

# Kearsarge Regional School Board

## 18 June 2026

### Open to Public

<b>I. Call to Order</b>	Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
<b>II. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	The School Board led the pledge of allegiance.
<b>III. Roll Call</b>	<p><i>Present:</i> Art Bobruff, Eric Gregoire, David Keith, Jamie MacKenna, Patrick McGowan, Alison Mastin, and Kristen Schultz.  <i>Absent:</i> Nancy Glynn</p> <p><i>Present:</i> KREA representative Catharine Hyson</p> <p><i>Absent:</i> Leah Cooper &amp; Cooper Russell</p>
<b>IV. Approval of Minutes</b>	<p><i>The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from 4 June 2026.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of 4 June 2026, as written.  Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 5-0-2 (Ms. Mastin &amp; Mr. MacKenna abstained).</i></p> <p><i>The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of 4 June 2026.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. McGowan made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of 4 June 2026, as written.  Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 5-0-2 (Ms. Mastin &amp; Mr. MacKenna abstained).</i></p> <p><i>The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of 8 June 2026</i></p> <p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of 8 June 2026, as written.  Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 5-0-2 (Ms. Mastin &amp; Ms. Schultz abstained).</i></p>
<b>V. Reports of Administration</b>	<p><i>The following provided Administrative Reports:</i></p> <p><b>Chair Alison Mastin’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She thanked Doreen Salera on behalf of the school board for her decades of service to the district given her retirement next week and led a round of applause for her.</li> <li>• She thanked the board for their dedicated service, particularly given the very difficult decisions that have been made this past year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Interim Superintendent Michael Bessette’s Report</b></p> <p><i>The following were discussed during the meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He praised the staff for keeping the students safe during the hot days of late, wherein classroom temperatures reached into the 80s.</li> <li>• The budget season is beginning.</li> <li>• HB 1300, which deals with tax caps, is on the desk of the governor. They are watching this closely to see how it would impact the district.</li> <li>• Federal and state grants were submitted today and he and Andrea Castlando worked on those.</li> <li>• Their focus is on funneling funds toward Title IIA grants.</li> <li>• The consolidated application is posted on the curriculum page on the district website for community transparency.</li> <li>• Graduation was exceptional and the funds that go into this event are well worth it.</li> <li>• Commissioner Davis of the New Hampshire Department of Education sent out a letter today regarding critical-incident/emergency mapping data for public schools across the state.</li> </ul>

- He needs approval to accept the resignation of KRES-NL Reading Specialist Christine Matzke
- He needed approval to hire the following:  
Justine Kimball, *KRMS SpEd Teacher*  
Erin Emergy, *KRMS Assistant Principal*

*The following information was provided via a supplemental sheet, embellishing on the above topics:*

#### **2025-2026 School-Year Closure**

- The 2025-2026 school year has officially come to a close, and I am pleased to report that the closure of all District schools was accomplished smoothly and successfully.
- Students and staff at the elementary and middle school levels navigated the challenges of extreme heat with professionalism, resilience, and grace, a testament to the strength of our school community under tough circumstances.
- A sincere and heartfelt thank you is extended to all administration, educators, and support staff across the District for their outstanding dedication throughout this year. Their tireless effort to bring forth the very best to every student is deeply appreciated and the results reflect the care and commitment of our entire educational team.

#### **2026-2027 Budget Presentation**

- Budget development for the 2026-2027 school year is underway. Larry LeBoeuf and I will be meeting with principals and directors next week to formally begin the budgeting process.
- These collaborative sessions will ensure that the District's needs and priorities are thoughtfully reflected in the District's financial planning.
- In conjunction with budget work, I am actively monitoring the status of HB 1300, which is legislation that may have significant implications for the implementation of a tax cap vote in our communities. Updates on HB 1300 and its potential impact will be communicated to the Board as the legislative process progresses through the Governor's potential action to approve it.

#### **Federal & State Government Submissions (NHED)**

- I have been collaborating closely with Andrea Castaldo to complete and finalize all grant submissions to the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) in a timely and compliant manner.
- The Consolidated Grant Application has been prepared, finalized, and is now publicly posted on the District website under the Curriculum tab for community reference and transparency.
- Community members and Board members are encouraged to visit the District website for access to the Consolidated Grant Application and related documentation located on the Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Webpage.

#### **High School Graduation**

- Graduation ceremonies at Kearsarge Regional High School were a wonderful and memorable success, and I wish to express sincere gratitude to all who played a role to making these events so special.
- Thank you to the educators and support staff who guided, mentored, and championed our graduates throughout their academic journey, our investment in each student makes this milestone possible.
- A special acknowledgement is extended to the administration whose careful planning and coordination ensured that Graduation was executed with excellence and care.
- These ceremonies stand as a hallmark of this District's deep dedication to its graduates and their families—a proud tradition that speaks to who we are as a community.

	<p><b>Business Administrator Larry LeBoeuf's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He made a request to deposit and withdraw \$500 to and from the Carl Fitzgerald Scholarship.</li> <li>• He made a request to contract with BD Welding and Fabrication to replace the current, delapidated railing at KRES-NL, which poses a safety hazard. This is sole sourced for continuity purposes as this company has done quality work for the district in the past. The total cost is \$21,000.</li> </ul> <p><b>KREA Representative Catharine Hyson's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At KRMS, 12 middle school students received the Junior Seal of Biliteracy. These students took at least two courses in a second language and completed other activities related to that language or culture.</li> <li>• If you are at Muster Field Farm this summer, stop by the farm stand and pick up a field guide created by the Sutton Central second and third graders. This was the result of lots of hard work!</li> <li>• SCS took its annual all school field trip last week to the Polar Caves. The school ducked, squeezed and shimmied through nine caves.</li> <li>• SCS celebrated Fun Day on Tuesday. Thanks to the generosity of the PTO, students spent the day outside rotating through eight stations of fun ranging from a STEM lab to obstacle courses. The day concluded with an ice cream truck and a refreshing spray from a fire truck.</li> <li>• Simonds School ended the year with many of their traditional events. A huge thank you to the PTO and all the volunteers for making Field Day and the last day BBQ huge successes. They also celebrated their 5th graders at their annual 5th Grade Celebration. On that night, Teagan Harrington and Zach Quinn were recognized as the Jim Mitchell Award winners for demonstrating what it means to be a good citizen, a good friend, and show compassion towards others.</li> </ul> <p><b>Student Representative Leah Stone's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None (absent)</li> </ul> <p><b>Student Representative Cooper Russell's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None (absent)</li> </ul> <p><i>Actions taken by the Board:</i>  <b>Ms. Mastin made a motion to nominate Michael Bessette as interim superintendent. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Schultz made a motion to allow Ms. Mastin, Mr. MacKenna, and herself to negotiate the contract details of the interim superintendent over the summer. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</b></p> <p><b>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to approve the slate of new hires. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Schultz made a motion to deposit and withdraw \$500 to/from the Carl Fitzgerald Scholarship. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation with BD Welding &amp; Fabrication, as presented. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</b></p>
<p><b>VI. Public Comment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Beth Scaer of Nashua:</i> She followed-up on her previous lawsuit with the district, expressing gratitude to the Institute for Free Speech for defending her right to speak in a public meeting. She admonished the school district for adhering to the gender ideology construct and expressed concern for the safety of students by allowing a known sex offender to attend sporting events on campus.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mag Francis of New London:</i> [New London School Board representative read a comment on Ms. Francis' behalf.] She described differing leadership styles and warned the Board about continuing down the path of an operational leadership model, which only benefits an organization that is stable and predictable. She instead encouraged them to steer toward a more strategic leadership model to meet head-on the difficult topics currently facing the district. She also voiced her support of the leadership as a whole as they navigate the turbulence.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to exit public comment. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></b></p> <p>Once out of public comment Ms. Schultz reminded the attendees that the School Board had previously determined that non-residents from outside the District would not be entertained during public comment.</p>
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<p><b>VII. New Business</b></p>	<p><b>A. Purchase Recommendations-Technology Director Barbra Turner</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. ViewSonic View Boards:</b> This purchase adds eight more of these interactive digital panel at NLES, Simonds, and Bradford Elementary Schools. While not budgeted, the technology department has spare funds to cover the cost. The total cost is \$15,226.85 and the vendor is Connection.</li> <li><b>2. Tasco Full Service Policy:</b> This covers all cameras in the District, including potential repair, failure, cleaning, etc. It is sole-sourced because Tasco already provides all security systems throughout the District. The total cost is \$38,423.33 out of the 2026/2027 budget.</li> <li><b>3. GovConnection:</b> This covers the licensing for the Microsoft 365 software for staff. It is sole-sourced because NHCTO has an agreement with GovConnection to purchase licenses through them. The total cost is \$20,467.40 coming out of the 2026/2027 school-year budget.</li> <li><b>4. Copier RFP:</b> This is for the lease and service of 35 copiers. It went out to bid but they would like to stick with Canon due to reliability. Her second choice would have been Ricoh. The total cost is \$342,837.85, divided over the course of five years (\$68,567.53/year).</li> </ol> <p><b>B. Purchase Recommendations-Business Administrator Larry LeBoeuf</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. College Board:</b> This vendor provides student prep tests at a cost of \$17,070 coming out of the Student Activities budget line.</li> <li><b>2. Youngs Paving:</b> This is for striping and paving the exit of the parking lot and road at Simonds. The total cost is \$14,000 and is sole sourced for continuity purposes.</li> <li><b>3. Youngs Paving:</b> This is for paving and striping in the side and back parking lot and sidewalks at the high school. The total cost is \$72,375.00.</li> <li><b>4. Budget Transfer-Paving:</b> To cover the above paving/striping, he needed approval to transfer a total of \$54,000 into the High School Paving line from two separate maintenance lines.</li> <li><b>5. Budget Transfer-Literacy:</b> Bradford wanted to add the literacy pilot to their school as well, so a transfer of \$8478.15 was necessary to cover this cost.</li> </ol> <p><b>C. Federal Grant Approvals:</b> This item was tabled.</p> <p><b>D. Permission for Assistant Superintendent to Hire Over the Summer:</b> In order to hire over the summer, the interim superintendent needs approval from the school board.</p> <p><i>Actions taken by the board:</i></p> <p><b><i>Mr. McGowan made a motion to approve the purchase of ViewSonic View Boards, as presented. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to approve the purchase of Tasco's Full Service Policy, as presented. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to approve the renewal of GovCnnection Microsoft Licensing, as presented. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></b></p>
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	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the lease of Canon printers, as presented. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase of College Board for test prep. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Young's Paving &amp; Excavating, as presented. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to approve the second purchase recommendation for Young's Paving &amp; Excavating, as presented. Mr. Keith seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Keith made a motion to approve the transfer of funds to cover the paving projects, as presented. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to cover the transfer of funds to cover the literacy pilot, as presented. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Bobruff made a motion to allow Interim Superintendent Bessette to hire over the summer. Mr. McGowan seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
VIII. Old Business	<p><b>A. Strategic Plan:</b> The next meeting is June 27, 2026, and he welcomes members of the public to observe, but not participate in, the discussion.</p> <p><b>B. Facilities</b> Nothing to report at this time.</p>
IX. School Board Subcommittees (HR)	<p><b>Human Resources:</b> Mr. MacKenna discussed the hiring of an Assistant Principal over a Dean of Students position at this time at the high school due to several factors including the budget, a need to refine a fair stipend, an equitable distribution of responsibilities, and most pressing needs due to the recent loss of two Associate Directors.</p>
X. Non-Public	<p><i>Ms. Schultz made a motion to go into non-public under RSA3: II (c) for reputation. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board discussed a legal outcome.</li> <li>• The board discussed another pending litigation..</li> </ul> <p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to exit non-public session. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p>
XI. Adjournment	<p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to seal the non-public minutes for a period of 30 years. Mr. MacKenna seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained) via roll-call vote.</i></p> <p>Ms. Mastin discussed the previous decision by the board to not allow non-tax paying district residents to speak during public comment unless they have a legitimate interest in the goings on, which is subjective. She also noted that the Nashua resident who spoke at the meeting would have no way of knowing that information, so she wanted this information to be added to the written protocol for public comment. Any non-district residents who wish to speak during public comment because of a legitimate interest must first notify the board ahead of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to task interim Superintendent Bessette with drafting the verbiage and deciding how to post the information stating that non-residents of the district must both have a legitimate vested interest in the district and notify the board ahead of the meeting. Ms. Schultz seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. MacKenna made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gregoire seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Ms. Mastin abstained). The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Monroe,  
KRSD Notetaker