

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
ZOOM MEETING - PUBLIC
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present 5:00 PM
Hilary Emery	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Peter Jamieson	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 Warren Steward, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

Terry Given clarified agenda for the meeting. Since the Superintendent's update may contain information during these extenuating circumstances, she asked if the Board would allow public comment during or after the update. The Chair agreed it would be allowed and Ms. Given thanked the Board.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings March 10 and March 16, 2020, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

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 #20-20 in the amount of \$161,383.87 on March 26, 2020, #20-21 in the amount of \$158,394.01 on April 9, and #20-22 in the amount of \$154,386.33 on April 23, 2020.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

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 #20-29 in the amount of \$44,366.61, #20-30 in the amount of \$66,332.16, and #20-31 in the amount of \$14,094.91 on March 26, 2020; #20-32 in the amount of \$116,287.68 on April 9, 2020; #20-33 in the amount of \$43,659.00 and #20-34 in the amount of \$104,995.01 on April 23, 2020.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Approval of Administrative Contacts

Motion: To approve the revision of Francis N. Boynton's administrative contracts from PreK-12 Principal, Superintendent, and Special Education Administrator to Superintendent and Special Education Administrator for the 2020-2021 school year. No change to the total salary.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

Positive move in the right direction.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Cody Clinton's Technology Coordinator 2020-2021 contract as presented.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

Increased the time by 10 days and added salary to cover the increase. He has done an excellent job.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Louis DiFrederico's Facilities Manager 2020-2021 contract as presented.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

Increase 4%. The Board noted Mr. DiFrederico goes above and beyond with whatever he is asked to do.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Michelle McGreevy's International Coordinator/TIF Coordinator 2020-2021 contract as present.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

Increase 4%.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Joshua McNaughton's PreK-5 Principal 2020-2021 contract as presented.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

Another move in the right direction for a separation of power; \$7,000 increase.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Joshua McNaughton's Title Coordinator stipend for 2020-2021 as presented.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

The stipend is 4% of the Title funds.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Rebecca Merry's Bookkeeper/Payroll Clerk 2020-2021 contract as presented.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

Increase of 4%.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Kamma Michaud's Special Ed Clerk 2020-2021 stipend as presented.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

No increase.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Beth Peavey's 6-12 Principal 2020-2021 contract as presented.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

Another move in the right direction for a separation of power; \$7,000 increase.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve Beth Peavey's Athletic Director 2020-2021 contract as presented.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

No increase.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. Review of FY20 Budget

The Superintendent explained the finances for the remaining FY20 budget. We are in good shape.

IX. Superintendent's Update

Expressed thanks for well wishes and gifts during his illness.

Distance learning will continue to happen for the remainder of the school year. Unfortunate for the students to miss out on field trips, performing arts and athletics.

We are working on a plan for graduation. We will delay final plans pending more knowledge regarding the effects of the illness at that time.

Will have discussions with the staff regarding grading and close out of the school year.

Proud of the work of our staff and what they are doing with the distance learning.

The Board asked for comment from staff regarding how distance learning is going:

Debbie Cassidy (4th Grade) explained Zoom Meetings regarding teaching. Going fairly well considering circumstances. There will be more discussion regarding grading.

Terry Given (high school English) grieving all that has been lost, although it is understandable. Making phone contact regarding missing assignments. It is a struggle regarding the students and families who live in hardship – difficult situation. Staff is doing the best they can. She is Senior Class Advisor and trying to keep them upbeat. They need reassurance that they will have a graduation celebration.

Matt Waite (high school Performing Arts) said distance learning is difficult for his classes because they are performance-based. Using Google Classroom, posting videos, and Zoom Meetings.

Danielle Waite (1st Grade) is mostly based on “packet work”. Connection is often with parents. Some students have no internet access. Struggling with working out grading for her students.

Congratulations to Joshua McNaughton on receiving his Doctorate.

The Board is appreciative of all the staff is doing.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM. Hilary Emery muted and unable to vote.

Motion by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Voted: 4 – Yes 0 - No 0 – Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools