

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

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

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

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings January 3, January 17, and January 31, 2017, barring any errors or omissions.

Motion by: Warren Steward **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 #17-17 in the amount of \$137,961.66 on February 16, 2017.

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

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 #17-25 in the amount of \$239.99, #17-26 in the amount of \$45,735.42, and #17-27 in the amount of \$60,977.78 on February 16, 2017.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will approve a 2017-2018 school lunch and breakfast required price increase

Motion: To increase the following required school lunch and breakfast prices for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Grades PreK-5 lunch from \$2.30 to \$2.40
- Grades 6-12 lunch from \$2.55 to \$2.65
- Grades PreK-5 breakfast from \$.90 to \$1.00 (not mandated)

*Note Grades 6-12 breakfast will remain at \$1.00

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

Board Discussion:

We still charge below the State price, so we are required to increase by no more than \$.10 per year until we reach the State price. The increase in breakfast is only for bookkeeping purposes.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. MEA test result

MEA Results Spring 2016

Based on % of students who meet or exceed the standard

Subject	State Average	Granite Street	Stearns
ELA	50.59%	50%	35.17%
Math	38.31%	45.71%	22.22%
Science	60.09%	55.56%	47.76%

SAT results Spring 2016

Grade 11- Combined Math and ELA

State Mean Score

993

Stearns Mean Score

961

PSAT results Fall 2016

State Mean Score

984

Stearns Mean Score

883

43% met ELA

6% met Math 57% met none

Board Discussion:

Principal Debbie Levesque presented the information. Discussion of strategies to increase scores. This will be ongoing work and discussion with staff and administration.

IX. Student Representative Report

Upstanding Youth

- Is passing out candy with kindness-promoting slogans attached for Valentine's Day

Peer Counselors

- Are preparing for and collecting donations for the auction on March 1st

Girls Basketball

- Has a Prelim at the Cross Insurance Center on Tuesday the 21st

Math Team

- Placed 6th and scored 41 points total at the last meet Audrey Dunstan was the high scorer of the team
- Still meet once a week to prepare for the next meet on March 8th, and the State meet on April 4th

Student Council

- Is sponsoring Spirit Week this week, leading up to a pep rally for the Basketball team on Friday, and are passing out candy for Valentine's Day.

Senior Class

- Is doing a bake sale at the Credit Union on Friday, to raise money for the class trip

Show Choir

- Is still rehearsing twice a week for their district competition on March 2nd

One Act

- Is still rehearsing four times a week for their regional competition on March 10th and 11th

X. Administrative Reports

Pre-K – 12 Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

None

Pre-K – 12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Christopher Gosselin reported:

Stearns is getting ready for spring sports. Coaching interviews will be conducted and candidates should be brought before the Board following school vacation.

Facilities Director Louie DiFrederico reported:

None

XI. 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: 179/210

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

Sick Days remaining: 20/20

It has been a stressful time with respect to the storm situation this year. We have made several calls ahead of time to ensure the safety of our staff and students. With the more severe situations, we are trying to get ahead of the potential for a power loss or a phone loss during the impending storms. We are simply reacting on behalf of our students and staff.

I am in the process of planning the April trip to China. I have been requested to stay at most of the schools for at least 3 days each. This may lengthen the trip a bit over the previous trips. We at present are working with 6 schools on this trip.

The basketball season for the Junior Varsity has ended. We were able to win our second game on Friday. I enjoyed the season working with the fine young men who represented our school very well.

We are nearing the end of the second quarter of the year, and beginning the preparations for the budget process. I am working diligently to prepare a budget that will be reasonable and satisfy the needs of our student body. Our enrollment has stabilized and in fact has shown a slight increase.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Motion by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Voted: 4 - Yes

0 - No

0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, February 28 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, March 14 – Regular Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, March 28 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools