

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE WARRANT MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018
4:30 PM**

Richard Angotti, Jr.	Present
Jeffrey Gordon	Excused
Michael Jewers	Present
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	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

IIIa. Discussion of resignation of a School Board member

Va. Approval of bid for Food Service equipment

III. Public Comment

None

IIIa. Discussion of resignation of a School Board member

Motion: To accept Michael Crowley's resignation from the School Board with regret.

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Board Discussion:

Michael Crowley resigned from the School Board due to personal reasons. The Board expressed that he will be missed. The Town Manager has been notified and the Town Council will appoint a new Board member.

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 #18-20 in the amount of \$135,167.86 on March 29, 2018.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 3 - 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 #18-32 in the amount of \$49,245.88 on March 29, 2018.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Va. Approval of bid for Food Service equipment

Motion: To approve Crest Foodservice as the vendor for 2 cold food serving counters at \$8,518.00 each.

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

Board Discussion:

One counter will be at Granite Street School and the other at Stearns.

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VI. First Reading of School Board Policies

BCB - Conflict of Interest (New)

BCC – Nepotism (New)

BDG - School Attorney Legal Services (Revised)

BEDB – Agenda (New)

BEDB-R - Agenda Format (New)

BEDF - Voting Method (New)

BEDFA – Abstentions (New)

BG - School Board Policy Process (Revised)

BG-R - School Board Policy Adoption Procedure (New)

JICJ – Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices (New)

JL - Student Wellness (Revised)

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy BCB - Conflict of Interest (New)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy BCC – Nepotism (New)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy BDG - School Attorney Legal Services (Revised)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy BEDB – Agenda (New)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy BEDB-R - Agenda Format (New)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy BEDF - Voting Method (New)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy BEDFA – Abstentions (New)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy BG - School Board Policy Process (Revised)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy BG-R - School Board Policy Adoption Procedure (New)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy JICJ – Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices (New)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To accept the first reading of policy JL - Student Wellness (Revised)

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Board Discussion:

The new policies were read and the revision changes were explained.

VII. To see if the Board will appoint Deborah Levesque as Acting Superintendent during the Superintendent’s trip to China April 11-22.

Motion: To appoint Deborah Levesque as Acting Superintendent during the Superintendent’s trip to China April 11-22.

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

Board Discussion:

The Superintendent will only be gone for 3 school days. The rest of the time is April vacation.

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VIII. Superintendent’s Report

Report of time:

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

Completed Work days July 1, 2015 to June 30, 261/210

Work days July 1, 2016 to June 30, 293/210

Work Days July 1, 2017 to present: 191/220

Vacation days remaining: 30/30

Recently we have begun the process of moving to finger recognition for student accountability in the lunch program. This was a recommendation of the review team and state lunch program for the last couple of years. For the first time in that period the lunch program finances are at a point to allow us to do this. We are still able to use the number accounting system and are in the process of phasing into this new technology. The program allows a finger recognition similar to that of a cell phone recognition which means the student will not have to remember their number, but simply puts their finger on the tab and it recognizes their account.

The advantages:

1. The program saves staff time required to input numbers.
2. Reduction in the number of errors with a misread number.
3. Prevents one student from using another student's number.
4. Prevents the error of a wrong scan card being used (Granite uses a card ID scan which is then entered by staff into the computer system).
5. Reduces the amount of time students wait in line for lunch accountability.
6. Reduces the staff required at breakfast (Granite).
7. Improves the overall accuracy of the accountability.

During the most recent lunch review the review team strongly recommended this process for use in our program. The finger recognition is based on four points on the index finger on each hand so a student can use either hand on the scanner. It does not use a total fingerprint. The ID is then converted to the student's 27 digit lunch account number already on file in the system. The finger recognition is then stored in the system under the account number. The information is contained within the school system server and does not go beyond this into the cloud or technology system. We have been assured that the system is safe. The recognition cannot be recalled from the system once the input is complete.

The following paragraphs are from the February Report with regards to the service center and FEDES Grant. What we have learned is that the Service Center is tied to the Grant so no funds will come forward unless the Service Center is approved.

I have been working with the area Superintendents on two significant proposals. One is the grant that you received copies of in your packets. The focus of this grant is the implementation of the second major effort the Service Center proposal. Although they will appear connected, the grant is basically to cover year one startup costs, while the Service Center is a more significant commitment. The grant and the Service Center have been initially approved by the state.

The grant will help all 5 school districts to establish a more involved special education program, an improvement to the foreign language program, social worker services, and the possibility of additional services in the area of mental health. The Service Center will be a shared service that will cover basically the services provided under the grant.

To be successful in both initiatives, at least 3 districts need to combine into the Service Center. It appears Lincoln will continue the process. I recommend continuing the process to get in on the ground floor if the final decision is to join. It will require significant work, but may be

worth the effort. No final decision can be made until the Millinocket Board gives a positive vote and then it would have to be voted on by a public vote as well.

We are working diligently on the proposal for a budget for next year. I would like to present both the positive and negative sides of going to the vote in June as suggested by the Council.

My China trip is still going as reported last month.

Board Discussion:

None

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

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

Voted: 3 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, April 10– Regular Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Tuesday, April 24 – Warrant Meeting at 4:30 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools