

Kearsarge Regional School Board

21 May 2026

Open to Public

I. Call to Order	Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	The School Board led the pledge of allegiance.
III. Presentation	Becky Wilson of the New Hampshire School Board Association presented a scholarship to KRHS senior and school-board student representative Leah Stone.
IV. Roll Call	<p><i>Present:</i> Art Bobruff, Nancy Glynn, Eric Gregoire, David Keith*, Jamie MacKenna, Patrick McGowan, Alison Mastin, and Kristen Schultz.</p> <p><i>Absent:</i> Matt Esenwine has resigned and can no longer act as a school board member representing Warner due to a move elsewhere within the district. He will therefore no longer be considered “absent” from here on out since he is no longer acting in this capacity.</p> <p>*Mr. Keith joined at 7:54 p.m. via teleconference and the board voted on motions via roll call from that point forward.</p> <p><i>Absent:</i> KREA representative Catharine Hyson</p> <p><i>Present:</i> Student Representatives Leah Stone & Cooper Russell</p>
V. Approval of Minutes	<p><i>The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from 7 May 2026.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to approve the minutes of 7 May 2026, as written. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes from 7 May 2026.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of 7 May 2026, as written. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>The Board tabled the second set of sealed non-public minutes of 7 May 2026. Mr. MacKenna will send her the missing information.</i></p>
VI. 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"> • She thanked the Facilities B committee for all of their hard work over the past eight months. <p>Facilities B Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Facilities B Committee will present its report after public comment, so Mr. McGowan wanted to ensure the public that there is no vote this evening, that this is for informational purposes only. <p>Superintendent John Fortney’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He needs approval to accept the resignation of Kristine Wooten at Sutton Central. • He needed approval for the following slate of new hires: Eryn Benetter, <i>NLES Teacher</i> Lisa Davis, <i>Bradford Teacher</i> Tory Rudolph, <i>Simonds Teacher</i> Catherine Gorman, <i>NLES Teacher</i>

Alia Khatari, KRMS Assistant Principal

Business Administrator Larry LeBoeuf's Report (done by Superintendent Fortney)

- He needed approval to pay Camp Coniston \$12,975 for the 5th-grade overnight trip for all schools.
- He needed approval to move \$111,000 from out-of-district special ed placement at the high school to the out-of-district special ed placement at the middle/elementary school lines. \$60,000 goes toward the elementary placement and \$51,000 toward the middle school placement.
- He needed approval to both deposit and then withdraw a total of \$20,742.69 from various scholarship funds for seniors.
- He needed approval to transfer \$7,065.15 from the boiler line to the plumbing line at Sutton Central. This move cleans out the boiler funds.
- He introduced KRHS Principal Langille and Assistant Principal Geraghty, who discussed their need to have a dean of students principal administrative position added at the high school. This has previously been budgeted so no vote was necessary but it offered the board members an opportunity to discuss why this position is necessary.

Assistant Superintendent Michael Bessette's Report

- None

KREA Representative Catharine Hyson's Report

- None (absent)

Student Representative Leah Stone's Report

- Tabled to next meeting due to the expected length of tonight's meeting.

Student Representative Cooper Russell's Report

- Tabled to next meeting due to the expected length of tonight's meeting.

Actions taken by the Board:

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the resignation of Kristine Wooten, with regret. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Dr. Bobruff made a motion to approve the slate of new hires. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Camp Coniston, as presented. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the transfer for out-of-district special ed placement, as presented. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the slate of scholarship deposits and withdrawals, as presented. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the transfer to cover the plumbing at Sutton Central, as presented. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

VII. Public Comment

Prior to entering into public comment, Chair Mastin reminded the public that there is now only one public comment session per meeting, that there is a 3-minute time limit at which point she will cut speakers off, and that this is not a back-and-forth question-and-answer session. Questions will be followed-up on via email but not answered during the public comment itself.

