

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016
4:00 PM

Jeffrey Gordon	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Michael Jewers, Chair	Present
Margaret Manzo	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present
Christopher Brown, 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 December 1 and December 15, 2015, barring any errors or omissions.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Vote: 5 – 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 #16-15 in the amount of \$124,337.85 on January 14, 2016.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - 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 #16-21 in the amount of \$81,063.60 on January 14, 2016.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Student Representative Report

Student Representative Chris Brown reported:

- Christmas dance was well attended
- Student Council Christmas Coffee
- Peer Counselors are planning to host an auction
- Show Choir begins full rehearsals
- Jazz Band is preparing for district competition
- One Act begins rehearsals
- Hosting both District and State Jazz Festivals

VIII. Administrative Reports

Pre-K – 12 Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

Board Discussion:

None

Assistant Principal/AD Fredy Lazo reported:

The winter season is moving fast, and we have crossed over the midway point. Both basketball teams are progressing and coaches are challenging our student athletes. We have had good attendance at our home events so far. If you get an opportunity I would like to invite you to come be part of the school spirited atmosphere. The Pep Band has done a wonderful job this year.

Their presence is felt by fans. This year they have learned the school song and it's great to see fans of all ages standing and clapping, though most of the fan singing are well of age.

Our upcoming games are as follow: Girls JV and Varsity are home today vs. PCHS and both Varsity teams will travel to Searsport on Thursday.

GO MINUTEMEN!

Board Discussion:

None

Facilities Director Louie DiFrederico reported:

Board Discussion:

December was the lowest fuel usage on record for 15 years. We used over 2,000 gallons less than the previous year.

IX. Superintendent's Report

Report of time:

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

Work days July 1, 2015 to present: 125/210

Vacation days remaining: 20/20

Sick Days remaining: 18.5/20

I have worked hard to attend several school events over the last few weeks. I know I cannot get to all of them, but I try to present a reflection of the importance of each event to the school operation.

As we approach the mid-year I will note that our budget looks in good shape. We are working hard to limit spending within reason. The mild winter so far and the lack of snow have helped to make this very workable.

The school is progressing well toward the mid-term. We are working very diligently to encourage students to have good attendance and passing grades. This is at times a challenge with some students and yet we work to make this a positive experience.

Our international program will gain one or two students for the next semester. One student from China will attend this spring and next fall, while another student is planning second semester only. We are collecting funds from China. It appears that funds will be arriving through March or April, as some of the funds are coming in partial payments. I will target January 26 for a financial report on our international program. This would be appropriate, with the Town Council present.

We have approached the hotel/accommodation providers in Millinocket for proposals. We have two inquiries for month long or semester long stays by a group of approximately 15 students for an intensive English experience. This prospect is coming from Japan and Prague. We will keep you informed as this possibility progresses. The format would be similar to our summer camps.

Our Pre-K program has had a request for a 35th student. My request for the student to attend has been denied by the state, but the state has given me some options to follow up on. We are looking into every possibility we can. This has been a very popular program.

I have had a couple of excellent conversations with Debbie Levesque. She is doing very well and is almost ready to return. We look forward to her return in the next few days. As always, we will work to the improvement of the school department and a positive second semester.

Board Discussion:

The auditor will be making a presentation at the January 26 School Board Meeting.

The PVC Cheerleading Competition will be held at Stearns this coming Saturday.

4:30 PM

X. 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 and Fredy Lazo

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 4:30 PM **Time Out:** 5:04 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To expel Student A and authorize the Superintendent to develop a reintegration plan.

Motion by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

5:00 PM

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

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:05 PM **Time Out:** 5:12 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To continue the plan of zero tolerance for Student B.

Motion by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Warren Steward

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

5:30 PM

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

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Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:27 PM **Time Out:** 6:05 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: Student C will be on a zero tolerance schedule with suspension if the student has one tardy or absence without an excuse from a physician.

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 1 - No (Warren Steward) 1 – Abs (Michael Jewers)

6:00 PM

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Student Discipline including Fredy Lazo

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 6:09 PM **Time Out:** 6:46 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To expel Student D and authorize the Superintendent to develop a reintegration plan.

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

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 – Abs

6:30 PM

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

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Student Discipline including Fredy Lazo

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 6:47 PM **Time Out:** 7:11 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To table action on Student E

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

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 – Abs

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

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

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, January 26 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School library

Tuesday, February 9– Regular Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School library

Tuesday, February 23 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School library

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools