

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE WARRANT MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019
4:30 PM**

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| Richard Angotti, Jr. | Present |
| Jeffrey Gordon | Excused |
| Kevin Gregory | Present |
| Michael Jewers | 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 Michael B. Jewers, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

Richard Angotti stated he thinks the Board should send a congratulatory letter to local sports teams for making the tournament. He also stated the Show Choir District V competitions will be held at Stearns on Thursday.

Warren Steward reminded the Board of the auction this evening in the Stearns library.

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 #19-18 in the amount of \$138,143.43 on February 28, 2019.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - 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 #19-25 in the amount of \$42,428.90 and #19-26 in the amount of \$45,779.22 on February 28, 2019.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of an Ed Tech II at Granite Street

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the hiring of Heather Ambrose as an Ed Tech II at an hourly rate of \$12.12, pending authorization.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

She was hired as a Food Service Assistant previously, so that position will have to be replaced.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Department Reports

Makayla Pepper, Student Representative

-The freshman had a fundraiser by having students or teachers pay one dollar to wear their hat for a day on Friday the 8th.

- Also on Friday the 8th we had a pep rally.

- So far prom preparations are good! Our theme is rustic romance.

-The Junior class is having a bake sale at the credit union on February 14.

-Student Council is selling candy grams Thursday and Friday for Valentine's Day.

-Student Council is also starting to plan for March Madness activities.

-The Peer Counselors are having an auction on February 28th, doors open at 5pm and the auction starts at 6pm in the Stearns Library.

Sharon Darling, Food Service Manager

Report of time:

Completed 01/02-11/2019: 8.77 days/190 for a total of 95.82/190

Completed 01/14-25/2019: 8.53 days/190 for a total of 104.35/190

The new dishwasher for Stearns has been installed and working great!

Heather Ambrose (the new Food Service Assistant at Granite) has been doing a great job, she is learning very fast and fitting in very nicely.

Bret Van Dine, Technology Coordinator

Report of time:

Days worked July 1, 2019 to February 22, 2019: 145/220

Hours worked July 1, 2019 to February 22, 2019: 1600/1760

Items completed July 1, 2019 to February 22, 2019: 1817

Items completed January 12, 2019 to February 22, 2019: 230

During the latter part of January and the early part of February some of the projects that I worked on are as follows: Continued to work on solutions to Network problems at Granite Street School. We have seen progress in some parts of the network but still not where we need to be. I have met with some network engineers who will be coming in to assist in the very near future.

Resolved several issues that arose as **World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA)** programs were administered to our International students. The **Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) INSIGHT** Online Learning System is the foundation of the assessments. The **DRC INSIGHT** Portal is a secure gateway to the various testing programs and tools that we utilize. Our Testing Server and Testing Site Manager performed admirably but we ran into some glitches with the new DRC INSIGHT app which had changed somewhat since last year. We worked through those issues and the assessments were completed to the satisfaction of Mrs. Cousineau.

Assisted the Technology person for KidsPeace as he assessed what improvements are needed in the proposed areas of the buildings they are considering renting from us.

Continued to strengthen our readiness against cyber-attacks by making improvements to infrastructure and software security. Almost finished with development of a new **CYBER SAFETY** training program for school staff. Continuing work on the new Student Data Privacy Consortium that will help ensure more security around new software programs.

Louis DiFrederico, Facilities Director

None

Joshua McNaughton, PreK-5 Assistant Principal

Days Worked: 119

Enrollment: 223

WinterKids: Despite our best efforts Granite Street did not finish in a position to win any money. Several of our activities, including our winter carnival, were canceled due to the weather. Despite this fact, our students had many great learning experiences. They were exposed to many winter activities that can help them lead a more active and health lifestyle.

Our school leadership team will make a decision this spring if Granite Street will continue to participate in the WinterKids program next year. A key determining factor will be weighting the time factor of this program against the impact on instructional time.

Focus: Granite Street was NOT re-identified as a Focus school for SY 19-20. Our leadership team, which also would have served as our Focus Team, will remain active and continue working on school level initiatives.

Books for Bikes: Our students began a book reading challenge on February 1st. This challenge will run through May. Students will receive one ticket for each book they complete during the challenge timeframe. The more books they complete the more tickets they will have in the bike drawing! At our end of the month assembly one boy and one girl, from each grade, will be drawn and receive a new bike. Students who read the most books during that timeframe will also be recognized. Thank you to the Nollesemic Lodge for sponsoring this event.

Katahdin Learning Project: Ms. Leach and I attended a retreat for the Katahdin Learning Project in January. Now as participating members of their advisory committee we, along with other educators from nearby school departments, are working to create a vision for the KLP program and are considering options to provide educational experience to our students. One such experience is the Planetarium, which will visit Granite Street in the fall of 2019. Thank you to the Katahdin Learning Project for funding this great learning experience for our students.

Galen Cole Foundation: I am excited to announce that Granite Street will be receiving a 3D printer from the Galen Cole Foundation. Our fourth and fifth grade students, later this spring, will travel to Bangor and tour the Cole Transportation Museum and participate in their Interviews With Veterans Program. The 3D printer is an incentive for our attendance.

NWEA: Our winter NWEA assessments are now complete.

Professional Learning Community Time (PLC): Through our efforts, we have identified Bangor as a nearby school department that is using our new literacy and writing curriculum ReadyGen. Mrs. Oaks and I have both reached out to the teachers and administrators, collectively, to open lines of communication and learn from their implementation experiences. More to come!

Board Discussion:

The MEA testing will start soon.

There was discussion regarding the Internet at Granite Street, the aging equipment, and the frustration of students being kicked off the Internet during testing.

Beth Peavey, 6-12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 work days to date: 151/220

Basketball season is wrapping up. As of Wednesday, February 6th, the Girls Varsity has finished their games with a 14-4 record. They will play a prelim game this week. (Girls will play in Houlton @ 7:00 pm) Coach Cullen reports that he is very pleased with the team and the season. The girls are a young team, with two Freshmen, two Sophomores, and one Junior as starters.

The boys have finished their season on Thursday, February 7th with the away game at Schenck High School. (Stearns boys won with a score of 68-61) They have three wins this season. Coach McLaughlin is pleased to see the improvements they have made and hopes to continue his team-building with them and also build on their successes.

Coach Pelkey and her cheerleaders have had a great season as well. They have received community support and positive feedback throughout the games. She reports that the girls have surpassed her expectations and they are all excited for next year when they will also enter competition. This team has started from scratch, they had no team to learn from, and they have done a fantastic job.

All three coaches have worked hard with the athletes and should be commended.

The Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS) was administered last week. This survey is required from DHHS and the DOE. It is voluntary for student participation and given to grades 7-12. We will receive the results next Fall.

The Peer Counselor Auction will be held on February 26th. Doors open at 5:00 and the auction will start at 6:00.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Completed through June 30, 2015, 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: 263/220
Work Days July 1, 2018 to present 164/220
Vacation days remaining: 30/30

We have received the ED 279 funding report from the state. The numbers look very favorable at this time, but I caution the Board that the numbers could change significantly with legislation. As we analyze the material I will report on the budget status.

We have confirmed that we did not receive the FEDES Grant. As you are aware we put a significant amount of time into this process and have come up short.

At this point we have maxed out our storm days for this year. We have received some alternatives to put forward if necessary. Typically, we have taken a day or two in

March. If we need to take days, I will provide some proposals for make-up days at future meetings.

We are in the planning stages for the April trip to China. This will be the first year for potential diploma students in Junyi, and I understand that parents from Liren (currently at Stearns) are looking forward to a visit and updates on their children.

I was able to attend the girls' tournament games during vacation and transported several international students to flights and tests that they were taking.

I apologize for giving this report to you at the meeting, unfortunately my schedule only allowed a little time to prepare this report this afternoon.

Board Discussion:

The ED279 shows approximately \$117,000 more in funding than last year.

The Board discussed the possibility of additional administration going on the trip to China next year. The cost is all from international student tuition.

The Superintendent is driving the bus on March 8 to take students to the MPA Regional Drama Festival.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Motion by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Voted: 4 – Yes 0 - No 0 – Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Budget Workshop at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools