to the NH schools for lead remediation in drinking water.</p> <p>To qualify, the School Board needs to recognize the Superintendent as the person with authority to sign grant documents on behalf of the school district and vote to accept and expend the funds.</p> <p>Therefore, I make the following motion and ask the minutes to reflect the wording:</p> <p>The Kearsarge School District approves to accept and expend the grant funds from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund and enter in a grant agreement with the</p>

NH Department of Environmental Services, and furthermore, the School Board recognizes Superintendent John Fortney will be the person of authority to sign all grant documents on behalf of the Kearsarge School District.

Curriculum Director Andrea Castaldo presented the following:

1. **Lexia Learning Systems:** This is a sole-sourced item for Lexia Aspire Professional Learning since they are the only providers of this particular program. The total cost is \$18,000 coming out of the Federal Title IIA Grant Balance.

D. Staff Nominations: Superintendent Fortney presented a list of staff eligible for tenure and recommended approving them as a slate.

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E. Policies:

1. JICK Bullying Prevention-Pupil Safety & Violence Prevention, Revision 2nd Reading
2. JICI Safe Schools Zone-Weapons on School Property, 2nd Reading
3. EHLB Subpeonas Involving District Students, Officials, Employees and/or Records, 2nd Reading
4. DAF Consolidated Policy for Administration of Federal Grant Funds, Revised
The policy committee will seek to ask the Board for a revision to DAF (1-13) to adjust the micro purchase threshold from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and the Simplified Acquisition Threshold from \$250,000 to \$350,000 in compliance with Federal law changes.
5. BDB Board Officers, Revision 2nd Reading
6. BEDD Rules of Order, Revision 2nd Reading
7. BEDC Quorum of the Board, Revision 2nd Reading
8. BCD Board Member Conflict of Interest, Revision 2nd Reading
9. DJE Building Requirements, Revision 2nd Reading

Actions taken by the board:

Mr. McGowan made a motion to approve the cooperative sports team, as presented.

Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation of 6th- and 9th-grade Chromebooks, as presented. Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Mr. McGowan made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation of 1st-grade Chromebooks, as presented. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for teacher laptops, as presented. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Mr. MacKenna made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for the new website.

Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the motion regarding Lead Remediation, as presented.

Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Mr. Keith made a motion to adopt Policy JICK Bullying Prevention, as written.

Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Mr. Keith made a motion to adopt Policy JICI Safe Schools Zone Weapons on School Property, as written. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Mr. Keith made a motion to adopt Policy EHLB Subpeona Involving District Students, Officials, Employees and/or Records, as written. Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Ms. Schultz made a motion to adopt Policy BDB Board Officers, as written. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

	<p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to approve Policy BEDD Rules of Order, as written. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Esenwine made a motion to adopt Policy BEDC Quorum of the Board, as written. Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to adopt Policy BCD Board Member Conflict of Interest, as written. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Esenwine made a motion to adopt Policy DJE Bidding Requirements as written. Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>IX. Presentation: School Board Training</p>	<p>Attorney Brett Christina, NHSBA Executive Director and Attorney Will Phillips, NHSBA Director of Policy, made a lengthy presentation that pertained to school-board member duties, rights, and responsibilities, among other topics. This presentation is typically done in Concord, but few school-board members have the opportunity to attend, so they instead brought the presentation to the school board.</p>
<p>XI. Adjourn</p>	<p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 8-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained). The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Monroe,
 KRSD Notetaker