

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE WARRANT MEETING  
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017**

Jeffrey Gordon	Present
Kevin Gregory	Present
Michael Jewers, Chair	Present
Margaret Manzo	Excused
Warren Steward	Present
Francis Boynton, Superintendent	Present
Fredericka Hibbs, Student Representative	Excused

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Adjustments to the Agenda**

Via. To see if the Board will appoint Deborah Levesque as Acting Superintendent April 8-21 during the Superintendent's trip to China

**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 #17-20 in the amount of \$135,515.42 on March 30, 2017.

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - 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 #17-31 in the amount of \$127,932.83 on March 30, 2017.

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**VI. To see if the Board will approve the replacement of a section of the auditorium chairs funded by the Performing Arts Boosters.**

**Motion:** To approve the replacement of a section of the auditorium chairs with funds from the Performing Arts Boosters.

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

**Board Discussion:**

The Performing Arts Boosters, through fundraising, would like to donate approximately \$23,000 to replace the center section of auditorium chairs in the 41 year old facility. There will be no cost for removal, since Louie DiFrederico, Matt Waite, and Rick Angotti will perform that task. With help from the Alumni Association, the Boosters will have a capital campaign to raise funds to replace the other two sections.

There is no tax payer money being used and it is not taking away from scholarship money. The seats should be installed in time for the Fall Musical in November 2017.

The Board extended their sincere appreciation to the Boosters for their care of the auditorium. Auditorium seat replacement is an item they are not able to afford through the budget, but important to the upkeep of the facility.

**Vote:** 4 – Yes      0 – No      0 – Abs

**Via. To see if the Board will appoint Deborah Levesque as Acting Superintendent April 8 – 21 during the Superintendent’s trip to China**

**Motion:** To appoint Deborah Levesque as Acting Superintendent April 8-21 during the Superintendent’s trip to China.

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Vote:** 4 – Yes      0 – Yes      0 – Abs

**VII. To see if the Board will approve a study of a regional high school as part of the application process**

**Motion:** To approve a study of a regional high school as part of the application process.

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

**Board Discussion:**

Discussion included:

- We aren't in the same position as other school districts who need to put major work into their buildings. Our buildings have been maintained.
- Concern for hurting the community due to the loss of the school.
- Many unknown items – busing costs, continued debt owed, safety of students driving, time commitment.
- Want what is best for the students.
- Concern not to be part of the conversation at this step.

**Vote:** 1 – Yes (Jeffrey Gordon)      3 – No (Kevin Gregory,      0 – Abs  
Michael Jewers, Warren Steward)

**VIII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Duties of officials/appointees/employees**

**Motion:** To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Duties of officials/appointees/employees including Deborah Levesque

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

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 - Abs

**Time In:** 4:43 PM      **Time Out:** 5:42 PM

**Result of executive session**

No action as result of executive session

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM

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

**Voted:** 4 - Yes      0 - No      0 – Abs

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Tuesday, April 11 – No meeting – warrants will be signed in Central Office

Tuesday, April 25 – Regular Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton  
Superintendent of Schools