

Kearsarge Regional School Board

June 4, 2026

Open to Public

I. Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Cooper Russell led the pledge of allegiance.
III. Roll Call	<p><i>Present:</i> Art Bobruff, Nancy Glynn, Eric Gregoire, Jamie MacKenna (via Zoom, no voting), Patrick McGowan, Alison Mastin, and Kristen Schultz.</p> <p><i>Absent:</i> David Keith</p> <p><i>Present:</i> KREA representative Beth Perkins <i>Absent:</i> KREA representative Catharine Hyson</p> <p><i>Present:</i> Student Representative Cooper Russell <i>Absent:</i> Student Representative Leah Stone</p>
IV. Approval of Minutes	<p><i>The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from 21 May 2026.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of 21 May 2026, as written. Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes from 21 May 2026.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of 21 May 2026, as written. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the second set of non-public meeting minutes of 21 May 2026, as written. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained). The minutes were sealed for a period of 20 years.</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"> • None <p>Superintendent John Fortney’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fortney needed approval for the following slate of new hires: Arolyn Justice, KRMS ELA Teacher Robert Korziol, SPED Teacher • He also needed approval to accept the resignation of the following: Stephen Shepherd, KRMS Math Teacher • And he needed approval to accept the retirement of the following effective 6/30/2026: Geraldine Black <p>Assistant Superintendent Michael Bessette’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KRSD has posted its first announcement for Open Enrollment. This is a complex issue and it is difficult to determine if the residing district is the “sending” district. • The closure date to apply is 30 June 2026. <p>Business Administrator Larry LeBoeuf’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LeBoeuf requested approval to be able to make bids to lock in fuel and electricity supply prices on behalf of the district.

KREA Representative Beth Perkin's Report

- The NL Garden Club just worked with the third graders to plant pollinators in the small gardens at KRES-NL. Thank you to Nicole Densmore for coordinating this event with music class time for what has become an annual event.
- Culinary and Pastry classes made food for the sports banquet last Sunday. This week they are working on the senior BBQ, plating techniques, and flavor balancing in all classes.
- Cooper Gunn's documentary and filmmaking class screened the 2026 Senior Film a 43-minute documentary highlighting this year's senior class, at an all-school assembly last week, to great acclaim.
- Additionally, they held their all-school assembly of the year to showcase the film. They have done these once a month since March. There has been feedback on it being good practice for how to act in public spaces and a time to be together as a school to talk about all the great things happening at the high school.
- Members of the National Art Honor Society and Painting class returned to the Skate Park at Riverside in Warner to complete the mural the KRHS Art Department began last year. They are a dedicated and talented group and the mural is coming along wonderfully.
- Marine Science and Zoology classes traveled to Odiome State Park and Seacoast Science Center on Friday May 22nd. The field trip was able to take place at the ideal day and time for assessing the subtidal zone, and as a result students were able to sample amazing biodiversity at the rocky intertidal zone. Students found lobsters and crabs, multiple species of fish, starfish, and sea cucumbers, among other interesting animals like rudibranchs. A huge shoutout to Mr. Fortney for driving the bus to ensure they were able to go!
- KRMS 8th grade just returned from a successful Washington DC trip—130 students and 24 adults. The students were fantastic and were able to experience many of the sites that DC has to offer.
- KRHS AP Art and Advanced Open Studio would like to thank the board for its support in sending them to NYC at the beginning of May. This was a deeply meaningful trip to the students and chaperones alike! They visited the Whitney, the MET, and the MOMA—in addition to Times Square and Central Park. The students were able to see countless artworks by artists such as Vincent Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, Jackson Pollock, and Picasso. Hearing the students' insights and watching their enthusiasm be sparked is something Ms. Balla will never forget. Each student represented our school in style, embodying everything we ask of them in our portrait-of-a-learner competencies. Thank you for your support in making these unforgettable memories possible!
- The Kearsarge Actors' Guild at the high school held their annual End-of-the-Year Awards ceremony. This was attended by more than 30 alumni performers who presented awards to the students as if it were an Oscars ceremony. More than 30 "Oscars" were awarded to include best Newcomer, Best Techie, Best Supporting Actor, and many more. The high-achieving individual awards were Tech Extraordinaire, presented by Karl Orevik and the Lifetime Achievement Award awarded to Emma Geraghty, who was part of 21 productions at the high school. It was an amazing celebration for all the students who participate in theatre this school year.
- William Knopf shared some phenomenal news regarding our recent NHSAS Science results. Thanks to the curiosity of our young scientists, the dedication of our educators, and the steady support of our community, our school has achieved historic academic growth!
- More than half of our students met or exceeded state proficiency standards in Science this year, which is a 20% increase from last year's rate. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for their work to reach these gains.
- Congratulations to 14 students who successfully completed two-year Career and Technical Education programs at Concord Regional Technical Center (CRTC) and Sugar River Valley Technical Center!
- At the CRTC completion ceremony, Kearsarge students Emma Geraghty and Sophia Young performed the National Anthem, while Presleigh Anthony delivered the student

	<p>address. Many Kearsarge students were also recognized for their outstanding achievements through scholarships and awards for excellence in their programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through dedication, hands-on learning, and industry-focused training, these graduates have developed valuable technical skills and professional experience in their chosen trades while earning college credit and industry hours. Their accomplishments reflect a strong commitment to career readiness and have prepared them for success in the workforce, apprenticeships, military service, and further education. • We are proud of their hard work, perseverance, and accomplishments, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in their communities and chosen professions. <p>Student Representative Cooper Russell’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Boosters held their Athletic Banquet. • There were two assemblies this past week: a Documentary on the Vietnam War and the Senior Slideshow. • This has been an amazing season for spring sports. • This is the final week of classes. • Seniors are beginning graduation preparations. • The seniors traveled to the elementary schools and middle schools. <p><i>Actions taken by the Board:</i> <i>Ms. Schutlz made a motion to approve the slate of new hires, as presented.</i> <i>Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schutlz made a motion to approve the resignation, as presented, with regret.</i> <i>Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schutlz made a motion to approve the retirement, as presented, with regret.</i> <i>Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. McGowan made a motion to allow the business administrator to submit bids for energy pricing. Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p><i>Chair Mastin opened the meeting for public comment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mag Francis of New London:</i> She stated that she had sent an email to the Chair regarding a time schedule for requesting a Bond. She said the Board may be running out of time to make critical decisions without a schedule in place. <p><i>Ms. Schutlz made a motion to exit public comment. Ms. Glynn seconded.</i> <i>The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>VII. New Business</p>	<p>A. Project Climb Advisors Lindsay Brook and Emily Anderson presented a slideshow of the program and trip overview for 2026-2027. Reservations are needed to be made well in advance. Discussion of Policy Procedure IJOA-R.</p> <p>B. Elementary Literacy Pilot—Request for Purchase Curriculum Director Andrea Castaldo made a purchase request for Collaborative Classroom, a new literacy pilot that is currently being tested with good results. The total cost is \$91,560.</p> <p><i>Actions taken by the Board:</i> <i>Mr. McGowan made a motion to approve the climbing trips, as presented.</i> <i>Ms. Schutlz seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for the literacy pilot, as presented. Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>

A. Request for Purchase -*Charlies Langille, Principal*

- 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 refurbished by the same company.

B. Facilities B Report-*Jamie MacKenna and Patrick McGowan, Board members*

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.

C. Purchase Requests-*Facilities Director Brett Paré*

- Siemens Fire-Sole Source-\$17,196.00.
This is year three of a three-year contract.
- Siemens HVAC-Sole Source-\$204,725.01
This is the fifth year of a five-year contract.
- Cintas-Sole Source-\$58,944.20
This is for the district's cleaning services.
- Clean-o-Rama-Sole Source-\$134,460.00
This is for district-wide cleaning services.
- Naughton & Son-Sole Source-\$47,669.00
This is district-wide trash removal.
- Secondwind Water Systems-Sole Source-\$26,047.18
This is for water-testing services.
- Ford Direct-Sole Source-\$40,661.20
This is for the continued lease of two Ford 350s purchased last year.
- Northeast Facilities Solutions-Sole Source-\$29/hour.
This is for cleaning services.
- D&M Striping-Sole Source-\$19,630.60
This is for district-wide line striping, which is done every summer.
- Sunapee Shade & Blind-Sole Source-\$19,778.97
This is for replacement of all shades at Simonds Elementary.
Maintenance Budget Line Transfer \$6,787.54.
- Townline Equipment-Sole Source-\$56,315.00
This is for replacement of a malfunctioning, too-small tractor.
Maintenance Budget Line Transfer-\$47,473.00
- Hodges Thermal Design-Sole Source-\$32,000.00
This is for kitchen equipment at KRMS for the walk-in cooler/freezer.
Maintenance Budget Line Transfer-\$32,000.00.
- Tasco Security-Sole Source-\$11,568.00
This is for alarm monitoring.
- RNC Unlimited, LLC-\$71,850.00
Photos were included to show the condition of the facilities building.
Maintenance Budget Line Transfer-\$75,000.00
- Solar Panels-Innovative Solar-\$274,624.80
This is the first solar project, a 200-panel array to offset energy costs.
Maintenance Budget Line Transfer-\$194,624.80

D. Purchase Requests-*Business Administrator Larry LeBoeuf*

- Copier Paper Bid—W.B. Mason \$3.09/reem for white paper.
This is for next year.

2. Office Supplies Renewal-Sole Source-W.B. Mason
This is the second year of a four-year contract.
3. Symetra-Life, LTD-Sole Source-\$78,154.00
This is for year two of three at no price increase.

Actions taken by the board:

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the renewal of Siemens Fire, as presented.
Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the renewal of Siemens HVAC, as presented.
Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the renewal of Cintas, as presented.
Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the renewal of Clean-o-Rama, as presented.
Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the renewal of Naughton & Son, as presented.
Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Mr. McGowan made a motion to approve the renewal of Secondwind Water Systems, as presented.
Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Glynn made a motion to approve the renewal of the lease with Ford Direct, as presented.
Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the renewal of Northeast Facilities Solutions, as presented.
Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the renewal of D&M Line Striping, as presented.
Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 4-0-2 (Ms. Mastin and Dr. Bobruff abstained).*

Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase of shades from Sunapee Shade & Blind, as presented. Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to transfer \$6,787.54 to cover the above shades, as presented.
Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

Mr. McGowan made a motion to approve the purchase of a new tractor from Townline Equipment, as presented. Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to transfer \$47,473.00 to cover the above tractor, as presented.
Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase of a kitchen equipment from Hodges Thermal Design, as presented. Ms. Glynn seconded.
The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to transfer \$32,000.00 to cover the above freezer, as presented.
Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Glynn made a motion to approve the renewal with Tasco Security, as presented.
Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase with RNC Unlimited, LLC, as presented.
Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

*Ms. Schultz made a motion to transfer \$75,000 to cover the above freezer, as presented.
Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).*

	<p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the purchase of solar panels from Innovative Solar, as presented. Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to transfer \$100,000 to cover the above solar panels from this fiscal year budget, as presented. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to transfer \$94,624.80 to cover the above solar panels from the next fiscal year budget. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase of paper from W.B. Mason, as presented. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Gregoire made a motion to approve the renewal with W.B. Mason for school supplies, as presented. Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the renewal with Symetra for life insurance, as presented. Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>VIII. Old Business</p>	<p>A. Strategic Plan-<i>Assistant Superintendent Michael Bessette</i> The next planning session is June 27, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. This will be an exciting meeting to attend and he invited members of the public to join.</p> <p>B. Facilities This was rolled into the Subcommittee reports, below.</p>
<p>IX. School-Board Subcommittees</p>	<p>A. Facilities A: They met on 6/3 and discussed right-of-way for an abutting landowner at Simonds. They are discussing with counsel having the landowner apply for a variance with the town. This was the first meeting where the Facilities B committee was presented to the Facilities A committee. They will be working on the Bond issue as they nail down actual costs. They want to be as transparent a possible and possibly record meetings going forward. Mr. Paré is working with LaVallee Brensinger to find a date to meet with them.</p> <p>B. Communications: The committee wants to tell the district’s story to include all the positive work ongoing in the district. This includes a comprehensive communications plan to ensure they are being as transparent as possible. They are contemplating opening a communications/marketing position versus having a piecemeal approach to getting news out. This includes having meeting recordings starting next school year. The Chair said they would vote on this at the following meeting. The district will be the subject of some articles highlighting some things going on in the district. And finally members of the school board will have quarterly discussions with members of the community to better answer questions and increase community engagement.</p> <p>C. Human Resources: Christie Menard brought up the fact that they need to support the needs of their staff, and they have opted to start a food cupboard at the SAU. The district as a whole is doing a better job hiring by getting ads out earlier to attract more quality candidates. Vacancies are fewer but there are still a few key positions still available, including the dean of students and some IT positions. They are trying to improve the mentoring program within the district, salary caps for administration positions, appropriate wages, and hiring practices, among other topics.</p> <p>D. Policy: This was rescheduled from June 4th to June 25th.</p> <p><i>Actions taken by the board:</i></p> <p><i>Mr. McGowan made a motion to allow Mr. Paré to continue working with Legal on the shared right-of-way at Simonds. Dr. Bobruff seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
<p>X. Non-Public</p>	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to go into non-public for reputation. Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board discussed encumbering funds for out-of-district placements for SPED students. <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to exit non-public Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. McGowan made a motion to seal the above non-public meeting minutes for a period of 20 years. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Shultz made a motion to encumber funds as presented in non-public session. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>

	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to transfer funds as presented in non-public session. Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to enter into non-public under RSA 91A:3. Ms. Glynn seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board discussed an HR issue.
XII. Adjournment	<i>The Board adjourned shortly after the Board Clerk left at 8:07 p.m.</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Monroe,
KRSD Notetaker