- *Jen Alford-Teester of Sutton:* She noted that Sutton is “5% of the problem, but 100% of the impact.” She spoke out against the potential closing of Sutton Central, noting that the committee is trading in a \$1.4M repair bill for a \$18-20M capital project, that the cost for Sutton in particular is the lowest among all the schools so that school in particular is the

	<p>least of the district’s concerns, and that the cost analysis does not take into account the potentially burdensome and costly absorption of other schools’ students with the receiving school’s already fragile septic systems. Sutton Central is the heart of their community and she encouraged the board not to close it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mag Francis of New London:</i> She first disclosed that she is recording this evening’s meeting given that the board chair had previously discussed this notion herself but never announced the outcome of this discussion. She also commended the Facilities B committee for its work this past year and for their transparency in getting the information out to the public via the district’s website. She hopes this practice continues as this work transfers to the Facilities A committee. And she mentioned that regarding the town of Sutton, not all of those students attend Sutton Central. • <i>John Ellis of New London:</i> He wanted to know how many students are requiring counseling so that it would warrant the hiring of a dean. He also said he read an article about bullying at the middle school and wanted to know the outcome and status of that situation at present. These questions will be answered via follow-up emails. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to exit public comment. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>VIII. Old Business</p>	<p><i>Assistant Superintendent Michael Bessette presented the following policy updates:</i></p> <p>A. Policies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JFABA-Alternate Enrollment Pathways for Courses and Co-Curricular Activities (2nd Reading); this could give employees living outside the district the opportunity to bring their students into the district at no cost due to open-enrollment. The board discussed at length the merits and flaws of this update to the policy in terms of contract negotiation. 2. BBA-Board Powers and Duties, Revision 3. BBAA-School Board Member Authority (2nd Reading) <p><i>Actions taken by the Board:</i></p> <p><i>Mr. McGowan made a motion to adopt policy JFABA, as written. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to prioritize Kearsarge staff when it comes to the open-enrollment policy in terms of the lottery. Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-1-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to allow Mr. Keith to vote remotely while at Camp Coniston. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>All votes from that point forward were taken via roll call voice vote.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. McGowan made a motion to adopt policy BBA, as written. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to adopt policy BBAA, as written. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p>B. Strategic Plan The Strategic Plan is coming along and all workshop meeting minutes are posted online. The next workshop is June 27, 2026 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This is not a public meeting but rather a workshop for the board members, but the minutes from it will be made publicly available.</p>

<p>IX. New Business</p>	<p>A. Request for Purchase -<i>Charlies Langille, Principal</i></p> <p>1. Cafeteria Tables: The board previously approved purchase of new seating in the cafeteria. The vendor is K-Log and the total cost is \$10,218.15 coming out of the HS New Furniture Line. This is sole sourced for continuity and quality purposes, as other furniture in this same space was furbished by the same company.</p> <p>B. Facilities B Report-<i>Jamie MacKenna and Patrick McGowan, Board members</i></p> <p>Mr. MacKenna and Mr. McGowan spoke at length about the process undergone by the entire committee toward finalizing a district restructuring plan. This committee included themselves, Facilities Director Brett Paré, Assistant Facilities Director Scott Lanier, Superintendent Fortney, MPC representative Luke Gorman, and a volunteer representative from each town. Since October the committee has been meeting on a monthly basis at each facility to go over each of the district school’s critical needs. The entire report can be found on the district’s homepage under the Comprehensive Facilities Review 2025 button→Facilities B Final Review & Facilities Project Roadmap, among other reports, summaries, and documentation produced throughout this process.</p> <p><i>Actions taken by the board:</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for cafeteria tables, as presented. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to accept the Facilities B report, as written. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>X. Non-Public</p>	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to go into non-public for reputation. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board discussed an out-of-district manifest hardship placement. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to exit non-public Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to seal the above meeting minutes for a period of 20 years. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>XI. Non-Public (2 of 2)</p>	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to go back into non-public for reputation. Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p>The superintendent, assistant superintendent, and board clerk were dismissed during this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board discussed x <p>Insert motions here</p>
<p>XII. Adjournment</p>	<p><i>Mr./Ms x made a motion to adjourn. Mr./Ms. x seconded. The motion carried x-y-z (Ms. Mastin abstained). The meeting adjourned at x:xx p.m.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Monroe,
KRSD Notetaker