

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Hilary Emery	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Peter Jamieson	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present
Makayla Pepper, Student Representative	Excused

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Warren Steward, Chairperson.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

Ia. To see if the Board will appoint Joshua McNaughton as Acting Superintendent while the Superintendent is absent.

Ia. To see if the Board will appoint Joshua McNaughton as Acting Superintendent in the absence of the Superintendent.

Motion: To appoint Joshua McNaughton as Acting Superintendent in the absence of the Superintendent.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent shared some of his health issues and will need Mr. McNaughton to fill in from time to time.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Recognition of Stearns Field Hockey Awards

Elaina Bradford –

- PVC Academic
- All-State Academic

Maisey Girsa – PVC Honorable Mention

Becka Glidden –

- PVC Honorable Mention
- All-State Academic

Deanna Newbury – PVC 2nd Team

Alyssa Rosebush – PVC Academic

Lexi Stevens –

- PVC 2nd Team
- PVC Academic

V. Recognition of Stearns Football Awards

Complete Team - LTC Good Sportsmanship Award

Shawn Clements -

- All-Star 2nd Team Offense Running Back
- All-Star 1st Team Defense Linebacker

JJ Cox –

- \$1,000 Ken Libbey Scholarship – awarded by the Conference
- All-Star All Academic

Tyrone Davis –

- All-Star Honorable Mention Utility Back

Bennett Dunstan –

- \$5,000 Annual Andy Silvernail Scholar Award – awarded by the Conference
- All-Star 2nd Team Offense Wide Receiver
- All-Star Honorable Mention Defensive Back
- All-Star All Academic

Aaron Gamble –

- All-Star All Academic

Riley Gardner –

- All-Star 1st Team Defense Nose Guard

Alex Jacobs -

- All-Star Honorable Mention Center

Elliot Shearer –

- All-Star 2nd Team Offense Quarterback
- All-Star Honorable Mention Defensive Back

VI. Recognition of Stearns Basketball Awards

Nick Cullen – Coach of the Year (Coaching PVC All-Star Game March 12 at Mattanawcook Academy)

Katherine Alley:

- 1,000 Career Points
- Miss Maine Basketball Semi-Finalist
- McDonald's All-Star (March 7 at Husson University)
- PVC All-Conference 1st Team
- PVC C/D Senior All-Star

Alisyn Alley:

- PVC All-Conference 1st Team
- PVC Class C All-Defensive Team

Annalyse Robinson:

- Honorable Mention All-Conference Team
- PVC Class C All-Conference Honorable Mention

Bennett Dunstan – PVC C/D Senior All-Star

Cole Kenyon – PVC Class C All-Conference Honorable Mention

Jacob Kowalski – PVC C/D Senior All-Star

Elliot Shearer

- PVC Class C All-Conference 2nd Team
- PVC Class C All-Defensive Team

VII. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings February 11 and February 25, 2020, barring any errors or omissions.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. 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 #20-19 in the amount of \$159,850.67 on March 12, 2020.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Peter Jamieson

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. 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 #20-28 in the amount of \$153,497.73 on March 12, 2020.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

X. To see if the Board will increase the school lunch prices for 2020-2021

Motion: To increase the school lunch prices by \$.10 for 2020-2021, as required by the State. The price for PreK-5 will be \$2.70 and for grades 6-12 \$2.95.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent explained the process of increasing pricing by \$.10 per year, as required by law to eventually meet the State price. Students are never turned away if they can't afford the school lunch and they are given the menu items, not an alternative.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XI. To see if the Board will approve the appointment of the Spring Coaching positions.

Motion: To appoint the following extra-curricular coaching positions for the 2019-2020 school year.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Stp</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Ed Girsra	JH Softball Coach	4	4	\$1,600
Ian Shearer	JH Baseball Coach	1	1	\$1,000
Nick Cullen	Varsity Softball Coach	8	8	\$3,200
Donald Boyington	Varsity Baseball Coach	6	6	\$3,000

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory

Seconded by: Richard Angotti

Board Discussion:

Ian Shearer is the only new coach, and he has been volunteering in the athletics program for many years. We have enough students for each team and we have 2 students going to Schenck for tennis.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XII. Department Reports

Makayla Pepper, Senior Student Representative:

The Peer Counselors auction was February 25, in the Stearns Library, doors opened at 5 and started at 6. It was very successful and thanks to all who helped. We made around \$2,700.

The Freshman Class held a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 8th as a fundraiser.

Student Council sold candy grams for Valentine's Day.

The Junior Class sold "walking tacos" at the Hoop Classic for their final fundraiser this year.

There was a Spelling Bee on Jan 24, the winner was 7th grader Victoria Goodwin.

The Freshman Class is throwing a "Summer in March Dance" on March 14 for the junior high and high school. Junior high is from 5-7 and high school from 6-11.

One-Act had a public performance in Walker Auditorium at 7:00 PM "Stress, Pressure, Doom, and other Teenage Delights".

Sharon Daring, Food Service Manager:

Report of time:

Completed 01/13-24/2020: 8.6 days/190 for a total of 105.69/190

Completed 01/27-2/7/2020: 8.87 days/190 for a total of 114.56/190

Completed 02/10-21/2020: 5.03 days/190 for a total of 119.59/190

All our employees, except one who is still out due to health issues, and our substitutes are doing a great job feeding the students healthy meals!

Cody Clinton, Technology Coordinator:

I am very pleased to report that there have been no major outages or down time of the Network at Granite Street in over a month! There are still some bugs that I am working on ironing out. I have diagnosed four of the chronic issues, and am seeking manufacturer support on the fifth and sixth chronic issues. I anticipate that these issues will be resolved in the next month at the latest, which will then conclude phase 2 of the Network overhaul of Granite Street! Phase 1 was completed when the Network Control Server was rebuilt, and control thereof was returned to us locally, where it is being hosted on our newly setup Virtual servers.

Stearns server room is in a period of transition and working all the more smoothly for it. The old ESXi server system, which hosted our Food Services, Library, Central Office, and Files Servers, was going down three to four times a week and system failure was a guarantee. Since last month, all essential servers and services have been upgraded to Windows Server 2019 (From Windows Server 2008) and successfully migrated to the brand new server system and have experienced zero faults since. There are two remaining file servers on the old system that remain in need of software upgrades and migration, which will complete Phase 3 of the Stearns Server upgrade/overhaul project.

Honeywell Automation Services and I have been working together this past month to create and setup a server to host the new automation services for the Heating system monitor upgrades at both buildings. To date, the server has been created, setup, initialized, and confirmed. I was able to establish a new site to site VPN tunnel to allow our servers to communicate between buildings, as well as the heating monitors and automation systems.

I am currently working on researching, designing, troubleshooting, and bidding out a server rack system for both buildings, as well as new dedicated Cat6 lines to each individual Wireless Access Points, and upgraded network switches for Phase 3 of Granite Street network overhaul. These projects will take advantage of our Maine Erate funds which were granted a bonus extension amount for the current year.

As we continue to roll into the home stretch of this year, I am making sure all of our systems and setups are functioning as desired, and am analyzing them in order to prepare a most effective system of solutions, and project rollouts for over the summer, to include a detailed network map of both Granite Street and Stearns, write ups and manuals on the setups, procedures, maintenance, repair, and management of the new server systems and network setup.

Louis DiFrederico, Facilities Director:

The month of February has been busy with the installation of the new Digital Control system being installed which operates the heating and ventilation systems at both Stearns and Granite. All hardware and cabling has been completed at Granite and the new digital controller is up and running. The Server hosting the new system has been installed at Stearns and the new controllers have been tested on the network. In the next month we will be changing out the Stearns system and bringing the controllers on line there as well.

I have been working with Efficiency Maine to survey the schools to possibly pursue the new rebate opportunities for schools in upgrade old existing fluorescent lighting to energy efficient LED lights. The areas I am currently focusing on are corridor lighting at both schools and the Stearns and Middle School gyms. With these rebates the typical payback on these lighting projects is around 2years.

I have been able to make several successful repairs to some of our cafeteria equipment saving the expense of multiple service calls. Some of this equipment is 30+ years old. With the sewer cleaning equipment we recently purchased we have been able to free up and clean out 2 sewer mains in the building that typically need to be done annually if not more often. Being able to do this in-house is a big cost savings and allows for us to address this need in a much timelier manner.

Given the current Flu season and growing COVID-19 concern, February school vacation provided up the opportunity go thru the building and sanitize classroom desks, doors and other high contact areas. We are and diligently continuing to follow our cleaning and sanitizing procedures for the daily cleaning of the building. I have also changed our disinfectant to a stronger hospital grade product with a quicker 3min kill time which is in line with what the CDC is currently recommending.

Fuel use for the year continues to trend is a positive direction with consumption currently down from the average yearly usage. With the bulk of winter behind us and given the long range forecast we should see a significant savings in the fuel lines this year.

Board Discussion:

Because of the drop in fuel prices, the fuel bid will be earlier this year.

Joshua McNaughton, PreK-5 Assistant Principal:

Dental Clinic: Katahdin Valley Health Center hosted its annual dental clinic on January 23rd. Six students received dental care.

Social Worker Services: Please welcome our new social worker Davina Stiles. Davina is replacing Heaven Lane at Community Care and will be working at Granite on Mondays. This change did result in Granite losing services three days a week. Options explored through Katahdin Valley Health Center and Health Access Network, unfortunately, did not result in finding additional social worker services.

Continuous School Improvement Team: Our CSI team met for the first time on Thursday, January 23rd. Subsequent meetings were on Tuesday, January 28th and Tuesday, February 25th. Our team is focusing on improving student attendance, evaluating our newly implemented ReadyGen curriculum to assess training needs, and continuing our exploration of new math curriculums. Our regularly scheduled meetings will be on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 2:30-3:30 pm. The funds for the school improvement initiative will provide our school funds through September 1st, 2020 and possibly beyond.

Third Grade Spanish Experience: Third-grade students in Mrs. Mooney's class having an exciting learning opportunity. A Spanish student at Stearns High School is providing an eight-week set of lessons that will introduce students to the Spanish language and culture. Students are in their third week of instruction and look forward to each week's lessons.



Book Illustration Contest: Over the course of the next few weeks students will be read books about moose by Mrs. Raymond during library time. Students will discuss their environment and the characteristics of moose by looking at samples. Following the February vacation, Mrs. Campbell will take over the project. Students will draw pictures of moose and color them in a medium of their choosing. Pictures will be judged by Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Campbell on detail, environment, craftsmanship, and the overall product using grade-level expectations. At the assembly, in May the winners will be announced with their drawing in a frame. The pictures will then be gifted to the Literary Club of Millinocket.

Raising Salmon: Our salmon eggs have arrived and are developing. The eggs will be raised in a tank in the library until their release in May by our second-grade students.

MEA Assessments: Students in grades three, four and five will participate in the MEA Assessments. These students will be assessed in two sessions each of literacy, mathematics, and writing. Our assessment window is March 16th through April 10th.

Maine Bicentennial Birthday Celebration: On March 13th Granite Street will celebrate Maine's Bicentennial with presentations on Maine by fourth-grade, junior high and high school social studies students. The day will conclude with an assembly and a school picture of our students and staff spelling out "Maine 200".

School Resource Officer: Granite Street welcomes Mr. Don Bolduc as our new school resource officer. Mr. Bolduc visited Granite Street during the last week of February for a school tour and to starting meeting our students and staff. We look forward to having the added security of a school resource officer.

Grade 4 & Pre K Read Aloud Pictures:



Board Discussion:

The low turnout to the free dental clinic was due to the Federal paperwork required for parents to complete. Discussions are taking place with Katahdin Valley to see how the parents can be helped to fulfill that requirement.

Beth Peavey, 6-12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director:

Basketball season has successfully ended. Baseball, softball, and tennis are about to start. We were notified that Stearns Junior-Senior High School will be the recipient of a \$3,600 donation from Bronson Arroyo through the Millinocket Elks Club for a new scoreboard. Bronson Arroyo was once a pitcher for the Red Sox and he now has a band. The band played at the Elks for a baseball fundraiser during the Millinocket marathon and donated the proceeds to the baseball program. The remainder of the cost, \$1,400, will be paid by the Boosters from the Don Dow funds. The softball team has been approved by the Boosters for a new pitching machine. Field hockey will receive new team benches and there will also be help with the fields, again, from the Don Dow fund.

Stearns Math Team came home with a 3rd place plaque for Division C for the regular season.

Mrs. Kovats' Spanish III students have presented twice at Granite Street School to Mrs. Mooney's 3rd grade. They have labeled the classroom, including calendar words, and they also have a Spanish vowel book. There is one more session to finish up the project.

Next Friday (March 13th), Granite Street is celebrating Maine's Bicentennial. Debbie Cassidy asked if we could send some middle and high school students to Granite Street to read and do activities with the students there. We are going to send 4 middle school students and 4 high school students. They have some great activities planned.

MEA testing is due to start this month.

Board Discussion:

One-Act qualified for the States March 20 & 21 in Rockland. Their performance will be at 3:00 PM.

The Show Choirs will be performing at Lawrence High School March 27 & 28 for the States.

As a side note, Stearns Performing Arts alumni Steven Gregory is the director of Lee Academy, which is the other group to make it to the State competition.

XIII. Superintendent's Report

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 June 30, 2018: 263/220

Work Days July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 267/220

Work days July 1, 2019 to present 181/220

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

I was unable to attend any of the tournament games in Bangor, but watched all of them on tv. I am extremely proud of the effort put forward by our students.

Rebecca did a fantastic job getting all of the back pay taken care of, now we will work on current adjustments.

We are also working on the next budget. Many of the numbers are in.

As you are aware I have surgery on the 4th. I plan to attend the conference in Augusta on the 6th. Major issues have arisen on the state front. If I cannot attend I will get the information.

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent is keeping up on information regarding the Coronavirus. International students travel is being restricted.

5:30 PM

XIV. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) student discipline

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) student discipline, including Beth Peavey and Joshua McNaughton

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 4:55 PM **Time Out:** 5:45 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To expel Student A for one year and for the Superintendent develop a re-entry plan.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Kevin Gregory

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, April 21, 2020, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, May 19, 2020, Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools