

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

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

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Warren Steward, Vice-Chairperson.

**II. Adjustments to the Agenda**

Add IHBA-R Referral and Use of General Education Interventions Admin Procedure (Revised) to list of first readings

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings December 6 and December 20, 2016, barring any errors or omissions.

**Motion by:** Kevin Gregory      **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 #17-14 in the amount of \$117,798.39 on January 5, 2017.

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

**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 #17-21 in the amount of \$129,215.48 on January 5, 2017.

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

### **Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

## **VII. First Reading of Policies**

ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students (Revised)  
GCG - Substitute Rates (Revised)  
IHBA - Individual Education Program (Revised)  
IHBAA - Referral General Education Interventions (Revised)  
IHBAA-R Referral and Use of General Education Interventions Admin Procedure (Revised)  
IHBAC - Child Find Policy (Revised)  
IHBAI - Independent Evaluations (Revised)  
JKAA - Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion (Revised)  
JKAA-R - Procedures Physical Restraint and Seclusion (Revised)  
JKF - Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities (Revised)  
JKF-R - Admin Procedure for Removal Students with Disabilities (New)

**Motion:** To approve the first reading of the following policies:  
ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students (Revised)  
GCG - Substitute Rates (Revised)  
IHBA - Individual Education Program (Revised)  
IHBAA - Referral General Education Interventions (Revised)  
IHBAA-R Referral and Use of General Education Interventions Admin Procedure (Revised)  
IHBAC - Child Find Policy (Revised)  
IHBAI - Independent Evaluations (Revised)  
JKAA - Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion (Revised)  
JKAA-R - Procedures Physical Restraint and Seclusion (Revised)  
JKF - Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities (Revised)  
JKF-R - Admin Procedure for Removal Students with Disabilities (New)

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

### **Board Discussion:**

The Superintendent reviewed each policy, describing the changes. All revisions were sent by MSMA except GCG, which is changed to meet minimum wage laws.

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

## **VIII. Student Representative Report**

### Upstanding Youth

- Recently wrote a “Bill of Rights” that endorses School-Wide respect and unobstructed learning
- High School Meets Mondays during Stearns Time
- Middle School Meets Friday during lunch

### Peer Counselors

- Meet Thursday mornings
- Trying to plan for a fundraising auction in February or March

### One Act

- Performing the comedy “Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon”
- Meet three times a week to prepare for regional competition on March 10th and 11th.

### Show Choir

- Performing the show “Celtic”
- Meet twice a week to practice for district competition on March 2nd.

### Basketball

- Girls and boys teams practice every day after school
- Girls have a game on January 3rd (tonight) Vs Bucksport

### Math Team

- Meets Tuesday mornings with Mrs. Rutherford
- At the last competition on December 7th they placed 6th out of 15 teams, earning 91 points. The high scorer for Stearns was sophomore Matthew Kowalski. They are preparing for the next meet on January 25th, and the State meet on April 4th

### Student Council

- Planned ‘Christmas Coffee’ on half day before break that included a teacher talent show and games for students. They also named a ‘Student of the Month’ from each grade.
- Are starting to plan student activities for the rest of January and February

### Junior Honors English

- Just finished a fundraiser, where they raised money to put together Christmas care packages for troops overseas, they should have arrived just in time for Christmas.

### Junior Class

- Fundraising by sell Pampered Chef products, and raffling off 100 gallons of oil from Dead River, a winner will be drawn on Friday.

### **Board Discussion:**

The Board requested the names of the “Students of the Month”, and Ms. Levesque will provide that.

## **IX. Administrative Reports**

### **Pre-K – 12 Principal Deborah Levesque reported:**

None

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

None

### **Facilities Director Louie DiFrederico reported:**

None

## **X. Superintendent's Report**

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: 145/210

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

Sick Days remaining: 20/20

It has been a pleasure working with our new Assistant Principal, Chris Gosselin. He has brought enthusiasm and support that has been greatly appreciated.

The initial review of the finalized audit report indicates that the debt to the town which at one point was about \$450 thousand dollars is now a little over \$109,000. This has been our target to remove this debt and we are getting there.

Given the holidays, we have worked on a light schedule. Expecting a storm potential for tomorrow, we will have used our 3<sup>rd</sup> storm day out of 5. Good sledding, however.

I had the opportunity to speak yesterday to the local AARP group. This was a very positive meeting with a number of our senior citizens. The conversation was a renewal of many folks with whom I have worked in the past. The general conversation regarded the successes we have had and are having here at school. Of particular interest to the group was our International Program. A number of questions came from the audience and from those who stopped to talk after the event. They have asked that I return to a future meeting to present the slide show that I have of the China experience.

I hope all had a wonderful holiday season and look forward to the promise of the New Year.

### **Board Discussion:**

None

## **XI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.

**Motion by:** Margaret Manzo

**Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

**Voted:** 4 - Yes

0 - No

0 - Abs

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Tuesday, January 17 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, January 31 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton  
Superintendent of Schools