

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE WARRANT MEETING  
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015  
4:00 PM

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

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Michael B. Jewers, Chairperson.

**II. Adjustments to the Agenda**

Item XIII and VII will be swapped.

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings on June 2, June 9, and June 17, 2015, barring any errors or omissions.

**Motion by:** Warren Steward    **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 #16-2 in the amount of \$ \$138,966.84 on July 16, 2015.

**Motioned by:** Jeffrey Gordon    **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 #15-42 in the amount of \$6,939.79 for FY15, School Payable Warrant #16-2 in the amount of \$58,349.20 and School Payable Warrant #16-3 in the amount of \$45,507.86 for FY16 on July 16, 2015.

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

**Board Discussion:**

There will be a few more FY15 bills to be paid.

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VII. To see if the Board will vote to adopt the revised 2015-2016 school budget**

**Motion:** To amend the 2015-2016 school budget revenue page, making the \$150,000 carryover a separate entry.

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

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**Motion:** To approve the revised 2015-2016 school budget

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

**Board Discussion:**

The Superintendent explained working with the Town Manager and Council Chair to move the budget forward. The \$150,000 would be used as carryover to reduce the tax burden. He is confident we will raise at least \$200,000 from our international student program, which will be used to pay toward the fund balance with the hope of paying that off within 2 years. We received approximately \$49,000 in additional subsidy and we trimmed an additional \$120,000 out of the budget. As the budget stands, it is \$54,000 over last year's budget.

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VIII. To see if the Board will elect a 7-12 Life Science Teacher**

**Motion:** To elect Angela Jackson as the 7-12 Life Science Teacher at step 0 with a Bachelor's at \$32,000.

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**IX. To see if the Board will elect an Pre-K – 12 Art Teacher**

**Motion:** To elect Victoria Fiske as the Pre-K – 12 Art Teacher at step 0 with a Bachelor's at \$32,000.

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**X. To see if the Board will elect a 7-12 French Teacher**

**Motion:** To elect Vanessa Kelley as the 7-12 French Teacher at step 0 with a Master's at \$33,500.

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**XI. To see if the Board will elect a 7-12 Social Studies Teacher**

**Motion:** To elect Caitlin Ramsay as the 7-12 Social Studies Teacher at step 0 with a Bachelor's at \$32,000.

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**XII. To see if the Board will elect a 7-12 English Teacher**

**Motion:** To elect Terrance Brown, Jr. as the 7-12 English Teacher at step 2 with a Bachelor's at \$33,500.

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

**Board Discussion:**

Jeffrey Gordon stated he would be abstaining, since Mr. Brown is a co-worker. He stated he is in full support of hiring him.

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      1 – Abs (Jeffrey Gordon)

**XIII. To see if the Board will elect a 7-12 Chemistry/Physics Teacher**

**Motion:** To elect Gretchen Nelson as the 7-12 Chemistry/Physics Teacher at step 0 with a Bachelor’s at \$32,000.

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 5 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**XIV. Administrative Reports**

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

**Board Discussion:**

Administration has been conducting many interviews and they are excited about the new hires and the new energy it will bring.

Summer School is in the second week. We have 30-35 students attending and it is going smoothly.

The Leadership Conference at Point Lookout was productive with work on graduation and proficiency standards. It was agreed that more collaborative work will happen at Stearns next year.

**Louis DiFrederico, Facilities Director reported:**

**Board Discussion:**

None

**XV. Superintendent’s Report**

Report of time:

Days Worked: 14/210

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

Vacation days remaining: 20/20

Sick Days remaining: 18.5/20

I attended conferences in June including the proficiency diploma conferences (2) and the Superintendent's conference. These conferences help to move our school forward and provide efficient programs for our students.

We have spent a significant amount of time adjusting the budget to be able to move the process forward.

We have interviewed and will present to you several new staff. I am pleased with our recommendations and ready to move the hiring process forward.

I have been working with the students from Liren for the past few days. They have been a joy to work with and I have enjoyed teaching them how to speak English.

We have had a busy start to the year. I will not be in town from Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July. I will be in contact with the school department each day and will maintain e-mail throughout this time.

Thank all for their support.

**Board Discussion:**

Principal Levesque and the Superintendent are both working with an individual student this summer to move them forward into the next grade.

**XVI. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(D) Negotiations**

**Motion:** To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) Negotiations

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 5 - Yes                      0 - No                      0 - Abs

**Time In:** 5:00 PM      **Time Out:** 6:04 PM

**Result of executive session**

No action as a result of executive session.

**XVII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

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

**Voted:** 5 - Yes

0 - No

0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, July 28 - Warrant Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room at 4:00PM.

Tuesday, August 11 – Regular Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room at 4:00PM.

Tuesday, August 25 - Warrant Meeting in Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room at 4:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton  
Superintendent of Schools