

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018
5:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Jeffrey Gordon	Excused
Kevin Gregory	Present – arrived at 5:34
Michael Jewers	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 July 18 and July 31, 2018, barring any errors or omissions.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 3 - 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 #19-4 in the amount of \$115,703.99 on August 16, 2018.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 3 - 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 #19-5 in the amount of \$46,550.19 and #19-6 in the amount of \$76,731.74 on August 16, 2018.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's nomination and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of positions for the 2018-2019 school year

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of and authorize the Superintendent to hire Paul Coover as a Grade 5 Teacher at step 0 with a Bachelor's \$33,000 for the 2018-2019 school year, pending certification.

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

Board Discussion:

He started as an Intern, was hired as an Ed Tech III and then promoted to a Title I Ed Tech III.

VIII. Administrative Reports

PreK-5 Assistant Principal Joshua McNaughton:

None

6-12 Assistant Principal/AD Beth Peavey:

Football and field hockey have started this week with double sessions. There are 6 boys playing football from Schenck and we have 5 students going to Schenck for either soccer or cross country.

Facilities Director Louis DiFrederico reported:

Board Discussion:

Getting the schools ready for opening day is progressing. The mini bus is being worked on and Portland Glass is still waiting for 2 more pieces of glass.

Emera is waiting for some work to be done on a pole and then we will need to pay the fee in advance before they do the work on the power to the back fields.

The Fire Marshall has been called and he will come to Granite Street School to inspect the plans before work begins, since regulations have changed since the prior approval.

The fountains at both schools require cutting into the walls for the filtration system. There are 3 fountains for Granite Street and 2 for Stearns.

IX. 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 present: 263/220

Work Days July 1, 2018 to present 26/220

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

Our budget is off to a good start. We have received a current subsidy report from the state indicating that we have an increase of \$5,612.25 over the budget approved by the town. But...

I have been working recently with the state; we did not meet the Local Entitlement expectation of maintenance of effort for special education. The reason is staff changes and our conservative way of working the budget, along with our pursuit of funds for special education students who do not reside in the district, but attend school in Millinocket. As a result we received over \$60,000 in revenue that resulted in a reduction for our expenditures. Also, as we hired staff with less experience, we significantly reduced expenditures. Initially, the state was ready to reduce our subsidy by about \$50,000. As of last Thursday, and the result of significant research and negotiation, this number is reduced to about \$12,500. Given the increase stated above we will lose about \$6000 in subsidy throughout the year. Please note that given the pursuit of the funds for the unorganized territories, we have a substantial gain in revenue, especially in the unanticipated revenue department.

The state is requiring a new report, which we have been working diligently on. It is a series of 3 reports which are 40-60 pages each. This report was submitted in June but returned as we did not meet the reporting expectations. Since the return we have completed most of the requirements and expect to resubmit in the next few days. Please understand that separate reports are to be submitted for Granite, Stearns, and the district. The issue is the specificity required and the detailed research that is involved as information from 4 years is requested.

The summer has been very short and we are rapidly approaching the opening of school. Preparations for the opening of school are taking place. We have begun the notification of workshops for staff and will again include the bus drivers for the opening day mandatory training. This was successful last year and we look to a repeat this year.

Our international students are in the process of paying their tuition. At this point we have 7 from Liren in China (1 did not get a visa after 2 attempts), one from Switzerland, and one from Spain.

We are in the process of having the mini bus repaired after the vandalism. It should be ready for school. I am working with the police department on follow-up.

The area superintendents and I will be meeting with Robert Miller on August 24 to plan some grant funding for this year. We have contracted with him for the first quarter of the year. If it is productive we have the option to continue.

I may be a bit delayed for the Board meeting on the 14th as I am attending a workshop in Augusta concerning school violence. This should be a very valuable workshop which I will share with you at the meeting.

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent discussed the possibility of a one-way traffic pattern in front of Stearns and would like to discuss it at the next meeting.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

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

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, August 28 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, September 11 – Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, September 25 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools