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Municipal Budget Committee
Minutes of the Public Meeting
November 18, 2025
Kearsarge Regional School District

I. Call to Order	Present: Claire Ketteler – Newbury James Bibbo – Bradford Luke Gorman – Springfield Rebecca Harned– Sutton Debbie Reznicek - Warner Winfried Feneberg – New London Tom Schamberg- Wilmot Richard Anderson – New London Larry LeBoeuf – Business Administrator Michael Bessette- Assistant Superintendent John Fortney - Superintendent Zoom: Jesse Evans -Warner, Kristen Schultz - School Board Representative
II. Approval of Minutes	<i>Mr. Feneberg motioned to approve the minutes of 10/28/25 as submitted. Mr. Schamberg seconded. Motion carried 7/0/0</i>
III. Warrant Articles	Warrant Article I - Discussion ● Supt. Fortney stated the proposed operating budget of \$56,653,713 is a .73% increase which includes a 7.8% health insurance increase. Including the reduction of 4 Para positions. When combined with the proposed PEAK CBA numbers the increase will be approx. 1.54%. ● Mr. Anderson thanked the Superintendent and staff for the hard work producing the budget. ● Ms. Ketteler asked about the cost of graduation. Supt. Fortney stated that the Board voted on a 10K reduction of the proposed cost. ● Mr. Feneberg asked what if the need for Para Educator positions arise. Supt. Fortney explained that funds are available if needed.

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	●Mr. Schamberg asked about supplies and are they ordered at a group rate. It was confirmed by Supt. Fortney, yes. ●Ms.Harned asked Supt. Fortney what are the pain points in the budget? Supt. Fortney answered Facilities. ●Citizen, Mag Francis asked for clarification of the Bond repayment . Mr. LeBoeuf responded 1.888 million in 2026-27 ●Ms. Evans, commeneded the Board & Administration also on the budget and expressed concern for future costly issues, such as Facilities. ●Ms. Hearned noted concern exposing a potential district situation that may force to shut down a facility and putting off needed building issues. ●Supt. Fortney explained that the Facilities B Committee was formed to address and assess districtwide Facility needs. ●Continued discussion of Facility needs and increasing Article 3 Trust Fund amount. Also, using end-of-year funds in June that typically are returned to the towns. .
Motion to request the School Board raise the amount for Article 3 on the Warrant.	To see if the School Board will vote at their next meeting to raise the amount in Article 3 about the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund of the proposed 2026 Warrant from \$200,000 to \$500,000. Motioned by Mr. Bibbo, Seconded by Mr. Feneberg, (8-0-0)
Vote: Proposed KRSD Warrant, 2026	Article 1 – The MBC recommends \$56,653,713. Motion Mr. Feneberg, Seconded Mr. Gorman Vote: 7-1 (No Vote: Ketteler Yes Vote: Anderson, Reznick, Harned, Feneberg, Gorman, Bibbo, Schamberg, Harned

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Article 2 PEAK CBA	Article 2 – No vote, MBC will wait until after the School Board meeting and the PEAK Bargaining Unit ratifies the agreement. The MBC will vote on December 9, 2025
Article 3 Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund	Article 3, No vote – wait until December 9 meeting, after the School Board has considered the MBC’s request to increase the amount to \$500,000
Article 4 Capital Reserve Roof Fund \$100,000 as written	Article 4 - \$100,000 - Motion: Mr. Schamberg Second: Mr. Gorman Vote: 8-0
Article 5 Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, \$200,000	Article 5 - \$200,000 Motion: Ms. Reznicek Second: Mr. Gorman Vote: 8-0
Meeting Adjourned	Motion: Mr. Gorman Second: Mr. Bibbo (8-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Salera
School District Clerk