

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Excused
Hilary Emery	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Michael Jamieson	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present
Makayla Pepper, Student Representative	Excused

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Recognition of Michael B. Jewers for his 30 years of service to the Millinocket School Board

The Board presented Michael Jewers with a plaque to thank him for his 30 years of service to the Millinocket School Board and his dedication to the education of the children of Millinocket.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings November 5, and November 20, 2019, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

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 #20-12 in the amount of \$171,598.98 on December 5, 2019.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Hilary Emery

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent relayed that the amount is higher than usual due to the fall stipends being paid.

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 #20-17 in the amount of \$112,572.33 on December 5, 2019.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. To see if the Board will approve the Medway Transportation contract for Region III student transportation.

Motion: To approve the Region III student transportation contract with Medway School Department for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent has talked to the Medway Board Chair. They will further discuss the sharing of services.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of an Ed Tech.

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's appointment of and authorize the Superintendent to hire Linda Madore as an Ed Tech II at \$12.12 per hour.

Motioned by: Peter Jamieson

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

She is working toward her Ed Tech III authorization. We are pleased to have her.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

X. School Board committee appointments

Budget & Finance Committee (2 or complete Board): Complete Board

Buildings & Grounds Committee (2): Richard Angotti & Peter Jamieson

Cooperative Committee (2): Hilary Emery & Warren Steward

Drop-Out Committee (2): Kevin Gregory & Peter Jamieson

Negotiations Committee (2): Kevin Gregory & Warren Steward

Policy Committee (2): Hilary Emery & Warren Steward

Region III Committee (5 allowed): Richard Angotti, Hilary Emery, Kevin Gregory, Warren Steward, and one resident – Michael Jewers will be asked

Technology Committee (2): Richard Angotti & Peter Jamieson

XI. Presentation of the French Club trip to Quebec

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent relayed information regarding a trip to Quebec in May. The Board agreed that French Teacher Florence Cousineau could continue and it will be brought back to the Board for approval when a date and details are set.

XII. Department Reports

Makayla Pepper, Senior Student Representative:

On November 4th-15th the grades 6,7,8 had a food drive, winners received a Dunkin' Donuts party

On November 12th-22nd grades 9,10,11,12 had a food drive, winners received a Dunkin' Donuts party

November 21st - November 23 was the Fall Musical, "Back to the 80s". It was an amazing show

The senior class sold pizza kits for their last fundraiser

The senior class also took Senior Superlative pictures for the yearbook.

The junior class is selling cookie dough, they will also be selling decals, walking tacos, and whoopie pies at the marathon!

The Peer Counselors will be selling baked goods in the gym lobby during the marathon

Sharon Daring, Food Service Manager:

Report of time:

Completed 11/4-15/2019: 7.9 days/190 for a total of 70.06/190

Completed 11/18-29/2019: 6.13 days/190 for a total of 76.19/190

We have one employee out of work due to health issues, but everything else is going well with our great subs.

Cody Clinton, Technology Coordinator:

November saw 15 work days with an average length of 8.89 hrs

Currently at 69 of the total 186 days for this years contract.

This month has included a great deal of research and trial in order to upgrade and migrate our existing server systems onto the newer hardware and software that we are deploying. I was able to manually perform all of the necessary updates to the server trees and domain control settings to successfully upgrade the Granite Street Server operating system from Windows Server 2008 R2 to SServer 2012 R2. This is the first step in the Migration process to Server 2016, then Server 2016 Datacenter, the final desired result, as 2016 Datacenter version is the maximum compatible version with the HPE ML350 Gen 9 machine being upgraded to. This machine was not being used for its assigned purpose and has now been reassigned as the much needed replacement for the current Granite Street School Server. I remain on track to have the entire server system upgraded and migrated over the winter break. This is important because Microsoft will no longer provide any support for Server 2008 R2 (our current Operating System) as of January 1, 2019.

Granite Street WiFi network progress. The Zone Control Software for the Ruckus Access Points, (Granite's WiFi routers) is the necessary software for controlling the settings and proper distribution of network signal and connectivity of the WiFi network at Granite. This software was setup on a Virtual Machine on our local server using a Trial Version of the Virtual Machine Software, that I was locked out of. This software is being phased out of our district with the implementation of Windows Server 2016, and 2019 Datacenters, which perform the same functions without the additional software expense. My main focus became getting the servers upgraded and migrated ASAP in order to be able to setup the Zone Controller for our WiFi network.

In addition to the server project, I am currently testing a network monitoring device that monitors the activity of a Lan, Wan, and Wireless network, Identifies, tracks, and reports network errors, and then actually diagnoses them, including recommended fixes. This service includes hardware and paid access, and allows for the tracking of our networks connectivity data from any internet connected device.

In my attempts to setup a remote connection VPN within our network, I have been able to identify and locate the edge router/firewalls of both of our networks' but was unable to access them due to not having the proper credentials. With a few new connectors I was able to connect manually to the control ports on each device, access the boot menu bios and reset the Root user password in order to allow me access to these integral components of our networks. In addition to the above listed projects, I have researched, tested, written reviews and reports of multiple iPad apps for teacher and learner use in preparation for integrating more iPads into the district with targeted learning applications. We have also begun to learn and study the curriculum connected to our new Sphero Bolt Robots, and SpecDrums. Specific items have been distributed throughout classrooms and special Education teams to aid with learner incentive programs, student motivators, gross motor development, academic engagement, and introductory computer coding.

Louis DiFrederico, Facilities Director:

None

Joshua McNaughton, PreK-5 Assistant Principal:

Enrollment: 223

Birth to 3rd Grade Program: With a recent Maine DOE allocation of remaining Pre K grant money, Granite Street will be receiving \$7,290. This money will provide us the opportunity to continue our Play and Grow groups from January through May and to help offset the school budget for pre-kindergarten staff wages.

Professional Learning Communities: During PLC time our teachers and intervention staff are exploring math curriculums. We are gearing up to select our top three choices in January. We will ask the top three choices to present to staff in March. Through recent professional networking, Granite has received an invitation from the Yarmouth School District to learn about their curriculum implementation practices as well as how they conduct RTI services. Yarmouth is currently one of the top achieving academic schools in the state.

Book Fair: Our book fair raised \$5275.34. This money is providing a field trip for our second-grade in the fall of 2020. \$400 has been set aside for our author visit fund. Other recent purchases from our book fair money included \$2500 of robotics for grade 4. Thank you to Mrs. Raymond for her hard work organizing and running our book fair.



Leadership for Elementary Mathematics: Mrs. DeSilva and Mr. McNaughton attended part one of a three-part Leadership for Elementary Mathematics series on November 20th. This series is allowing us to bring back the latest and greatest math instruction techniques to Granite Staff. It also has provided a networking opportunity to learn about math curriculums other schools are implementing.

Leadership Team: The focus of recent leadership team meetings has been around the rebirth of our PBIS system. The immediate work is associated with finalizing our behavior expectations and designing lessons to provide students direct instruction on the expectations. This work is part of a year-long PBIS overhaul that will provide students with defined behavior expectations that are taught and rewards for good behavior.

Snap Ed: The Snap Ed program provided to us by the Bangor Public Health and Community Service will start on December 3rd. This health program will serve our pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and 2nd-grade classes.

Back To The '80s: Thank you to all the performers who provided our students with a great show on November 20th.

Beth Peavey, 6-12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director:

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 work days to date: 95/220
December 3, 2019

“Back to the 80’s, The Totally Awesome Musical”, just finished the last performance on November 23rd. The cast, crew, pit band, and Matthew and Danielle Waite put on an excellent show. Unified Performing Arts has routinely and consistently worked hard to deliver stellar shows and this one did not disappoint. The level of talent displayed was amazing. Congratulations to all those involved!

Basketball season has just started with our first home games on December 9th, girls, and December 10th, boys. We also have a home scrimmage on December 3rd. The numbers so far are 24 boys for Varsity and JV, 15 girls for both Varsity and JV, and 10 girls on Varsity cheerleading. We are looking forward to an exciting season.

The French club has been discussing the possibility of organizing a trip to Quebec City. They have discussed many fundraiser ideas and have chosen a few representatives to go submit these ideas to Mr. Boynton. Mrs. Cousineau is still waiting for quotes from travel companies to be able to budget it and submit to Mr. Boynton. Students have also shared a French dish that they had prepared during French class, listened to French music from the 80s and done other enrichment activities.

Parent/Teacher conferences were held on Monday, November 25th until 7:00 pm. We had a moderate attendance in the middle school and a smaller attendance at the high school level.

XIII. Superintendent's Report

Report of time:

Completed through June 30, 2015, 260/210
Completed Work days July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 261/210
Work days July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 293/210
Work Days July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018: 263/220
Work Days July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 267/220
Work days July 1, 2019 to present 115/220
Vacation days remaining: 30/30

We are pleased to start moving on our international program with our new coordinator. We have a potential for two new students arriving in January.

Once our sub committees are set, we will begin scheduling the meetings. To keep clear from Region meetings, we will try for alternate Tuesdays.

We are working on several special education referrals and have had some additional transfers at both buildings.

Technology is moving forward well. We are looking at some significant innovation happening this year.

The Summit Stone Project has delivered the display case which is now in the office. I hope by Board time to have set a ribbon cutting ceremony time. The case is currently in the Library at the Project's request. It will be transferred to the Gym Lobby for the Marathon weekend and then returned to the Library. There is one stone that has not arrived yet, because it was requested at another location. We hope to have it delivered by Thursday. When selecting the stones, I tried with the help of the Project to be local as much as possible. Several of the stones are individuals that I have a personal connection to.

Please note that we still have some vacancies in our Ed Tech positions. We are still taking applications and doing interviews to complete our positions.

I hope all will have a great holiday season.

XIV. To see if the Board will enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) evaluation of the superintendent

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) evaluation of the superintendent

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:13 PM **Time Out:** 5:44 PM

Result of executive session:

No action as result of executive session.

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Motion by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 17, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 – no meeting. Warrants will be signed in Central Office.

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools