

MILLINOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016
4:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

XVIa. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(D) Contract

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the School Board Meetings February 9 and February 23, 2016, barring any errors or omissions.

Motion by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Vote: 4 – 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 #16-19 in the amount of \$135,517.25 on March 10, 2016.

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - 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 #16-28 in the amount of \$311.46 and #16-29 in the amount of \$123,256.91 on March 10, 2016.

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

VII. Adoption of Policies

ACAD – Hazing

EEAEF – Video Cameras on Transportation Vehicles

JLCDA – Medical Marijuana in Schools

JLCDA-R – Parent/Medical Provider Request to Administer Medical Marijuana at School

Motion: To adopt the following School Board Policies:

ACAD – Hazing

EEAEF – Video Cameras on Transportation Vehicles

JLCDA – Medical Marijuana in Schools

JLCDA-R – Parent/Medical Provider Request to Administer Medical Marijuana at School

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

Board Discussion:

All Policy Committee Members were in agreement.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

**VIII. Review of Policy
IJNBD Student Computer and Internet Use and Cyber Safety (Reviewed)**

Motion: To accept the review of School Board Policy IJNBD Student Computer and Internet Use and Cyber Safety without any revisions

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

This policy is required to be reviewed every three years.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

IX. To see if the Board will approve Open Gym hours on Sundays

Motion: To allow open gym on Sundays to be supervised by an administration-approved volunteers.

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Michael Jewers

Board Discussion:

The volunteers who will be overseeing open gym are Jeff Daigle, who is currently a Junior Class Advisor and is fingerprinted, and Joe Clark, who has filled out the volunteer application and background check waiver.

Waivers on insurance will be signed.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Motion: To allow AAU to use the Stearns facility on Sundays for practice purposes.

Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

This is for youth from many area towns to have a central area to practice. It doesn't include any students from Millinocket.

They will pay a small fee for use of the facility and are covered by their own insurance.

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

X. Student Representative Report

Student Representative Chris Brown reported:

1. Peer Counselors raised over \$3,300 at last week's auction.
2. Show Choir had a strong performance at the district competition and will be attending the state competition later in the month.
3. One Act performed at the district competition, unfortunately we did not qualify for state competition.
4. Stearns will be hosting the One Act state competition next week.

Board Discussion:

April 1 & 2 will be the Show Choir competition.

XI. Administrative Reports

Pre-K – 12 Principal Deborah Levesque reported:

Many Performing Arts activities will or have been taking place in the month of March. The Jazz Bands competed in February at their district competitions and although they had great performances, neither ended up qualifying for the state competitions. Both Show Choirs performed in February and will compete during the weekend of April 1st and 2nd in their state competition hosted at Stearns. One Act play competition was this last weekend at Stearns. Despite a spectacular performance, our students did not qualify to go on to the state competition. This is a highly competitive endeavor and only two groups from our division go on to further dates. The State One Act will be hosted here at Stearns on March 18 and 19. Congratulations to all of our talented students and directors!

The boys and girls basketball teams ended their season in February. The girls' team was able to qualify for a quarterfinal game in Bangor during February vacation. It was great to see our school represented in this event. Great job to all involved!

Part of the Teacher Incentive Fund grant provides the opportunity for four staff members to attend the Teaching and Learning Conference in Washington DC on March 11-12. This will be the third year that we will be sending staff. Attending this year are: Doug Kranich, Beth Peavey, Kim Petrin, and Debbie Levesque. Participants will report back to the staff after attending the conference.

Testing for grades 3-8 and grade 11 have a different format this year. We no longer are part of the Smarter Balance system. This year's testing is called MEA eMPower ME. As in the past grades 3-8 will be taking assessments on ELA and Math. Grade 11 is going back to the SAT as

their state assessment. MEA will be administered March 21-April 15 and the SAT 's will be done on April 12. The grades 3-8 tests will still be administered on the computer but have less time required than last year. We are in the process of getting our computers ready and schedules developed. I think the format will be more comfortable for teachers and students this year.

Despite our lack of a lot of snow, grades 5 and 6 will be snowshoeing and skiing as part of the Maine Education Outdoor Program. We are fortunate that our students are able to take part in these activities.

On the Friday March 4th workshop day, staff members did a variety of things. Some were involved in student engagement professional development, had opportunities to meet with their Professional Learning Groups to look at student work, worked on revising report cards to better meet the standards that we currently are teaching. Mr. Boynton, myself, and two board members met with representatives from our PreK grant and partnership.

Board Discussion:

All Juniors will be taking the SATs on April 12.

Assistant Principal/AD Fredy Lazo reported:

The 2015-2016 winter season is in the books. I have met with both head coaches and have completed their evaluations. Both coaches did a great job this year with the teams and getting the most out of our kids. Our kids responded to the challenge and the girls' team had a lot of success in the wins column, while the boys' team had a lot of success in the character building column. The winter sports banquet went well and many of our students were recognized in front of their parents and friend.

The spring season is quickly approaching. The parent/coaches informational meeting will be Monday, March 14, at 6:00 PM in the Library. On March 21, the Millinocket Regional Hospital will be offering sports physicals to student's grades 6-12 here at the nurse's office (see attachment).

March 21 is also the first day for pitchers and catchers to start the season.

GO MINUTEMEN!

Board Discussion:

None

Facilities Director Louie DiFrederico reported:

Board Discussion:

None

XII. Superintendent's Report

I have presented the funding forms ED279 to the Town Council and have received very positive feedback. As you may be aware, there is a state surplus and a movement to put some \$20 + million dollars back into the school funding formula. This will enhance our position on the budget.

I am looking at a shorter trip to China than in the past given some of the circumstances in China. I am planning on leaving around April 9 or 10 and returning in mid-vacation week around April 21. The primary focus of the trip will be the visit to the schools in Beijing for the program, Liren for students coming here in the fall, plus visits with the parents of current students, and Zibo for the 6 potential graduates.

We are continuing to move the Pre-Kindergarten program forward for next year. Prior to our enrollment period we anticipated 5 students attending the program, in the first 2 hours of the enrollment period on Monday we were notified of 4 additional students anticipating their participation. Today 5 more registered giving us a total of 14 at this point. This would be a sufficient number to run one classroom and we expect more students as the registration period will extend through the rest of this week. I am working with the state to complete the staff adjustments for the remainder of this year and for funding for next year. Both avenues look very promising.

We have a potential for a couple of new students coming as visiting participants for one to three months. This is a new type of interaction for the international program.

Board Discussion:

None

4:30 PM

XIII. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline

Motion: To enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline including Deborah Levesque

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 4:18 PM **Time Out:** 4:41 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To authorize the Superintendent to develop a contract with Student A.

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

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

5:00 PM

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:10 PM **Time Out:** 5:19 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To authorize the Superintendent review the case for Student B and make adjustments.

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

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

5:30 PM

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

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 5:28 PM **Time Out:** 5:50 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To continue the contract with Student C.

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

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

6:00 PM

XVI. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(B) Student Discipline

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Motioned by: Jeffrey Gordon **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 3 - Yes 1 - No (Margaret Manzo) 0 - Abs

Time In: 6:00 PM **Time Out:** 6:45 PM

Result of executive session:

Motion: To suspend Student D until the May 3, 2016, School Board Meeting

Motion by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Voted: 3 - Yes 1 - No 0 – Abs

XVIa. To see if the Board will enter into executive session MRSA § 405(6)(D) Contract

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

Motioned by: Warren Steward **Seconded by:** Margaret Manzo

Board Discussion:

None

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Time In: 6:50 PM **Time Out:** 6:56 PM

Result of executive session:

No action as result of executive session.

XVII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

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

Voted: 4 - Yes 0 - No 0 - Abs

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, March 22 – Warrant Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School library

Tuesday, April 5– Regular Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Stearns Junior-Senior High School library

Tuesday, April 19 – No meeting. Warrants will be signed at Central Office

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Boynton
Superintendent of Schools