

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016

<b>Jeffrey Gordon</b>	<b>Excused</b>
<b>Kevin Gregory</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Michael Jewers, Chair</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Margaret Manzo</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Warren Steward</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Francis Boynton, Superintendent</b>	<b>Present</b>

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Michael B. Jewers, Chairperson.

**II. Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**III. Public Comment**

The Superintendent explained the process of the meetings to the Boy Scouts in attendance.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings July 5 and July 19, 2016, barring any errors or omissions.

**Motion by:** Kevin Gregory    **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Vote:** 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 #17-3 in the amount of \$116,019.79 on August 4, 2016.

**Motioned by:** Warren Steward    **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 #17-2 in the amount of \$152,834.39 on August 4, 2016.

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory      **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**VII. To see if the if the Board will approve the Superintendent's nomination of new staff and authorize the Superintendent to hire staff.**

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent's nomination of Michelle Robertson as the Grade 6 Teacher for 1 year at step 0 with a Masters at \$33,500 and authorize the Superintendent to hire.

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory      **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent's appointment of Felicia Achorn as an Ed Tech II at Stearns for \$12.12 per hour for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Motioned by:** Warren Steward      **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent's appointment of Leah Malcolm as an Ed Tech III at Granite Street for \$12.51 per hour for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Motioned by:** Warren Steward      **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent's appointment of Cody McEwen as an Ed Tech III at Stearns Junior-Senior High School for \$12.51 per hour for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory      **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**VIII. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's appointment of extra and co-curricular staff**

**Motion:** To approve the Superintendent's appointment of the following extra-curricular stipend positions.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Angela Berry	Junior High Field Hockey Coach	1	1	\$1,260

**Motioned by:** Kevin Gregory      **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

**Board Discussion:**

None

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

**IX. Administrative Reports**

**Pre-K – 12 Principal Deborah Levesque reported:**

Summer School finished last week with approximately 25 students attending consistently.

The Local Entitlement application was completed. This funds some Ed Tech positions.

The NCLB application was completed for Math and Literacy.

Some staff will be attending a 2 day TIF conference in Newport, paid for by the TIF grant. This is the last year of the grant.

Seven Granite Street staff will be attending a 2 day Donna Beagle workshop regarding students from poverty and building resilience. It's an important topic for our schools.

Pre-K staff will attend a 2 day Summer Institute in Augusta this month.

We are pleased with the staff being hired at today's meeting.

**Assistant Principal/AD Fredy Lazo reported:**

None

**Facilities Director Louie DiFrederico reported:**

None

**X. Superintendent's Report**

Report of time:

Completed through June 30, 2015 with scheduled workshops 260/210

Completed Work days July 1, 2015 to June 30, 261/210

Work days July 1, 2016 to present: 24/210

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

Sick Days remaining: 21.5/20

Good news, our budget passed 250 to 99. Our hard work has had a good result.

Our number of students attending in the fall from Liren is now at 6.

Our International Summer Institute was a complete success. Our staff worked well with the students - 17 from Liren and 2 from Junyi. The principal from Liren was in attendance and as were teachers from both schools. The students enjoyed the time here and are looking forward to attending a year from now. We have since received positive feedback from both schools that the program was a success. Another positive note is that the two Chinese schools will be working on a cooperative manner as well. They are significantly distanced from each other and therefore their interaction will not impose on their expectation to recruit students.

One update on the VIA program, they will discontinue the contract with us. They have had issues with schools in China, so I have released them from their contract. In the spring they put forth several roadblocks to prevent me from visiting the schools during the April trip.

At this point we are beginning to develop plans for my October and April trips to China. The success of the programs is directly governed by the amount of effort we put in to honor our contracts. The trips are essential to both the recruiting and the contract maintenance.

On August 3 & 4 several members of the staff Debbie, Fredy and I will be attending the TIF workshop in Newport. All of the costs will be covered by the TIF grant.

In the days prior to the start of school we have several workshops for the Pre-Kindergarten program. We will be looking ahead to take this program to the next level.

Academically, we will be pursuing the state required proficiency-based-diploma formats, while working to maintain a positive grading system.

After our experiences this spring the building exterior has been re-keyed and re-formatted to improve safety.

The second week in August appears to be quiet with regard to our work load and I may get a chance to have some personal time. We then begin the formal preparation for the start of school and have several workshops and activities planned for the weeks after.

As we look to the new school year, we will have many challenges and experiences. We can meet these expectations in a positive manner and move our school forward. We will plan to use all of the resources we have and look to find new ones. Our goal as always lies in the success of our students.

**Board Discussion:**

None

**XI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.

**Motion by:** Margaret Manzo **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

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

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Tuesday, August 16– Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, August 30– Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton  
Superintendent of Schools