

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Michael Crowley	Present
Jeffrey Gordon	Present
Michael Jewers	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Michael B. Jewers, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

VIIIa. To see if the Board will approve the purchase of auditorium seating.

III. Public Comment

Warren Steward announced the auction to benefit the Post-Prom Chem-Free Party and Challenge Day will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 6:00 PM in the Stearns library.

Alice Hartley requested the union clerical negotiated agreement be compared to the Central Office staff policy that is going before the Board for a first reading tonight. The Superintendent stated they would continue with the first reading, but have the negotiations committee review the two documents.

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 #18-16 in the amount of \$130,712.48 on February 1, 2018 and School Payroll Warrant #18-17 in the amount of \$135,392.45 on February 15, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

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 #18-26 in the amount of \$143,677.71 on February 1, 2018 and School Payable Warrant #18-27 in the amount of \$45,868.42 and #18-28 in the amount of \$79,017.03 on February 15, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Michael Crowley

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings January 2, and January 16, 2018, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

A vote on the January 2 minutes needs to be corrected. There were 4 Board Members in attendance and the vote reads 3 yes, 1 no, 2 abstained. It will be corrected to 3 yes, 1 no, 0 abstained.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's nomination and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of positions for the 2017-2018 school year

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination and authorize the Superintendent to hire Ronald McInnis, Jr. as a full-time Custodian with an hourly salary of \$16.72 with a hire date of January 29, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent had called and/or emailed the Board to get prior authorization to hire, as previously approved by the Board.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination and authorize the Superintendent to hire Joshua Emerson as a full-time Custodian with an hourly salary of \$16.72 with a hire date of February 20, 2018.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

We had 13-14 candidates for both positions. Louie DiFrederico interviewed and narrowed down the pool. The Superintendent did the final interviews.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. To see if the Board will approve a 5 year copier lease.

Motion: To approve a 5 year copier lease with U.S. Bank in the amount of \$65,613.63.

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

The new copiers are coming next week. Our two main copiers in each building are continually breaking down. There is a reduction in the cost with this new lease. Richard Angotti raised concern regarding the number of copiers. The Superintendent commented on the reasons 8 copiers between the two buildings serving the printing needs of 100 staff and 500 hundred students is appropriate.

Voted: 4 - Yes 1 – No (Richard Angotti) 0 - Abs

VIIIa. To see if the Board will approve the purchase of auditorium seating.

Motion: To approve the purchase of auditorium seating for \$29,209.00 to be paid from Performing Arts Booster funds.

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent was asked to sign an authorization form for a new section of seating for the auditorium. The seats are equivalent to the new seating recently installed. The funds are coming from the Performing Arts Boosters through their fundraising efforts.

Thanks was given to the Performing Arts Boosters for their support and hard work.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. First Reading of Policies:

CDA Policy Administrative Decisions (Revised)
CF School Building Administration Principalship (Revised)
DKC-Expense Authorization and Reimbursement (New)
EFB Food Service - Offer Vs Serve (Revised)
GDA Central Office Clerical Staff (Revised)

Warren Steward, as a member of the Policy Committee, review each policy for the Board

Motion to accept the first reading of CDA Policy Administrative Decisions (Revised):

Motioned by: Michael Crowley **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion to accept the first reading of CF School Building Administration Principalship (Revised):

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion to accept the first reading of DKC-Expense Authorization and Reimbursement (New):

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Michael Crowley

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion to accept the first reading of EFB Food Service - Offer Vs Serve (Revised):

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Michael Crowley

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion to accept the first reading of GDA Central Office Clerical Staff (Revised):

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

X. Preliminary Budget Discussion

Board Discussion:

The initial State ED279 shows significant funds from the State. The Region portion has been pulled out. We still will be cautious about our spending. We plan to have a preliminary budget ready by the end of March.

XI. Administrative Reports

PreK-5 Assistant Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

Board Discussion:

Ms. Levesque stated the Granite Street staff is looking at student progress from the benchmark MWEA's and making recommendations.

In mid-March, grades 3-5 will be taking the MEA's for Math and Literacy.

Some areas of the reading series currently used at Granite Street don't align with the Common Core. The staff has been meeting on this issue and they will have a presentation for the Board in March or April.

6-12 Assistant Principal/AD Beth Peavey reported:

None

Facilities Director Louis DiFrederico reported:

Board Discussion:

The second round of testing for the transformers has been completed and they don't contain PCB, which is good news. They will pay us approximately \$.50 a pound.

The new key card system was installed in one day with few issues. We are pleased with how smoothly it went and the system is a fraction of the cost of the old one.

We had a 5-year review from OSHA and it went well. OSHA commented on the minimal corrective actions, especially since schools usually have many corrective actions.

The fuel usage is close to where we typically are.

XII. 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 June 30, 2017 293/210

Work Days July 1, 2017 to present: 162/220

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

The pick-up truck has been ordered and we expect receipt in a few weeks.

I have been working with the area Superintendents on two significant proposals. One is the grant that you received copies of in your packets. The focus of this grant is the implementation of the second major effort the Service Center proposal. Although they will appear connected, the grant is basically to cover year one startup costs, while the Service Center is a more significant commitment. The grant and the Service Center have been initially approved by the State.

The grant will help all 5 school districts to establish a more involved special education program, an improvement to the foreign language program, social worker services, and the possibility of additional services in the area of mental health. The Service Center will be a shared service that will cover basically the services provided under the grant.

February 28, the Superintendents will meet with representatives from Augusta here at Stearns to review the grant proposal and prepare the materials for the School Boards to review. The Service Center materials are in process, as well, and will need to be prepared for the Board approvals as well as a citizen vote to approve during our budget process. I will update this process as we move forward.

I am beginning the budget process for next year. The initial ED279 shows a significant amount of revenue from the State above what we have had in the past. I would like to plan a session for the Board to review the ED279 and also one with the Town Council. We are looking at some very positive possibilities for programming and budget balance as we move forward in this process.

I also am ready to announce the honors parts for graduation. As you were previously notified, Karsyn Wheeler is the Valedictorian and Renee Pelletier is the Salutatorian. We are very proud of these students for their hard work.

We have had a few students leave the schools and a number of students come in. I will note that this is having a significant impact on our special education population, which is on the rise.

We have formally scheduled the April trip to China and purchased the airline tickets. I will depart for Portland after the Board Meeting on April 10, and fly out on the 11th at 6:00 am. I will return on April 21 after visiting three schools in China, in time for the Board meeting on the 24th. Liren is looking to extend their contract, Zibo is continuing to graduate students, and Junyi is anxious for workshops and parent meetings.

Although several of the JV boys' basketball games were canceled, we did play most of the schedule. We had one win this year and were competitive in most of the games we played. We had a good time learning and working together.

5:00 PM

XIII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline

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

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Michael Crowley

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:14 PM **Time Out:** 5:45 PM

Result of executive session:

No action as a result of executive session.

5:30 PM

XIV. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline

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

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon

Seconded by: Michael Crowley

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:45 PM **Time Out:** 6:20 PM

Result of executive session:

No action as a result of executive session.

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Motion by: Michael Crowley **Seconded by:** Jeffrey Gordon

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, February 27 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, March 13– Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, March 27 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools