

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE WARRANT MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 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. 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 #19-20 in the amount of \$146,778.89 on March 28, 2019.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

V. 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 #19-28 in the amount of \$45,064.60, #19-29 in the amount of \$123,831.94, and #19-30 in the amount of \$22,762.70 on March 28, 2019.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti **Seconded by:** Kevin Gregory

Board Discussion:

Kevin Gregory will follow up privately with the Superintendent regarding the legal fees.

It's uncertain if the Otis Elevator invoice is the final bill.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. To see if the Board will approve the revised 2019-2020 school calendar

Motion: To approve the revised 2019-2020 school calendar

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

Board Discussion:

Richard Angotti mentioned that most early release days are on Wednesdays, which would cause the elementary students to miss their same "special". Something to consider for next year.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of extra-curricular positions for the 2018-2019 school year

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of the following extra-curricular positions:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Nick Cullen	Varsity Softball Coach	7	7	\$2,808
Donald Boyington	Varsity Baseball Coach	5	5	\$2,574
Ed Girsra	JH Softball Coach	3	3	\$1,260
William Burke, IV	JH Baseball Coach	1	1	\$900

Motioned by: Kevin Gregory **Seconded by:** Richard Angotti

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent's hiring of a Food Service Assistant for the 2018-2019 school year

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's appointment and authorize the Superintendent to hire Marla Jordan as a Food Service Assistant at an hourly rate of \$11.00.

Motioned by: Richard Angotti

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

She is a good candidate with good experience.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. To see if the Board will approve Joshua McNaughton as Acting Superintendent during the Superintendent's trip to China.

Motion: To approve Joshua McNaughton as Acting Superintendent during the Superintendent's trip to China April 5-20, 2019.

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon

Seconded by: Richard Angotti

Board Discussion:

He has his Assistant Superintendent's certification.

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

X. Department Reports

Makayla Pepper, Student Representative

The Peer Counselors had an auction on February 26. We made around \$3,000.

On March 2, the Juniors sold walking tacos at the hoop classics for a class fundraiser and we made around \$272.

On March 6, we had One Act competitions. We placed first in the district competition.

The Sophomores are raffling off a signed Jayson Tatum Celtics jersey.

The Freshman class has been having hat days as a fundraiser, where you pay \$1 to wear a hat for the day.

On March 21, we had March Madness, sponsored by the Student Council. We played several games like hungry hungry hippos, trivia relay, poster decorating, cupcake eating competition, Mario cart balloon pop and many more. The students had fun.

On March 22, the Sophomores went to Region III for Career Day.

Sharon Darling, Food Service Manager

Report of time:

Completed 01/28-2/8/2019: 9.03 days/190 for a total of 113.38/190

Completed 02/11-22/2019: 3.67 days/190 for a total of 117.05/190

Completed 02/25-03/08/2019: 9.67 days/190 for a total of 126.72/190

Everything seems to be going well; we have substitutes filling in until we get a replacement for Heather Ambrose at Granite Street School, who has changed jobs to be an Ed Tech.

Mr. Steward asked me about the regulations for whole grains being relaxed for us now as has been told on the news, but I let him know that nothing has changed for us because the State of Maine has decided to keep the regulations as they have been. His concern was about the amount of food being thrown away, but that has always been the case, even before we started using whole grains.

Bret Van Dine, Technology Coordinator

Report of time:

Days worked July 1, 2019 to March 22, 2019: 165/220

Hours worked July 1, 2019 to March 22, 2019: 1800/1760

Items completed July 1, 2019 to March 22, 2019: 2036

Items completed February 23, 2019 to March 22, 2019: 219

During the latter part of February and the early part of March some of the projects that I worked on are as follows:

We are making some positive progress on network problems at Granite Street School. I have a network engineer who is helping me methodically and systematically work through resolving some nagging network problems.

The Maine Educational Assessments at Granite Street Computer Lab are going well. I installed new testing kiosks on all of the machines and they are performing well.

There have been some “hiccups” with some of the MacBooks at Stearns schools doing MEAs because of conflicts between the new Mojave Operating Systems and the testing kiosks. These problems are not exclusive to us; they are affecting schools state-wide.

Louis DiFrederico, Facilities Director

No report (vacation)

Joshua McNaughton, PreK-5 Assistant Principal

Days Worked:

Enrollment: 222

MEA: Students in grades 3-5 started the MEA Assessment on Monday, March 18th. Testing will run for approximately three weeks, including all make up sessions. Thank you to Ms. Burby for serving as the school level test coordinator and to our teachers for all their flexibility and adapting to the schedule changes.

DARE Program: Unfortunately the DARE Program this year could be not offered by local law enforcement. Mrs. Oaks, Mr. Coover and I met in late February and made the decision to host our own program. Mrs. Oaks and Mr. Coover, using the DARE curriculum for guidance, will provide students with an equivalent learning experience. We will include a learning celebration at the end of the program just as the DARE Program does.

B3 Program: The B3 Program is a program geared to children from birth through third grade. This program can take on many shapes and forms. Ms. McNally, Ms. Fiske and I wrote a B3 Program proposal in the fall of 2018. Our proposal was directed at providing pre-school aged children and their families' exposure to the school and other developmental resources, such as adequate health care and social services as needed. I am pleased to announce that our proposal was well received and we have been awarded \$30,000 by the Maine DOE Pre-K Grant. This funding is available to us immediately and will fund the program until the end of December 2019.

Now the work begins! Over the next few weeks our Pre-K team will work to bring our B3 Program to life. Our first step is to look at additional funding to purchase supportive materials and pay the committee for the coordination of this program.

Katahdin Valley Health Center: This spring on May 15th and 17th the dental team from Katahdin Valley Health Center will be at school providing student cleanings. Students will need to qualify for this opportunity by having the correct insurance coverage.

Leadership Team: Our team is now meeting twice per month. Our first project is to create behavior rubrics to support teachers when addressing behaviors in the classroom. Staff, via Google Documents, can add agenda items for the Leadership Team to discuss and provide feedback. This method of communication is a nice tie in to our Google Documents training earlier this year.

PT Conferences: Thank you to all the parents who attended parent teacher conferences on Thursday, March 21st.

Board Discussion:

He is going to reach out to the new Police Chief, who is a certified DARE officer to see if he would like to take part in our DARE program.

Beth Peavey, 6-12 Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 work days to date: 184/220

The PVC Scholar Athletes Awards Banquet was held on Tuesday, March 12 at Jeff's Catering at 6:00. Three of our athletes attended, Katie Farber, Mercedes Perzanowski, and Ridge Kinney. Also attending were coaches Heather Girska and Nick Cullen. Our students were unfortunately not drawn for any scholarships, but they have a lot to be proud of with their academics, leadership qualities, and school pride. Congratulations to all three students for being nominated.

Congratulations are also in order, once again, for Bailey Girska. Bailey has been nominated and recognized for the PVC Basketball All Academics. In order for a student to be considered, he/she must have at least a 90 or higher GPA for all seven semesters they have completed. Bailey is well beyond that average. She is a high achieving student, a dedicated athlete, and an all-around great person.

Our student section, or Zoo Crew during the basketball games, deserve some recognition as well. These students worked hard to develop a positive image based on sportsman-like behavior. I have received compliments from the public, here and away, about the conduct of our students. Yes, there were some bumps, however, the majority of the time, these students were loud, obnoxious, and boisterous in all the right ways as they cheered on our teams and interacted positively with our new cheerleaders. I am very proud to say that I never witnessed another student section as well-behaved as here at Stearns.

Baseball and softball seasons are just getting started, as well as tennis. We have enough girls trying out for softball that we will have both a JV and a Varsity team. Baseball will have a Varsity team and we have three students that will travel to Schenck for tennis.

On Friday, March 8, the school district had an afternoon of Professional Development. Granite Street staff came to Stearns and the afternoon was broken into two presentations. Kala Rush of the Katahdin Learning Project presented on Trauma-Informed Instruction and presenters from KidsPeace discussed Applied Behavior Analysis. Both presentations were informative and well-received, according to staff.

Congratulations to the Unified Performing Arts One Act for receiving Class B Runner Up at the State One Act Festival this weekend in Ellsworth. Also, congratulations to the following:

- Chris Lum, Emma Stanley, Brad Duplisea, and Katie Farber for being chosen as members of the State Class B All Festival Cast.
- Samantha McGreevy for receiving a special commendation for outstanding sound design.
- One Act Cast for receiving a special commendation for ensemble cast.
- Cast and crew for receiving a special commendation for outstanding set design and construction.

Board Discussion:

A thank you letter came from the Howland AD regarding a cancer fundraiser they held for two of their students. Nick Cullen and Brandon McLaughlin played in the coaches against cancer game. The total funds raised exceeded \$13,000.

XI. 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 191/220

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

As we await the state funding report, finalization, we are working to prepare the budget for the 2019-2020 school year. This process will reflect the input from many sources.

At this point we have maxed out our storm days for this year. We have received some alternatives to put forward, if necessary.

We have finalized my departure and return for the China trip. I will leave on April 5 and return on April 20. Due to the visits in China the arrangements for this part of the trip are in the hands of the new schools in China. Due to school obligations in China, I will be doing significantly more flying this trip. I will be delivering approximately 18 diplomas to students during my trip.

I am very pleased with the performance by the One Act Play. Their outstanding performance got them second place in the state in their division. I am more proud of their positive behavior and how they represented the school during the weekend.

I apologize for giving this report to you at the meeting, unfortunately my schedule only allowed a little time to prepare this report this morning.

Board Discussion:

Chairman Mike Jewers noted that Ronnie Cyr is retiring as a custodian after 34 ½ years of service. He will be missed.

5:00 PM

XII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Preliminary discussion of the contract with KidsPeace

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Preliminary discussion of the contract with KidsPeace

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:** 5:17 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To accept the KidsPeace contract as written.

Motioned by: Warren Steward

Seconded by: Jeffrey Gordon

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

XIII. Public discussion regarding KidsPeace renting classroom space within Stearns Jr/Sr High School and Granite Street School.

None

XIV. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Final discussion of the contract with KidsPeace

No second executive session held due to no public comment

XV. Result of executive session

No further action required due to no public comment

XVI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Motion by: Jeffrey Gordon

Seconded by: Richard Angotti

Voted: 5 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Budget Workshop at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019, no meeting – warrants signed at Central Office

Tuesday, April 23, 2019, Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior/Senior High School conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools