

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD IN-PERSON; PUBLIC BY ZOOM  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021  
6:00 PM**

Michelle Brundrett	Present
Hilary Emery	Present
Peter Jamieson	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Dr. Joshua McNaughton, Superintendent	Present

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Peter Jamieson, Chairperson.

**II. Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**III. Public Comment**

The Board Chair noted Matthew Ayotte has moved out of our community and had to resign as a member of the School Board. The Town Council will decide on a temporary replacement at their meeting on Thursday. We thank Matt for his work on the Board.

At the Chair's request, the Superintendent commented that public comment requires your video on.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings July 13, 2021, barring any errors or omissions.

**Motioned by:** Michelle Brundrett      **Seconded by:** Hilary Emery

**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 #22-3 in the amount of \$135,566.35 on July 29, 2021, and School Payroll Warrant #22-4 in the amount of \$135,081.47 on August 12, 2021.

**Motioned by:** Hilary Emery      **Seconded by:** Michelle Brundrett

**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 #21-44 in the amount of \$35,473.62 for FY21 and #22-4 in the amount of \$29,592.17 for FY22 on July 29, 2021, and #22-5 in the amount of \$165,831.49 for FY22 on August 12, 2021.

**Motioned by:** Michelle Brundrett      **Seconded by:** Hilary Emery

**Board Discussion:**

That should be the end of FY21 expenses.

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VII. To see if the Board will approve the nomination of a Grade 4 Teacher**

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent's nomination of and approve the Superintendent's hiring of Emma Alley as a Grade 4 Teacher at step 0 with a Bachelor's at \$38,500.

**Motioned by:** Hilary Emery      **Seconded by:** Michelle Brundrett

**Board Discussion:**

We are glad to have her on board.

Under Maine State Law, Board approves administrative staff and teachers. All other support staff is just a notification to the Board.

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VIII. Board notification of hiring of support staff and extra-curricular stipend positions**

Hiring notifications for the School Board:

Mia Charette was hired as a Food Service Assistant at step 1; \$12.60/hour

Victoria Toby was hired as an Ed Tech II at Granite Street step 0; \$15.40/hour

The following extra-curricular stipend positions were hired:

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Cody Herring	Varsity Head Football Coach	5	6	\$4,400
Nick Cullen	Varsity Asst Football Coach	1	1	\$1,800
Heather Girsra	Varsity Head Field Hockey Coach	8	8/9	\$4,600
Amy Anderson	Varsity Asst Field Hockey Coach	7	6/7	\$2,600
Jessica Pelkey	Varsity Cheerleader Coach (Fall)	4	4/5	\$4,200
Nick Cullen	Junior High Activites Director/AD		13	\$4,000
David Michaud	JH Football Coach	1	1	\$1,800
Katie Carr	JH Field Hockey Coach	1	1	\$1,800
Nicole Campbell	JH Cheerleader Coach (Fall)	2	3	\$1,600

**Board Discussion:**

None

**IX. First Reading of Policies:  
BED Remote Participation in School Board Meetings**

**Motion:** To approve the first reading of BED Remote Participation in School Board Meetings.

**Motioned by:** Hilary Emery                      **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

The Superintendent relayed that the purpose of this policy is the State allowing provision for Boards to meet virtually if necessary, but Board members should attend in person unless they meet the reasons listed in the policy.

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**X. To see if the Board will approve an early release day on Friday, June 3, 2022, for Class Day**

**Motion:** To approve an early release day for Class Day on Friday, June 3, 2022, for grades PreK-12.

**Motioned by:** Hilary Emery                      **Seconded by:** Michelle Brundrett

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

## **XI. School cancellation due to inclement weather discussion**

### **Board Discussion:**

The Board made a decision, based on staff feedback, to have 5 traditional snow days instead of virtual days for the 2021-2022 school year. The item the Board needs to discuss is what to do if we go beyond the 5 snow days.

An online staff survey was conducted and 52 individuals felt we should switch to virtual after the 5 traditional snow days and 20 felt we should continue with traditional snow days. If we move to virtual, it will allow us to keep the set Graduation Day and for individuals and families to carry through with summer vacation plans.

The Board agreed with moving to virtual days after 5 traditional snow days.

## **XII. Safe return plan discussion**

**Motion:** To approve the public Safe Return Plan document as presented.

**Motioned by:** Michelle Brundrett      **Seconded by:** Hilary Emery

### **Board Discussion:**

The Superintendent relayed the foundation of a safe return plan. It will be updated as CDC recommendations change.

We will return to in-person, with virtual learning being used only if COVID conditions require it. We will return to a full day, full week schedule. Masks will be required in school and on buses, regardless of vaccination status or community transmission. We intend to use the 3' social distancing as much as possible, except for the playground and buses. We will keep students spread out as far as possible in the cafeterias, with assigned seating. We will continue and encourage sanitization and handwashing. We will monitor for COVID symptoms and we will continue to ask parents to report COVID cases in order to keep exposure to a minimum at the schools. A vaccination clinic will be held on September 3 and 24 for staff and qualified students. Information is available on our Facebook pages and our website. Canvas will continue to be the online learning platform to be used if conditions require it. Athletic, performing arts activities, etc., will be held at this time. IEP's will continue to be virtual until further notice. Parent/Teacher Conferences and Open Houses will be held based on the local conditions. Visitors will also be allowed as local conditions allow.

For parents who feel their students should not be in-person, the State has online options for those students.

The Board thanked administration and members of the Stakeholders Group for their work on this plan.

**Voted:** 3 - Yes      1 - No (Hilary Emery)      0 - Abs

### **XIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM

**Motion by:** Hilary Emery

**Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Voted:** 4 – Yes    0 - No    0 - Abs

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Joshua McNaughton  
Superintendent of Schools