

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Jeffrey Gordon	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Michael Jewers	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present
Makayla Pepper, Student Representative	Present

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings May 7, May 21, and May 28, 2019, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

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 #19-25 in the amount of \$193,503.28 on June 6, 2019.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

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 #19-37 in the amount of \$107,421.14 on June 6, 2019.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will approve not holding the July 2 meeting and sign warrants in Central Office

Motion: To not hold the Tuesday, July 2, 2019, School Board Meeting and sign warrants in Central Office

Motioned by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

This is a holiday week.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. PreK overview

Board Discussion:

Joshua McNaughton presented an overview of the B3 Grant and plans for using it to build an academic foundation for lifelong learning.

IX. Department Reports

Makayla Pepper, Student Representative

1. The sixth grade had a Science Fair and the winners are:

6th - Jorja McKinney

5th - Beckett Brown

4th - Olivia Hallett

3rd - Brady Brooker

2nd - Kalli Baker

1st - Daniel McGreevy

2. Prom 2019 King/Queen (Seniors) and Prince/Princess (Juniors) are:

King- Andrew Daigle

Queen- Katie Farber

Prince- Brad Duplisea

Princess- Elaina Bradford

3. The after-party for Prom sponsored by the Peer Counselors was a success! We think this year had the most attendance and had more kids stay the whole night than we ever before.

4. The Class of 2019 opened their time capsules from their 8th grade Teen Topics class. They enjoyed looking at the items and reading their letters to their future self.

Board Discussion:

None

Sharon Darling, Food Service Manager

Report of time:

Completed 04/22-5/3/2019: 9.87 days/190 for a total of 158.96 /190

Completed 05/6-17/2019: 8.73 days/190 for a total of 167.69/190

We have had substitutes at Granite Street School since Marla Jordan left; everything has been going well.

All our other Food Service Assistants are doing a super- excellent job getting nutritious foods served to the students through all of this time of personnel changes, we are very lucky to have such a great staff and substitutes in our program.

Board Discussion:

None

Bret Van Dine, Technology Coordinator

No report

Louis DiFrederico, Facilities Director

Emera is trying to connect power to the field. They will complete the work after school is out of session, since the power will be out for around 2 hours. Hopefully it will be in place for Field Hockey season.

Maine Power Options should be open on June 15th. The price should be close to current pricing.

We are close to fulfilling the contract, so if we want to fill the tanks in this budget, we will have to get a price from CN Brown.

Joshua McNaughton, PreK-5 Assistant Principal

Enrollment: 222

Leadership Team: The school year is winding down quickly, which means preparation for next year is well underway. Our Leadership Team has been busy finalizing our new behavior rubrics, assessing our Title I service model and discussing options for our school schedule. Our team will continue to meet twice per month until June 18th.

B3 Grant: Our grant which runs May-December 2019 addresses the following three areas;

1. Play and Grow Groups

Conduct monthly play and grow groups to promote social emotional and educational development of students age 0-4 years old. Providing parents at home learning strategies they can use to promote the social and educational development of their children.

2. Transition to School

Open House: acclimating parents and students to attending school.

Pre-K Screening: Assess incoming students to inform teacher instructional practices and determine class placement.

3. ReadyGen Implementation & Curriculum Assessment

Introduce grade K teachers to Pre-k curriculum

Weekly PLC time to conduct a crosswalk activity between Pre-K and K curriculum (literacy & writing)

Peer (PreK & K teachers) classroom observations

Assessment of handwriting curriculum

New PreK & K Screening Tool: Thanks to grant money associated with our B3 Grant project we now have a new screening tool for incoming students. Our new screener is the Brigance.

“Developmental screening provides a useful snapshot of a child’s development at a particular point in time. Quick, accurate screens that measure mastery of early development and academic skills can serve as the first step in assessing a child’s school readiness. Educators also use screening to readily identify potential developmental delays and giftedness and to plan for interventions.”

(https://www.curriculumassociates.com/products/brigance/early-childhood?GTM_ProductCard, 2019)

Assembly: We hosted our annual Books for Bikes assembly on Friday, May 24th. We awarded students for positive bus behavior through our PBIS system, presented 14 classroom top reader certificates, recognized 49 students for the Literary Book Illustration Contest, and gave away 14 new bikes and helmets. Students also learned about bike safety from the fire department.

Thank you the Nollesmic Lodge for providing the bikes and helmets and to our fire department for the safety presentation.



Atlantic Salmon Release: On May 23rd our second grade students visited Mattawamkeag Stream to release the atlantic salmon we hatched from eggs this spring. Check out these exciting photos!



Honoring Veterans: Thank you to our fourth grade students who visited the local cemetery and placed flags on the graves of veterans.

Board Discussion:

DARE Graduation was held today for our 5th graders and Police Chief Worster was on hand to lead the graduation.

Beth Peavey, 6-12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 work days to date: 257/220

Baseball/Softball season finished with our “Rivals for a Cause” home games on Wednesday, May 29th, against Schenck High School. Both games ended in wins for Stearns.

The baseball team will be traveling to their prelim game in Katahdin on Tuesday, June 4th at 4:00. The softball team has finished in fourth place so they will host a quarter-final game on Thursday, June 6th. We are attempting to have a 3:00 game because Baccalaureate starts that evening at 6:30 and Seniors are expected to arrive no later than 6:00.

Seniors have begun marching practice for Graduation. The Senior Honors Banquet is being held on Sunday, June 2nd at the Big Moose Inn at 6:00. The class trip will be Monday, June 3rd. Seniors are traveling to Portland with a host of activities planned, weather permitting. They will go to Get Air in Portland, and there is the possibility of mini-golf, movies, Maine Mall shopping and lunch, and a stop at Old Orchard Beach. Thursday evening is Baccalaureate and Friday, June 7th, is Class Day starting at 1:00 in Walker Auditorium. Graduation will be held in the gym at 2:00 on Sunday, June 9th.

As you all are aware, we lost Donald Dow this week. Don was a teacher, coach and AD here at Stearns for many years. A memorial service is being held here at Stearns on Sunday, June 2nd, at 2:00. His work in this system and throughout the State for athletics, and more importantly, for students, is legendary. Although retired, he never stopped helping out. Don will be greatly missed.

Board Discussion:

The Board commented on how uplifting Don Dow's funeral was.

X. Superintendent's Report

Report of time:

Completed through June 30, 2015, 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: 263/220

Work Days July 1, 2018 to present 248/220

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

As we discussed at the recent budget meeting, we have posted the anticipated positions and we are awaiting the ED 279 report.

We have submitted the request for waiver days for the seniors to the commissioner. The waiver was accepted by the commissioner and compliments given for the work we did to make the calendar work. The last day of school for PreK-11 students is June 18, with the staff out on June 19.

I continue to work with the new schools and programs in China. Progress is moving slowly.

I will be taking some personal time on June 20 and 21. I will also be attending the Superintendent's Commissioner's Conference in Bar Harbor on June 23, 24 and 25. I will return to Stearns on the 26th.

Board Discussion:

The Town Manager contacted the Superintendent today. They want to hold the vote on June 27, so the Negotiations Committee will meet on June 10 and the Board will meet on June 12 to finalize the budget to be presented to the Town.

XI. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussions

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussion including Joshua McNaughton

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:06 PM **Time Out:** 5:25 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To accept Joshua McNaughton's contract as written.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussions

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussion including Beth Peavey

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:26 PM **Time Out:** 5:40 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To accept Beth Peavey's contract as written

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XIII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussions

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussion including Louis DiFrederico

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:44 PM **Time Out:** 6:44 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To accept Louis DiFrederico's contract at a 3% increase.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XIIIa. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussions

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussion

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 6:46 PM **Time Out:** 6:50 PM

Result of executive session:

No action as result of executive session.

XIV. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussions

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussion

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 6:51 PM **Time Out:** 6:56 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To accept Rebecca Merry's contract as written

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XV. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussions

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) labor contract discussion

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Warren Steward

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 6:52 PM **Time Out:** 7:02 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To accept Vickie Baron's contract as written

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XVI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, July 2, 2019, No meeting. Warrants will be signed in Central Office

Tuesday, July 16, 2019, Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, July 30, 2019, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools