

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Jeffrey Gordon	Present
Michael Jewers	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

VIIIa. Discussion of Region III Budget

VIIIb. Board's approval of the Prom

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings March 6, March 15 and March 27, 2018, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

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 #18-21 in the amount of \$138,548.79 on April 12, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

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 #18-33 in the amount of \$165,476.82 on April 12, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Adoption of School Board Policies

BCB - Conflict of Interest (New)

BCC – Nepotism (New)

BDG - School Attorney Legal Services (Revised)

BEDB – Agenda (New)

BEDB-R - Agenda Format (New)

BEDF - Voting Method (New)

BEDFA – Abstentions (New)

BG - School Board Policy Process (Revised)

BG-R - School Board Policy Adoption Procedure (New)

JICJ – Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices (New)

JL - Student Wellness (Revised)

Motion: To adopt the following policies:

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Motioned by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

Michael Jewers stated he is concerned about School Board members having the ability to add agenda items the night of a meeting, as stated in BEDB. The Superintendent stated it would also need Board support to have an item added.

It was noted that the cell phone policy will be reviewed in November.

Voted: 3 - Yes 1 - No (Michael Jewers) 0 - Abs

VIII. To see if the Board will approve a revision to the previously approved auditorium seating.

Motion: To accept the revision of additional auditorium seating by 7 additional chairs.

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Richard Angotti

Board Discussion:

The additional 7 chairs are folding chairs that can be placed in the handicapped spaces 10 minutes before a performance begins, if the spaces are still available. The chairs are made from the same material as the other seating.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIIIa. Discussion of Region III Budget

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent distributed a letter the regional superintendents signed and sent to the Region III Director regarding a request to not increase the local contributions and their reasoning behind the request.

VIIIb. Board's approval of the Prom

Motion: To approve the Prom being held at New England Outdoor Center with students being bused to and from the facility.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

The Prom has been held at the New England Outdoor Center for several years and it has been an enjoyable event for the students. Busing the students to and from the facility has ensured safety.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. Administrative Reports

PreK-5 Assistant Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday, March 22, from 12-7 pm. In December, 88% of students had family members attend a conference. This time in March, 80% participated. We typically have lower attendance of parents in the spring but this number of 80% is a solid result. It is an important conference as we begin to discuss student plans for the next year.

The second Family Fun Night for the year was held on Thursday, April 5, from 6-7 in conjunction with the Book Fair. It was very successful with about 110 students and their families attending.

The spring testing of the MEA math and literacy state assessment for grades 3-5 is almost complete. Students took the test on the computers in the lab at Granite. I would suggest that next year the testing site be loaded onto the Chrome Books that the 4th and 5th graders have. This would free up time for other students to use the lab.

Miss Fiske's PreK students and the ones in Mrs. Lincoln-Nadeau's room have partnered with Tractor Supply to do some gardening at Granite St. School. They will receive supplies to support raised beds and will grow green beans. They also will be planting some flowers around the building. This is the first year that we have been involved.

Grant opportunities continue to be explored to help support the purchase of a necessary new reading series for grades K-5.

Board Discussion:

The flower beds are already in place at Granite Street School.

6-12 Assistant Principal/AD Beth Peavey reported:

Softball and baseball teams are practicing and eagerly awaiting being able to play once the fields have cleared of snow and dried out. We have 17 boys playing on the baseball team and 21 girls playing softball. Scrimmages begin later this week.

The Stearns Unified Harmony and Middle Show Choirs both received second place trophies in State competitions held in our auditorium over the weekend. The middle school performed *Oliver* and the Unified Harmony performed *Music and Dance through the Decades*. The event was a great success.

MEA testing is almost complete. SAT tests were completed by Juniors this morning with 100% attendance. Teachers and staff will be analyzing student data as soon as it is received.

Sue Buzzell and the Peer Councillors are gearing up for the After Prom Chem-Free party.

On Tuesday, June 5th, we will host the Senior Honors Banquet. School Board members will be receiving an invitation to attend sometime in May. We hope that you will be able to attend.

Last week, I attended the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) state conference. I completed two classes, 504-Legal Issues/Liability for Sport Injury and Risk Management and 501-Guiding Foundations and Philosophies. These training sessions can also be applied to a national certification process for CAA (Certified Athletic Administrator). I also attended six other sessions with guest speakers covering topics from sports nutrition to concussions and CTE (chronic traumatic encephalopathy).

Board Discussion:

It was noted that some individual musicianship awards were given to Victoria Blanchette, Samantha Falone and Katlyn Marcin at the State Show Choir Festival.

Facilities Director Louis DiFrederico reported:

No report

X. Superintendent's Report

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent distributed Regional Center information to the Board. He also distributed a letter from Governor LePage to Lee Academy regarding L.A. becoming a regional school.

He is leaving for China on Wednesday and will return on Sunday, April 22. The Board wished him a safe and successful trip.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Motion by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Voted: 4 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, April 24 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, May 8 – Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, May 22 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools