

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD IN-PERSON; PUBLIC BY ZOOM
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021
6:00 PM**

Matthew Ayotte	Present
Michelle Brundrett	Present by Zoom
Hilary Emery	Present by Zoom
Peter Jamieson	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Dr. Joshua McNaughton, Superintendent	Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Peter Jamieson, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

Via. To see if the Board will appoint a Grant Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings June 29, 2021, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Matthew Ayotte

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 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 #22-2 in the amount of \$129,410.36 on July 15, 2021.

Motioned by: Matthew Ayotte

Seconded by: Warren Steward

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 #21-43 in the amount of \$53,858.15 for FY21, #22-2 in the amount of \$150,063.43 and #22-3 in the amount of \$36,755.64 for FY22 on July 15, 2021, and MainePERS #22-1 in the amount of \$46,435.21 on July 5, 2021.

Motioned by: Matthew Ayotte

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Via. To see if the Board will appoint a Grant Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: To appoint Dr. Joshua McNaughton as the Title Coordinator at 4% of the Title I and Title II funds for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motioned by: Matthew Ayotte

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

He has been Grant Coordinator for 3 years. He may look to delegate this in future years.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Discussion on Hiring

The recent Drummond Woodsum workshop recommended the School Board hire personnel listed in the law – teachers and administrators, and Maine School Management Association agrees. The Board agreed that support staff will be hired by the Superintendent and he will present the hires and transfers at the Board meetings as an informational piece. This is not a policy change.

VIII. Exploration of Gear-Up Grant

The Superintendent presented information on the Gear Up Program. It is career and college exploration for Grades 7 through the first year of college to make students aware of career options and to give skills to be a successful student.

The Superintendent will attend future meetings to decide if this is a sustainable program for our school department and he will update the Board.

Due to the availability of the Superintendent, the July 27 meeting will not be held. Board Members will sign the warrants in Central Office.

School Board Member Michelle Brundrett asked for an update on the school opening plan. The Superintendent explained the Governor sent a message through the Maine Department of Education that full length days and full attendance is the expectation for the fall. We will also follow CDC recommendations, which is students ages 2+ who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask and students will be socially distanced at 3 feet. If it is not feasible to be distanced at 3 feet, everyone will be expected to wear a mask.

As part of the upcoming grant, a Stakeholder Group is being formed. They will work on a “Safe Return Plan” to be presented to the Board at a later date.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Motion by: Matthew Ayotte

Seconded by: Michelle Brundrett

Voted: 5 – Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 – No meeting. Warrants will be signed in Central Office

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Joshua McNaughton
Superintendent of Schools