

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE WARRANT MEETING
ZOOM MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020
5:00 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Hilary Emery	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Peter Jamieson	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Warren Steward, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. 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 #21-5 in the amount of \$129,504.12 on August 27, 2020.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

V. 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 #21-6 in the amount of \$39,169.10 and #21-7 in the amount of \$18,488.79 on August 25, 2020.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

There may still be a couple more FY20 bills.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. To see if the Board will approve a school reopening plan

Motion: To approve the school reopening plan for 2020-2021 as presented

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

The reopening plan is a hybrid model which is a choice of in-person or virtual. The students can be moved to full virtual if conditions change and in-person becomes a safety issue. Parents/guardians will be called to find out their choice of virtual or in-person for their child. Attendance will be mandatory for either choice.

The 2020-2021 school calendar is presented for change with the first student day being September 14.

The students can change from in-person to virtual with parental approval, but not change from virtual to in-person in the first 8 week period. Review of the plan will take place at weeks 2, 4, 6 & 8. The plan will be reassessed for changes for the second 8 week period. Virtual is not the same as homeschool. It will be our curriculum taught by our staff.

Teacher training in the Canvas Learning Program is key. Staff training begins on Thursday for teachers and ed techs.

TV screens will be set up in the classrooms for virtual instruction. We have free hotspots for students until May 2021, if internet is an issue, and we have devices for every student.

Discussion regarding how best to make the call regarding change in the school plan.
Discussion regarding who the Superintendent will consult with.

We have foggers that are being used now.

We will follow CDC guidelines. Students and staff will be required to wear facemasks and/or shields. We will have rest breaks from masks. The Superintendent listed the supplies that have been purchased.

No use of the playgrounds. No outside visitors and guests.

PreK-5 bus transportation only. Region III busing will be according to their calendar and schedule.

Reviewed daily self-assessment sheet with information for parents/guardians to assess their children each day at home before being sent them to school.

Principals Beth Peavey (Stearns) and Joshua McNaughton (Granite Street) reviewed the plans for each building.

We will be providing lunches to virtual students. We are increasing bus runs with the help of additional grant money, as well as possibly sending Region III students by Bragdon Bus if the numbers make it impossible to send them with the Medway bus.

Dr. Dunstan, School Doctor, shared some information regarding the plan. He believes there has been due diligence to set a plan in place according to CDC guidelines. If there is an outbreak in school that does not mean it is a failure. He praised Katie Carr, School Nurse, for her conscientiousness as our School Nurse.

Discussion regarding recording education sessions to allow working parents to work with the students in the evening.

Voted: 3 - Yes 2 - No Hilary Emery, Peter Jamieson 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will approve a revised 2020-2021 school calendar

Motion: To approve the 2nd revision of the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Richard Angotti

Board Discussion:

Moved first student day to 14th. The storm days and marathon days can be virtual, so they have been absorbed into the calendar. The workshop days are all prior to school for training purposes.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM

Motion by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Peter Jamieson

Voted: 5 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools