

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015
4:00 PM

Jeffrey Gordon	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Michael Jewers, Chair	Present
Margaret Manzo	Present
Warren Steward	Excused
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present
Christopher Brown, Student Representative	Excused

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

Xa. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(D) Negotiations

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings November 3 and November 17, 2015, barring any errors or omissions.

Motion by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

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 #16-12 in the amount of \$144,398.44 on December 3, 2015.

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Vote: 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 #16-17 in the amount of \$130,972.46 on December 3, 2015.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will sign the warrants at Central Office on Monday, December 28, 2015, instead of holding the Tuesday, December 29, 2015, Warrant Meeting.

Motion: To sign the warrants at Central Office on Monday, December 28, 2015, instead of holding the Tuesday, December 29, 2015, Warrant Meeting.

Motioned by: Margaret Manzo **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

There was discussion regarding getting signatures from Board Members who may be out of town. Signatures on Tuesday morning would also be appropriate, if they are unavailable on Monday.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. Student Representative Report

None

IX. Administrative Reports

Assistant Principal/AD Fredy Lazo reported:

The winter season has begun. Both basketball teams had tryouts and both teams received a good number of students. There are 15 girls and 20 boys participants. This year we do have a JV schedule for both teams. I believe this will help attract more students in the future and also help to nurture our basketball programs.

The boy and girls had an exhibition game at Southern Aroostook on Tuesday, November, 24, and a round robin at Orono High school this past weekend. The girls' team is performing well. They lost to class B Orono by 4 and lead for a good part of the game. The boys may struggle this year as we only have one two seniors and one of them is a starter that has been hurt. The girls will play Washington Academy on Tuesday December 1st at 5:00.

We start our regular season play on Friday. The girls will travel to Lee Academy and the boys will host Lee Academy on Saturday.

Please come out and support our teams!

Board Discussion:

It was noted that Sigi Koizar, a former Stearns player currently playing for the University of Maine in Orono, is doing a great job and the community is proud of her.

Pre-K – 12 Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

PreK update—New furniture (per the DOE grant requirement) has been ordered and received. The classroom teachers and students are appreciative of this....includes tables, chairs, blocks, sand/water table, kitchen play. Another order of supplies is on its way. I attended two days of training on November 9 and 10 to learn about the CLASS evaluation that is used for PreK classrooms. This is a tool utilized by Penquis Headstart and required by the grant to assess classroom learning. Results from this are meant to be used to plan for professional development for staff. One person from our district needed to be trained as a reliable scorer. I completed my training and have passed the assessment (view and score 5 videos) to be deemed a reliable CLASS observer. This will enable me to interpret CLASS results. PreK teachers have held their first round of parent/teacher conferences. The staff will attend another OWL curriculum training on Thursday December 3 in Augusta. No PreK classes on this day.

PreK staff will be participating in a Conscious Discipline training on Saturday December 5 from 9-3 p.m. at Granite St.

Staff has been busy completing TIF (Teacher Incentive Fund) requirements. The focus has been on student learning objectives and learning targets. We will be examining standards related to National Board Certification in the upcoming weeks. Professional Learning Groups have been established at the Jr/Sr High School building. These meet before or after school to discuss topics

such as Edivate, curriculum, data, etc. Mr. Lazo and I have been starting to do walk-throughs to observe and provide feedback to teachers. I will be completing my first formal observation on new staff before Christmas vacation.

Upcoming December events:

Dec. 2-Choral Concert 7:00 p.m. Stearns Walker Auditorium

Dec. 3-Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00-7:00 PM Bake Sale at Granite St. sponsored by PTO

Dec. 9-Instrumental Concert 7:00 PM Stearns Walker Auditorium

Dec. 14-Christmas Concert Grades K and 1 12:30 PM Stearns Walker Auditorium

Dec. 15-Christmas Concert Grades 2 and 3 12:30 PM Stearns Walker Auditorium

Dec. 16-Christmas Concert Grades 4 and 5 12:30 PM Stearns Walker Auditorium

Board Discussion:

Ms. Levesque noted that Chris Brown played the clarinet in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Band in New York City. It was exciting and we are proud of him.

It was noted that the Pre-K is running well. The biggest challenge has been learning all the Head Start, CDS, and grant requirements. The greatest positive aspect has been to see the growth in the students and what they have learned in two months' time.

Facilities Director Louie DiFrederico reported:

Blown down trees and brush were cleaned up at Togue Pond. There has been talk of replacing the bridge by a local group.

The Pre-K furniture and supplies were set up by the custodial crew over Thanksgiving break. A new Pre-K toilet and sink will be installed soon.

A new boiler in the cafeteria steamer was replaced. It was over 20 years old and could no longer pass inspection.

X. Superintendent's Report

Report of time:

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

Work days July 1, 2015 to present: 99/210

Vacation days remaining: 20/20

Sick Days remaining: 18.5/20

We have had several meetings regarding the Pre-Kindergarten program. We have worked out most of the detail with regard to the financial situation and are progressing well. Funding appears to be sufficient for this year and we are making progress on next year. A number of furniture items have been received in the classroom as required by the state. The children will be more comfortable.

We have been working with the schools in China to receive our funding for the program. The funds are starting to arrive. As of the end of the day on Monday, about \$50,000 has been

received for the dual diploma program. Also we have received about \$1,500 from 2 schools, which covers most of the fall trip cost, with about \$4,500 still due, which will more than cover the spring trip costs. About \$150,000 was received in August for the students attending Stearns High School. Remember these revenues are gross figures as the expense costs have not yet been deducted.

Several administrators (five or less) from the Junyi program will arrive on Sunday, December 13, from Beijing. They will be with us until they leave on December 16. They will be paying for their hotels, but we should plan to help with their meals. I am working on a tentative schedule for them. I expect them to visit the School Board meeting on December 15, to be introduced.

We have an opportunity to purchase new mats for the gymnasium floor. The mats are new product, but considered to be seconds because they were miss-cut for the space that they were designed. Typically, the mats cost \$12,000 for the gymnasium space. Louis has arranged a price of \$2,400 for the mats

shipped. Given the fact that we will host several events in the gymnasium in the coming months, which will include the Fin and Feather Sportsman Show on February 10-20, I have ordered the delivery of the mats. We had budgeted for such the expenditure, and the old mats were not usable, as there is a major tripping factor given the age of the mats. This is a safety issue that needs to be dealt with.

I will be working with the Town Manager to set a time for my presentation on the China Program to the Town Council.

I hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are preparing for a joyful holiday season. The next report will come in January of 2016.

Board Discussion:

It was noted that Stearns will be hosting the regional cheering competition this winter.

Xa. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(D) Negotiations

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) Negotiations

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 4:19 PM **Time Out:** 4:29 PM

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Result of executive session:

No action as result of executive session

XI. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline including Deborah Levesque

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 4:53 PM **Time Out:** 5:11 PM

Result of executive session:

No action as result of executive session

XII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline including Deborah Levesque

Motioned by: Margaret Manzo **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:15 PM **Time Out:** 5:45 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: Authorized the Superintendent to supervise Student A under zero tolerance provision and the student will be scheduled to meet with the Board in January.

Motion by: Margaret Manzo **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XIII. 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: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:51 PM **Time Out:** 6:31 PM

XIV. Result of executive session

Motion: To extended the Superintendent's contract through June 30, 2019. No salary increase for 2016-2017, but salary negotiable for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. The contract may be extended by 1 year during the term of the contract. Life insurance will be included in the contract for yearly travel purposes.

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Motion by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, December 15 - Warrant Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School library at 4:00PM.

Tuesday, December 29 – Voted not to be held

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools