

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD IN-PERSON; PUBLIC BY ZOOM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022
4:30 PM**

Michelle Brundrett	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Donald Raymond	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Dr. Joshua McNaughton, Superintendent	Present
Jillian Harper, Student Representative	Excused

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Warren Steward, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

Add IV. To see if the Board will change the meeting times to 4:30 PM.

Add executive session X. To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E) legal rights and duties of school unit

III. Public Comment

Erika Mackin asked about the time change. There will be Board discussion regarding it tonight.

IV. To see if the Board will change the meeting times to 4:30 PM.

Motion: To see if the Board will change the meeting times to 4:30 PM

Motion by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Donald Raymond

The meetings were originally altered to allow better attendance and that has not occurred. Also, it is more difficult for school staff to attend at the later hour.

Discussion regarding Board members attending virtually and also difficulty for the public to attend at 4:30.

Voted: 3 - Yes 1 - No (Michelle Brundrett) 0 - Abs

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting January 11, 2022, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Donald Raymond **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. 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 #22-16 in the amount of \$194,858.77 on January 27, 2022 and MainePERS #22-7 in the amount of \$54,534.69 on January 10, 2022.

Motioned by: Donald Raymond **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. 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 #22-22 in the amount of \$32,351.43 and #22-23 in the amount of \$152,676.32 on January 27, 2022.

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Michelle Brundrett

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. Notification of New Hires

Kathryn Lewis was hired as a Food Service Assistant on January 19, 2022, step 2, \$12.80/hr.

IX. COVID Update

Reporting period for the last 3 weeks, which coincides with the change in our SOP, we have had 22 positive cases at Granite, 32 positive cases at Stearns, and 22 positive staff cases. In comparison we had 66 positive students and 11 positive staff in the previous total 18 weeks.

The Stakeholders Committee recommended changes to our SOP:

- a. The Committee recommends allowing at-home tests because they confirm with the results of retesting with the Binex test. Also, the federal government is shipping tests to homes and it will help support that.
- b. The Committee recommends testing on day 6 when it is allowed to come back to school. If the antigen test is positive, the individual will need to quarantine for the additional 5 days. If it is negative, it is ok to come back to school.
- c. The Committee recommends anyone who has a positive case at their home be tested daily to help reduce the number of cases coming into the schools.

The Board asked how difficult it would be to tape the class instruction. The Superintendent stated he would talk to the IT Coordinator. Currently students use Canvas to stay up to date with their assignments and they have access to their teacher.

The Board discussed testing each day in item “b” so the student can come back sooner if they test negative on day 6. The Superintendent stated he will put a message out to the school medical staff to see if they are ok with that change. If they are, the Board can give the Superintendent authorization to make the change.

Motion: To approve the recommendations as presented

Kevin Gregory withdrew the motion.

Motion: To approve the Superintendent to adjust the Standard Operating Procedure per recommendation of the Stakeholders Group and the consideration that will be brought back is daily testing day 6 and on until a negative test is achieved. The student will be allowed to return to school on the day of the negative test

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 3 - Yes 1 - No (Michelle Brundrett) 0 - Abs

X. To see if the Board will enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E) legal rights and duties of school unit

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E) legal rights and duties of school unit

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:20 PM **Time Out:** 5:40 PM

Result of executive session

No action as result of executive session.

XI. To see if the Board will enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) negotiation with the Superintendent

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) negotiation with the Superintendent

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Donald Raymond

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:41 PM **Time Out:** 6:02 PM

Result of executive session

Result of executive session will be reported at the February 8, 2022, meeting.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Motion by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Donald Raymond

Voted: 4 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

February 8, 2022

February 22, 2022

March 8, 2022

March 22, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua McNaughton, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools