

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018
4:30 PM**

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

Town Councilors Present: Joe Clark, Steve Golieb, Michael Madore, Cody McEwen, Gilda Stratton, and John Davis, Town Manager

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

Move item X. "To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's bid recommendation for a school truck" to IVa.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Audit Presentation by Roger Lebreaux of Runyon Keersteen Ouellette

Roger Lebreaux presented an overview of the School and Town audits.

The school has no material weaknesses, no significant deficiencies, and the only comment was regarding the Food Service Department using the correct cost for inventory. The fund balance increased by approximately \$260,000, primarily due to conservative spending and unanticipated revenue. He stated the School and Town have done an excellent job managing the budget.

IVa. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's bid recommendation for a school truck.

Motion: To approve Katahdin Motors bid of \$37,386 for a 2018 2500HD Chevy Silverado LWB, 4WD, Regular Cab without a trade.

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

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent relayed to the Board and Town Council that due to the fact that the school truck can't be inspected and the need of a truck for plowing, repairs and maintenance, and athletic events, bids were requested for a new truck. Katahdin Motors was the low bid. The Superintendent feels confident at least half of the cost can be paid from the current budget, and possibly the total. The old truck and plow will be given to the Town. The Town Council will vote on the purchase at their meeting on January 11.

Voted: 3 - Yes 1 - No (Richard Angotti) 0 - Abs

V. Discussion and approval of the use of capital funds to acquire matching funds from Erate: Capital funds \$24,867.00; Erate funds \$28,237.28

Motion: To use capital funds of \$24,867.00 and Erate funds of \$28,237.28 to upgrade technology and infrastructure at Stearns.

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

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent described some issues Stearns is having with the servers and infrastructure. The upgrades were made to Granite Street last year. The Town Council will vote on the use of the capital funds at their meeting on January 11.

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 #18-14 in the amount of \$131,724.86 on January 4, 2018.

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

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 # 18-23 in the amount of \$146,978.85 on January 4, 2018.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings December 5 and December 19, 2017, barring any errors or omissions.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. 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 Beth Peavey as an Interim 6-12 Assistant Principal at a salary of \$27,500 and as an Interim Athletic Director at a stipend of \$5,000 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Board Discussion:

The contract and performance will be reviewed in May to make sure it is a good fit for Ms. Peavey and the school.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's nomination and authorize the Superintendent to hire Anna Loomer as a Junior High English Teacher at step 4 at a salary of \$34,500, prorated for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Board Discussion:

The candidate may not be released from her current employer until March 1, but hopefully sooner. The contract is probationary and it will be reviewed in May.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

X. Administrative Reports

PreK-5 Assistant Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

No report

Facilities Director Louis DiFrederico reported:

Board Discussion:

General maintenance repairs are being done due to the weather, including broken steam lines and roof leaks.

The security system's server is functioning at a reduced capacity. The system is being replaced with a less expensive option.

Honeywell's maintenance contract was explained.

XI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent/PreK-12 Principal Francis Boynton reported:

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: 131/220

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

My primary focus for the last few days has been to replace the assistant principal/athletic director. This then created an opening which we worked to fill, followed by another opening which progressively we filled. The result is the Board actions recommended. All candidates know that the contracts are good through the end of the school year. I was very pleased with the pool of candidates that we received in a very short period of time. I felt it was in the best interest of our students to move forward with the selections.

As you are also aware, we worked on a bid for the truck and for the infrastructure changes at Stearns.

Shortly, we will be receiving a new student in the international program. We expect him to arrive in the next two weeks. Provided his grades and expectations are met, he will spend the spring semester and the fall semester with us and will plan to graduate in December of 2018.

Given the cold weather, I am pleased to say that we are fully functional in heating and transportation. I will note that the bus fuel we use in northern Maine contains more kerosene than that of southern Maine. This along with some additive keeps the fuel from freezing. Therefore, we did not have to cancel school as they did in the south.

As I look forward, we will begin to develop a budget in the coming months. I understand that the budget print out from the state will be delayed significantly due to the changes in the funding formula. I am also aware that the Commissioner has been ill.

Board Discussion:

None

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

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

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, January 16 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

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

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools