

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
STEARNS JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
PUBLIC IN-PERSON OR BY ZOOM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023
4:30 PM**

Kevin Gregory	Present
Kevin Libby	Present
Thomas Malcolm	Excused
Donald Raymond	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Dr. Shelley Lane, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Warren Steward, School Board Chair.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

VIIa. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's nomination of and authorize the Superintendent to hire a Special Education Teacher.

IV. Public Comment

The Chair thanked the summer staff for all the hard work cleaning the buildings. The buildings are looking great.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting July 18, 2023, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. 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 PR24-3 in the amount of \$103,001.50 and PR24-3D in the amount of \$62,198.69 on August 3, 2023.

Motioned by: Donald Raymond

Seconded by: Kevin Libby

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. 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 AP 23-48 in the amount of \$2,540.39 (FY23), AP24-4 in the amount of \$58,433.22 (FY24) and SA24-1 (student accounts) in the amount of \$3,455.00 on August 3, 2023.

Motioned by: Kevin Libby

Seconded by: Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIIa. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's nomination of and authorize the Superintendent to hire a Special Education Teacher.

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination of and authorize the Superintendent to hire Susan Morrison as a Special Ed Teacher at step 5 with a Bachelor's \$45,150.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. To see if the Board will approve a salary adjustment for the Superintendent

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's salary adjustment of \$13,000 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

This will be paid bi-weekly, not a lump sum.

Donald Raymond said she has made great strides in Central Office, updating procedures, communicating, has raised the educational standards, reconvened committees, done evaluations, is coaching of staff, attending community events and has dealt with sensitive matters.

Kevin Libby said he appreciates the increase in communications, including the Town Council.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. Superintendent's Report

- Last week we accepted a grant but it is not public until it is announced by the grantors. We are sitting on pins and needles to share the news. I am confident we will be able to share by our September meeting!

- Business Manager Rhonda Casey is working through various accounts aligning revenue and expenses. She has been in touch with MEMIC, Anthem, MEPERS, HRH, Town Treasurer Mary Alice Cullen and more as she confirms past statements so as to move forward with accurate information.

- It is the time of year that families start looking at the next school year. That said, we have a few Superintendent transfer requests. They are approved for work-related situations (like the parent works for the receiving system), for specific academic reasons and a handful of unique circumstances where the child's best interests are better served in another location. We also have a few requesting students to attend here in Millinocket. While we are pleased families want their children in our district, I do look for a fit. Agreements are one year and are reviewed for subsequent years.

- I wrote and received a Donors Choose Grant for a guest speaker for our staff. The title is "Laughter - It Makes Life Better - Social Emotional Learning". All staff will be invited to join the presentation on August 28th. I want to publicly thank: Bragdon Bus and the Millinocket Alumni Association for seeing value in this "kick off" presentation for our staff.

- That said: any staff hearing or reading this...it is a GREAT time to write a Donors Choose. There is a matching donor for all new projects to start the new school year. I will help if you want to write one!

- We will start up our committees in September. Are we content to continue with the same membership?

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM.

Motion by: Donald Raymond **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

Voted: 4 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 12, 2023

October 10, 2023

November 7, 2023

December 5, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Shelley Lane

Superintendent of Schools