

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present	arrived at 4:35 PM
Jeffrey Gordon	Present	
Kevin Gregory	Present	
Michael Jewers	Present	
Warren Steward	Present	
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present	
Makayla Pepper, Student Representative	Excused	

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Michael B. Jewers, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings September 10 and September 24, 2019, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

V. Payroll Warrant

Motion: It was moved to direct the Superintendent of Schools to authorize payment by the Town Treasurer to each party listed herein, the sum set against each name contained in School Payroll Warrant #20-8 in the amount of \$150,769.46 on October 10, 2019.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. Payable Warrant

Motion: It was moved to direct the Superintendent of Schools to authorize payment by the Town Treasurer to each party listed herein, the sum set against each name contained in School Payable Warrant #20-11 in the amount of \$135,233.63 October 10, 2019.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent's hiring extra -curricular positions for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of the following extra-curricular positions:

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Stp</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Cullen, Nicholas	Girls Varsity Basketball Coach	6	6	\$4,320
McLaughlin, Brandon	Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	2	2	\$3,420
Brown, Michael	Girls JV Basketball Coach	4	7	\$2,376
Clark, Joseph	Boys JV Basketball Coach	2	2	\$1,800
Pelkey, Jessica	Winter Varsity Cheering Coach	2	2	\$990
Girsa, Edward	Girls JH Basketball Coach	2	2	\$1,260
Mooney, Patrick	Boys JH Basketball Coach	3	10	\$2,016
Campbell, Nicole	Winter JH Cheering Coach	1	1	\$360

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of positions for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent to hire Norma Wentworth as an Ed Tech III at \$12.51 per hour, subject to change due to negotiations.

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent to hire David Shaker as the one year grant-funded Student Support Ed Tech III position at \$16.93 per hour, subject to change due to negotiations. Note: He is transferring to this position from an Ed Tech II.

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

This position will be paid through Title I.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. To see if the Board will approve the tabled motion for the Region III transportation contract with Medway School Department.

Motion: To table this motion until October 22, 2019.

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent has a meeting set with the Medway School Board Chair on Thursday.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

X. Discussion of the MSBA Proposed Resolutions

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed the resolutions and gave guidance to the Delegate for the Fall Conference.

XI. Department Reports

Makayla Pepper, Senior Student Representative:

- Mock trial has begun with Mr. Laura Dwyer, our Gifted and Talented Teacher
- Student Council has begun, Miss Kristi Mackin our new Advisor
- A newspaper forum has begun with Ms. Laura Dwyer.
- Girls On The Run has begun with Mrs. Anna Loome.
- On September 24, the Juniors and Seniors went to a College Fair at Umaine in Orono.
- Varsity Math Team has begun with Mrs. Karla Rutherford.

October 7 - 10 - Spirit Week at Stearns!

Monday - Sports Day
Tuesday - Tourist Day
Wednesday - Way Back Day
Thursday - Class Color Day

October 10 - Fall Fun Night at Stearns!

Freshmen - Pink
Sophomores - White
Juniors - Blue
Seniors - Black Out

Sharon Daring, Food Service Manager:

Report of time:

Completed 09/09-20/2019: 10.3667 days/190 for a total of 35.7/190

Completed 09/23-10/4/2019: 9.8 days/190 for a total of 45.5/190

All our Food Service Assistants are doing a super- excellent job getting nutritious foods served to the students, I am very happy to have such a great staff.

Cody Clinton, Technology Coordinator:

None

Louis DiFrederico, Facilities Director:

None

Joshua McNaughton, PreK-5 Assistant Principal:

Journey North Tulip Project: Thank you to Laura Dwyer for providing an opportunity for our students, grades K-2, to plant a tulip research garden as part of the international science project called Journey North. This project will connect Granite Street students with hundreds of other schools in the Northern Hemisphere. We began this fall by planting Red Emperor tulip bulbs. Next spring, we will share our local observations and track spring's growth progress.

Early Release PD: On September 18th Granite Street teachers and intervention staff attended a webinar specifically designed to teach staff about the technology based aspects of the ReadyGen curriculum. An assessment webinar will follow on October 10th.

Workshop Day: October 11th:

Keynote: Community Health and Wellbeing: This presentation by Police Chief Worster, will explore the vaping epidemic among students, including the laws governing vaping, how to recognize vaping paraphernalia and the health risks. Information will also be presented on how to recognize when someone is under the influence of drugs and the realization of school threats.

Breakout Sessions

“Gifted and Talented Integration”. This session presented by Laura Dwyer will provide educators an in-depth look at our new program and explore the topic of integrated gifted and talented learning.

“The Collaborative Properties of Google Suites.” This session presented by Cody Clinton will present practical tips, tricks and ideas for incorporating the suites of Google Apps into your routines, collaborations, and communications.

Erica Marcus, MAT, founded Wise Minds. Big Hearts. This work is the culmination of nearly fifteen years of experience in classroom teaching, wilderness youth therapy, and outdoor education combined with Kripalu Yoga and Mindful Schools certifications. Erica believes that educators benefit immensely from cultivating mindfulness practice, and those benefits have the power to transform classrooms.

NWEA: With some hard work from Cody Clinton, our computer lab has been updated with new towers, providing greater internet reliability and faster processing speeds for our NWEA assessment starting on October 7th.

Book Fair & Family Night: The book fair is coming! The book fair will be at Granite from October 21st through the 30th. Family Night will be on October 24th. This year Baxter State Park will be on hand with educational exhibits.

Math Curriculum Exploration: This year Granite Street teachers and interventionist are geared up to explore new math curriculums. Currently staff are reviewing enVision samples from Pearson. Additional samples from other math curriculums, will be requested throughout the fall and winter, with the goal of making a decision regarding which curriculum is the best fit for our students in the Spring, 2020.

Please enjoy some pictures from recent field trips and service learning projects.



Beth Peavey, 6-12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director:

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 work days to date: 38/220

Field Hockey season has started with one loss to PCHS with a 1-2 final score. The team plays tonight against Old Town for their first away game. We have 21 girls on the roster with Heather Girsra returning as coach and Amy Anderson as assistant coach.

Football has also started with the first game away at MDI with a loss of 51-28. The opening home game will be Friday, September 13th against John Bapst. We have 30 players on the roster, 21 from Stearns and 9 from Schenck. Cody Herring is our head coach with Josh Studer assisting. Coach Art Greenlaw, Nick Cullen, Pat Mooney, Chris MacDonald, and Tim Darling also volunteer their time to help. The team is enjoying having Coach Greenlaw volunteer his time and experience this year. Orono High School has dropped out of Varsity Football this year due to lack of numbers. This has affected the league as far as scheduling. The Stearns football schedule has two changes, the first was Friday, the 6th with an away game to MDI and the second is Friday, September 27th, when we will have a home game against Washington Academy.

Cheerleading has started out well with 8 high school girls and 6 middle school girls. Varsity Coach Jessica Pelkey and Middle School Coach Nicole Campbell are team coaching for the Fall season and both squads cheer together at the football games.

XII. Superintendent's Report

Report of time:

Completed through June 30, 2015, 260/210
Completed Work days July 1, 2015 to June 30, 261/210
Work days July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 293/210
Work Days July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018: 263/220
Work Days July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 267/220
Work days July 1, 2019 to present 71/220
Vacation days remaining: 30/30

We have made some adjustments to the maintenance budget to use funds in a productive manner. I do recommend the purchase of a lawn mower, as ours is reaching its limit and we should take the opportunity to trade it now while it has value. We have adjusted other purchases to make this possible.

I will be leaving for China on the 11th and returning on the 19th of October. I will be in frequent contact with the school during the trip.

I look forward to spending time with you at the conference beginning on the 23rd for Superintendents and the 24th and 25th for all of us.

As we move into the school year, we are finding more needs in the area of Special Education. We are also finding some resolution to the needs of the children. We now have 3 student in various components of the Kids Peace Program, we did budget for most of this need.

The opening of school has gone well.

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent relayed the reward of a security grant through the grant writer employed by the regional schools.

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Motion by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Voted: 5 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 22, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019, Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, December 31, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools